

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors P Mote (Chairman), A Cottrell, P Gibbons and S Sherry

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk);
1 Parishioner
SCC Cllr Davies
SWT Cllr Morgan

21/73 Apologies for Absence
Cllrs R Hughes, M Philipson and G Tizzard;

21/74 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
There were none

21/75 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2022
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.
Proposed Cllr Gibbons, seconded Cllr Cottrell

21/76 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only
There were none

21/77 REPORTS

21/77.1 Police Report:
A newsletter had been received and forwarded.

21/77.2 Somerset County Council:
Recent press releases had been forwarded, which included:

- Free Film events about flooding in Somerset – Minehead on 5th of March and Roadwater on the 20th of March.
- Somerset leads the way on climate action
- Western Power Distribution – Storm Dudley & Storm Eunice – please call at any time if you have concerns - contact number 0800 032 0311
- Somerset's Director of Public Health urges caution after new covid measures announced
- Business boost for adult care providers
- Opportunity boost scheme to open doors to employment
- Last SCC budget is a 'Budget for the future'
- A record number of secondary school first choice places had been awarded
- Ten tips to help give up smoking

21/77.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council
Cllr Morgan advised members of Local Community Network meetings that he had attended. Parishes would be under no obligation to take on extra responsibilities, but could if they so wished. Cllr Morgan was unsure of funding and what exactly will be put in place and felt there were a lot of questions, but no answers. Parishes needed to know what support would be available. All elected Unitary Councillors will automatically become corporate parents, meaning a duty of care to children in the County. It was expected Unitary Councillors would undertake 37 hours per week.
Cllr Morgan advised he had requested Police Reports to be split for parishes.

Cllr Davies advised the waste collection dates for the Jubilee weekend and advised a new on-line calendar was available on the SWT website.

Some Members advised they had not received the new Blue Recycling Bags. Cllr Sherry would include advise in the Staple Diet that they can be obtained by contacting SWT Council or Somerset Waste Partnership.

- 21/78 Correspondence Log:** (full list pre-circulated)
It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.
- 21/78.1 St Audries Fireworks – Sunday 6th March, 9.15pm – noted
- 21/78.2 County and Town/Parish Council Elections – Thursday 5th May 2022 – noted
- 21/78.3 Information regarding the upcoming elections and Pre-election period (previously referred to as Purdah). The notice of election could be displayed from the 18th of March 2022. Application papers to be returned to the Returning Officer by Tuesday 5th April 2022 at the very latest.

21/79 Finances

- 21/79.1 Financial Statement:
The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 2nd March 2022 was £4,198.38
- 21/79.2 The Chairman signed the Bank Reconciliation
- 21/79.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. Nos 000177 West Quantoxhead Village Hall £24.00

21/80 Grass Verge Cutting

Quotations had been requested, but not been received to date. After a proposal from Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Gibbons, it was unanimously resolved the clerk be given authorisation to accept a quotation on behalf of the Parish Council, if within budget.

21/81 Planning

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Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/21/010	St Audries Bay Holiday Club, West Quantoxhead	Construction of an additional 65 No. caravan/lodge bases	No objection
3/38/22/002	Pitt Cottage, Weacombe Road	Erection of oak framed garden room to replace conservatory	No objection
3/38/22/003	Hunters Rest, Weacombe Road	Conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation	No objection

21/81.2 Decisions: To note the following decisions of Somerset West and Taunton Council

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/21/008	20 Staple, West Quantoxhead	Awaiting Decision
3/38/22/001	Inkberrow, Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead	Awaiting Decision

21/83 Highway Matters

- 21/83.1 Village Entry Sign – There had still be no reply from Highways. The clerk would investigate prices to have the sign replaced. Cllr Davies would be sent a copy of the original email regarding the damaged sign
- 21/83.2 Damage to Staple Lane road sign – the damage had not yet been rectified, Highways would be chased again, requesting that the sign be moved towards the BT junction box to help try and elevate further damage. Cllr Davies was asked to also chase this item
- 21/83.3 Overgrown hedge on the Avenue – Cllr Davies was asked to make contact with Highways to request the hedge was cut back, due to safety concerns – area from Rectory Cottage to the permissive path.
- 21/83.4 Area of leaves – had been completed at the previous meeting

21/84 Grit Bins

- 21/84.1 No update – the clerk would continue to chase

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllrs Gibbons and Cottrell gave a verbal update, which included:

- A reply was awaited from The National Trust regarding written permission for a Gas Beacon to be used.
- A Parishioner had offered to purchase a gas beacon, which the Parish Council could use. The Clerk would check this would be covered by insurance.
- Flower donations had been very much appreciated. Sewing would start at the next meeting
- A report would be submitted to the Staple Diet
- Proposed to erect a marquee at the Village Hall, decorated by bunting – again, insurance would be checked
- Parishioners to be asked to display Scarecrows and bunting in gardens

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Parish Notice Board

No update. The WI may consider a Jubilee commemorative, possibly a noticeboard at the bottom of the hill / garage or a tree to be planted at Bracken Edge.

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Parish Assembly

A date was set for Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Cllr Sherry would ask the WI if they would kindly serve the refreshments.

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Speakers – it was resolved to contact Archie's Project, through Reminiscence Learning or Croft House and invite them to speak. Also, the following to be contacted to ask if they would like to provide a report/speech: The Police; WI; Art & Craft Group; Table Tennis; Exercise class.

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Future Meetings – to be held in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm

4th May 2022, 6th July 2022, 7th September 2022, 2nd November 2022

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed: .. Cllr Paul Mote ... (Chairman)

Date: ... 12th May 2022 ...