

# WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

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## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Mote (Chairman), Cottrell, Hughes, Philipson, Robinson and Sherry
<b>SCC</b>	Woods (left at 7.47pm after item 22/42.2)
<b>SWT</b>	None
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Michelle Francis
<b>Public</b>	One member; Mrs Sansom on behalf of the WI

**22/38 Apologies for absence and approve reason, where appropriate**  
Received from SCC Cllr Davies

**22/39 Declarations of Interest**  
There were none

**22/40 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for approval (attached)**  
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes

**22/41 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**  
22/41.1 It was noted the Grit Bin had arrived and would be placed after current road works had been completed

**22/42 Reports**  
22/42.1 Avon and Somerset Constabulary  
It was **resolved** to note the newsletter that had been forwarded. It was noted there had been an increase in speed checks on the A39 through the village, however, the clerk would request that these are undertaken in the early morning, around 8am, as this time still caused concern with speeding vehicles.

22/42.2 Somerset County Councillor / Unitary County Councillors  
It was resolved to note the report that Cllr Woods had forwarded. In addition, Cllr Woods advised the following:

- LCN (Local Council Networks) consultation
- A reminder on the process of reporting potholes
- Bin collections were currently on average a day late due to staffing problems
- Free cycle stands were available
- Attendance to a dementia workshop at County, reported to be very good

Cllr Woods was asked to report the subsidence occurring on the A39, heading out of the village towards Williton.

It was **resolved** to note the press releases that had been forwarded by Cllr Davies.

22/42.3 Somerset West and Taunton District Councillor – Quantock Vale Ward  
No report received

Women's Institute – Mrs Sansom reported the AGM had recently taken place and Mrs Newtown was the new Chair. Tickets for the Harvest Lunch being held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were available and all were welcome to attend.

## 22/43 Correspondence

- 22/43.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of correspondence log  
Noted that the tyres that had been fly-tipped in Luckes Lane had not been cleared – the clerk would report again.
- 22/43.2 Chairs Award for Service to the Community 2022/23 – no nominations were received
- 22/43.3 SAAA 2022 Opt-out communication – it was unanimously **resolved** to not opt-out and to remain with the appointed external auditors.
- 22/43.4 Grit Bins refills – It was resolved to advise that all of the grit bins would require at least a couple of bags and that some were half full. Locations to be advised: Hill Lane, Staple Crossroads, Weacombe Road, A39 at the bus stop, Rydon Farm  
A LCN (Local Community Network) survey had been received and forwarded to members  
Dates of the planned fireworks at St Audries were noted as Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Details of the Atwest service had been received and handed to Cllr Sherry for inclusion in the Staple Diet  
A complaint had been received from a resident regarding works being undertaken at Inkberrow, which were passed onto the Planning Department at SWT District Council.

## 22/44 Finances

- 22/44.1 The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was £4,433.07. There was £342.16 as reserved Jubilee Funds
- 22/44.2 Authorisation of expenditure  
To authorise the issuing of the following cheques: It was resolved to agree to the following

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	VAT £
07/09/22	Cllr P Gibbons Reimbursement of Jubilee expenses	182	-	71.06	0.00
07/09/22	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Hire of Village Hall	183	-	24.00	0.00
07/09/22	Somerset Assoc of Local Councils Replacement chq due to covid	184	162	94.75	0.00
07/09/22	Clerk Wages July - September	185	-	367.50	0.00
07/09/22	HMRC Tax & NI for period 2 July-Sept	186	-	91.80	0.00
07/09/22	Somerset Assoc of Local Councils Affiliation Fees 2022-2023	187	1500	96.41	0.00
07/09/22	A M Godfrey Grass Cutting	188	33,57 & 70	96.00	0.00
			Total Amount	£841.52	

## 22/45 Planning

- 22/45.1 There were no applications for consideration
- 22/45.2 Decisions: The following decisions of Somerset West and Taunton Council were noted

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/21/008	20 Staple, West Quantoxhead	Granted
3/38/22/004	St Audries Bay Holiday Club	Refused

**22/46 Highway Matters**

- 22/46.1 Village Entry Sign – Cllr Davies had contacted Highways, but still awaited a reply. This would be chased again, and the Chief Executive would be copied into the correspondence.
- 22/46.2 Damage to Staple Lane Road sign – It was noted the sign had still not been replaced.
- 22/46.3 Overgrown hedge on the Avenue – noted that the hedge had not been cut – the request would be submitted again.
- 22/46.4 Trees along the main road and looking at cutting these back – Cllr Mote expressed concern regarding the trees along the A39, from the Village Hall to past the Garage and felt they needed to be cut back. In particular, there was a bough that had broken and was hanging in the other branches. Highways would be asked to inspect and carry out any necessary works.  
The footpath at Vinnicombe needed clearing  
Concern was raised regarding the Luckes Lane corner and how many accidents were occurring. SCC would be contacted to ask for the road markings to be re-painted and request an extension to the 30mph limit.

**22/47 Parish Noticeboard**

A budget of £250.00 was allocated for materials for the Noticeboards to be repaired. Cllr Robinson had offered to carry out the repairs on a voluntary basis. The garage noticeboards may be moved around – Cllr Mote will make contact with the owner to discuss before this is carried out.

**22/48 FUTURE MEETINGS 2022** (to be advertised in Staple Diet) - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

The meeting closed at 8.39 pm.

Signed ..... Cllr P Mote .....

Dated ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 .