

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

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| Councillors | P Mote (Chairman), P Gibbons and W Robinson |
| SCC | Woods |
| SWT | None |
| Avon & Somerset | None |
| Constabulary | |
| Clerk | Mrs Michelle Francis |
| Public | One member |

22/60 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Cottrell, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Philipson, Cllr Sherry and SCC Davies

22/61 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

There were none

22/62 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2022

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

22/63 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

There were none

22/64 REPORTS

22/64.1 **Police Report:** No report received

22/64.2 Somerset County Council:

It was resolved to note the written report from Cllr Davies.

Cllr Woods gave a verbal report which included:

- LCN's (Local Community Networks) advising that West Quantoxhead would be in the Minehead and Watchet Division – if members had any strong views, they were encouraged to write to County.
- The budget had been announced and taken to the Executive Committee earlier in the day.
- Late night bus times now in operation for the number 28 bus, with a £2 bus fare.
- Flu and Covid vaccinations were available
- The usage of District Council owned buildings were currently being considered, to see if they were being utilised fully or whether the assets should be disposed of.

22/64.3 **Somerset West and Taunton Councillor – Quantock Vale Ward:** No report received

22/65 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

22/65.1 It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.

22/65.2 A letter had been received from Stogumber Parish Council regarding the funding of Parish Councils in West Somerset. It was **resolved** to write expressing agreement that funding should be equal between all of SWT area.

22/65.3 An email had been received from a concerned resident regarding The Avenue hedge and weeds in Bracken Edge. This had been forwarded to SCC.

SWT Monitoring Officer was holding free training sessions for Councillors and Clerks on 26th January, 9th February and 8th March. Members were asked to contact the Clerk if they wished to attend.

22/66 Finances

22/66.1 Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance was £4,192.73

This included £342.16 which remained allocated in the reserves regarding the Jubilee events

22/66.2 Budget Considerations 2023/2024 – A discussion took place regarding the budget. After a proposal from Cllr Mote, seconded by Cllr Gibbons, it was unanimously **resolved** to set the 2023-2024 budget at £5,230.00.

Precept – The tax base for 2023-2024 was 168.81.

After a proposal from Cllr Gibbons, seconded by Cllr Mote, it was unanimously **resolved** to request a precept of £3,125.00, meaning an increase of approximately 8.8% equating to £18.51 per property

22/66.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

| Date | Details | Cheque No. | Invoice No. | Total Bank £ | VAT £ |
|----------|--|------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 18/01/23 | A M Godfrey Grass Cutting | 193 | 31 | 32.00 | 0.00 |
| 18/01/23 | Clerk Wages Jan – Mar | 194 | | 367.50 | 0.00 |
| 18/01/23 | HM Revenue & Customs PAYE Qtr 4 Jan - March | 195 | | 91.80 | 0.00 |
| | | | Total Amount | £491.30 | |

22/67 Planning

22/67.1 There were no applications to consider

22/67.2 Decisions: To note the following decisions of Somerset West and Taunton Council

| Application No | Location | Details | Decision |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| 3/38/22/005 | Inkberrow, Weacombe Road | Erection of replacement extension on the south-east elevation | Granted |

22/68 Highway Matters

22/68.1 Village Entry Sign – A date was awaited as to when the work would be undertaken.

22/68.2 Damage to Staple Lane road sign – A date was awaited as to when the work would be undertaken

22/68.3 Overgrown hedge on the Avenue – Noted that the hedge had been cut back

22/68.4 Trees along the main A39 and looking at cutting these back – an inspection of the trees was awaited – reference 616185

22/68.5 Corner of Luckes Lane – the request for a reduction in speed limit and repainting of the white lines had been submitted. The clerk would chase again. Members were asked to notify the clerk when incidents occur, so that a log can be kept and reported

22/69 Grass Verge Cutting

Agreed to keep to the same areas and schedule as last year. Quotations would be sought.

22/70 Parish Notice Board

Staple Crossroads noticeboard – Cllr Robinson had completed the repairs and was thanked for doing so; the cost of materials would be taken from the Jubilee reserves.

Agreed the left hand side would be for Council/Police/official notices and the right hand side for general village notices.

Cllrs Mote and Robinson would look at the garage noticeboard over the coming months.

Cllr Sherry would be asked to include an update in the next Staple Diet.

22/71 King Charles III Coronation – Saturday May 6th 2023

National guidelines would be followed regarding Beacon Lighting. The clerk would contact Nigel and the Quantock Rangers to provisionally ask if the Beacon could be used if required. Discussions took place regarding a possible Tea Party on Sunday 7th May 2023 in the village hall – this would be discussed in more detail at the March meeting.

22/72 Future Meetings – to be held in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm and advertised in Staple Diet

1st March, 3rd May, 5th July, 6th September and 1st November

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

Signed: Cllr Mote (Chairman)

Date: 1st March 2023