

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

Councillors	P Mote (Chairman), S Sherry, A Cottrell, P Gibbons and M Philipson
SCC	Woods
SWT	None
Avon & Somerset	None
Constabulary	
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	Three members

22/73 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Hughes, Cllr Robinson and SCC Davies

22/74 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

There were none

22/75 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2023

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

22/76 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

There were none

22/77 REPORTS

22/77.1 **Police Report:** A newsletter had been forwarded - noted

22/77.2 Somerset County Council:

It was resolved to note the written reports from Cllr Davies and Cllr Woods.

Cllr Woods added she had attended Full Council meeting earlier in the day and would sit on the planning committee. A balanced budget had been set, however Cllr Woods expressed concern that this would remain in budget. £19.4m had been set aside for training academy and had highlighted at executive committee that she hoped Minehead would be addressed first.

It was resolved Cllrs Davies and Woods would attend alternate meetings. Members were encouraged to email any issues.

22/77.3 **Somerset West and Taunton Councillor – Quantock Vale Ward:** No report received

22/78 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

22/78.1 It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.

22/78.2 Consideration was given to the signing of the Civility and Respect Pledge, members felt the manner of which Councillors should conduct themselves was already covered by the Code of Conduct, which all had agreed to abide by, therefore, it was **resolved** not to sign the pledge.

22/78.3 Consultation on Local Planning Policy – noted the closing date was the 16th of March 2023, members were encouraged to submit any comments.

22/78.4 Consultation on School Term Dates and Holidays – no comments were made. Noted.

A parishioner had contacted the clerk regarding the rubbish around the garage – it was resolved Cllr Mote would discuss with the owner and request the area was cleared of rubbish.

22/79 Finances

22/79.1 Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance was £3,400.47

This included £107.29 which remained allocated in the reserves regarding the Jubilee events

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

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	VAT £
01/03/23	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Hall Hire	196		18.00	0.00
01/03/23	Cllr Robinson Reimbursement for materials for noticeboard refurbishment	197		279.06	44.19
			Total Amount	£297.06	

22/80 Planning

22/80.1 There were no applications to consider

22/80.2 **Decisions:** There were no new decisions to note

22/81 Highway Matters

22/81.1 Village Entry Sign – A date was still awaited as to when the work would be undertaken.

22/81.2 Damage to Staple Lane road sign – A date was still awaited as to when the work would be undertaken. This would be reported again on Fix My Street

22/81.3 Trees along the main A39 and looking at cutting these back – an inspection of the trees was still awaited – reference 616185

22/81.4 Corner of Luckes Lane – No response had been received. It was reported another accident had recently occurred. The clerk would report this again and chase for the repainting of the white line.

Luckes Lane – pot holes were discussed. Photos would be taken and reported.

22/82 Grass Verge Cutting

Quotations had not been received. It was unanimously **resolved** the clerk could accept, allowing a small 10% increase. Proposed Cllr Gibbons, seconded Cllr Mote

22/83 King Charles III Coronation

Guidelines were that beacons were not to be lit.

Tea Party on Sunday 7th May 2023 in the village hall at 3pm. Parishioners will be asked to bring a cake. The Parish Council would provide cream teas and tea & coffee. Cllr Sherry will include in the Staple Diet and would contact WI to ask for help on the day. Cllr Mote would organise the cream.

22/84 Parish Assembly

Wednesday 17th May 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Leader of Somerset Council and the Quantock Ranger, would be invited to give a brief talk.

22/85 Future Meetings – to be held in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm and advertised in Staple Diet

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

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Signed: ... Cllr P Mote (Chairman)

Date: 3rd May 2023