

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2023 at 7.30 pm.
in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

Councillors	S Sherry (Chairman), A Cottrell, M Phillipson and W Robinson
Somerset Council	None
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	One
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	P Gibbons and P Mote
Somerset Councillor	Davies and Woods
Other	None

23/32 Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved

23/33 **Declarations of Interest** - There were none

23/34 Resignation of Cllr Hughes

The Chairman had received written resignation from Cllr Hughes. Members acknowledged and thanked Cllr Hughes for his time on the Parish Council. The Clerk would arrange for a card to be sent. The casual vacancy notice would be displayed on the noticeboard.

23/35 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2023

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

23/36 **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only** – None reported

23/37 Reports:

23/37.1 Avon and Somerset Constabulary - It was resolved to note the new Beat Poster, which would be displayed on the noticeboard.

23/37.2 Somerset Council

Written reports had been received from Cllrs Davies and Woods and forwarded to members. Cllr Woods would be asked for an update regarding the unsuitability of Luckes Lane being used as a SatNav route and the request to have this amended.

23/37.3 Local Community Network meeting held on 13th July 2023

Cllr Sherry gave a verbal report on the meeting and was disappointed regarding the lack of organisation. The question of the budget was raised and how if actions were voted upon, they would be funded - the response was, this had not yet been decided. The comments would be fed back to Cllrs Davies and Woods. The next meeting would be held on 19th October 2023 and Cllr Mote would be asked to attend.

23/37.4 Quantock Hills JAC Meeting held on 18th July 2023

Cllr Philipson gave a verbal report. The rebranding was still being discussed, concern was noted regarding the costs involved. A hedgerow consultation 'Farming and Protective Landscapes' was being undertaken – details would be forwarded to the Staple Diet.

23/38 Correspondence

23/38.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log

23/38.2 Proposed Base Station Upgrade at CS12634823 – Land of Rydon Farm, West Quantoxhead, Watchet, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 4DW (309972, 142638) – resolved no comment would be made

23/38.3 Temporary Road Closure – Weacombe Road – 12th September

23/38.4 A letter from a parishioner had been received regarding the overgrown hedge on The Avenue and weeds in Bracken Edge, and was discussed. Mr Gliddon and Highways would be contacted regarding the overgrown hedge. Highways would also be asked if they would clear the weeds, as the potential cost to the Parish raised concern. The request for reduced speed limits had previously been rejected by Highways, however, it was noted that regular speed watch took place on the main A39. The possibility of '20 is plenty' signs would be investigated.

23/39 Finances

23/39.1 Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance was £5,372.11.

23/39.2 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Proposed Cllr Philipson, seconded Cllr Sherry

Date	Details	Chq Nos	Invoice Nos	Amount	VAT
06/09/23	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Village Hall Hire	203		24.00	0.00
06/09/23	Clerk Wages	204	July-Sept	367.50	0.00
06/09/23	HMRC Revenue & Customs Tax & NI	205		91.80	0.00
06/09/23	A M Godfrey Grass Cutting	206	59	188.00	0.00

23/40 Planning

23/40.1 The following application was considered:

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/37/23/022	Former Wansborough Paper Mill, Brendon Road, Watchet, TA23 0AY	Temporary storage of soil in 4 No. areas	No Comment

23/40.2 Decisions: To note the following decisions of Somerset Council

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/38/22/004	St Audries Bay	Change of use of 1 No. bungalow and 2 No. lodges to residential use and removal of potential residential use of 19 No. lodges	Refused – appeal lodged

23/41 Highway Matters

23/41.1 Village Entry Sign – An email had been received apologising for the delay, and confirming the job was with the Somerset Council contractor and the officer would request that it be prioritised.

23/41.2 Trees along main A39 – still awaiting an update

23/41.3 Corner of Luckes Lane – still awaiting an update

23/42 Village Defibrillator

After a discussion, it was resolved to look into applying for a defibrillator. It was also resolved to obtain an estimated cost of electric for a year and to contact the Garage to ask if they would be willing to have it located at their building.

23/43 FUTURE MEETINGS 2023/2024

1st November 2023, 10th January 2024, 6th March 2024

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Mote Dated 15th November 2023