

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

WQPC Councillors:	P Mote (Chairman), A Cottrell, P Gibbons, M Philipson, W Robinson and S Sherry
Somerset Councillors:	Woods
Avon & Somerset Constabulary:	None
Clerk:	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public:	One member

Apologies:

WQPC Councillors:	-
Somerset Councillors:	Woods
Other	-

23/72	Apologies for absence as noted above and reason for absence approved
23/73	Declarations of Interest There were none
23/74	Co-option of Councillor There had been no applications. Members were asked to promote the post.
23/75	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2024 It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Philipson
23/76	Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only – None reported
23/77	Reports
23/77.1	Avon and Somerset Constabulary It was resolved to note the newsletter that had been forwarded. A copy would be displayed on the village noticeboard.
23/77.2	Somerset Council – Written reports had been received from Cllrs Davies and Woods and forwarded to members, which covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/25 Budget; Gigafactory plans for Puriton Site; Healthy Somerset and a campaign to raise awareness and early detection of high blood pressure and a free framed portrait of His Majesty The King. The Clerk confirmed, this had been applied for. • Potential closure of Williton recycling centre – no decision had been made and negotiations continued; Central Government had agreed that Somerset Council could sell off assets up to £77 million; NHS Dental Recovery Plan Overview. <p>It was further reported that Minehead Police would move into the Seahorse Centre. Cllr Sherry requested that Travel Somerset kept their social media pages up to date; after the recent flooding there was no mention that the main roads had been closed – Cllr Woods would feed the comments back.</p>

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23/77.3 **Local Community Network** – A verbal report was given by Cllr Philipson, which included,

- Budget update, including the recycling centre, which was looking at ways to make savings.
- The proposed reduction in regularity of the Number 28 bus, from every 30 minutes to every 45 minutes.
- Highway Steward – possibly ways Parish and Town councils could ‘buy’ into a steward which would be contracted to Somerset Council – a working group meeting was set for Friday 22nd March to discuss how this may work.

23/78 Correspondence

23/78.1 It was resolved to note the contents of the correspondence log. The upcoming road closures would be listed on the Parish Council website.

23/78.2 Williton Recycling Centre – the Chairman had attended a meeting of local Parish Chairman, at Williton Parish Council to discuss the proposed closure of the recycling centre. A joint letter against the closure had been sent to Somerset Council, before their budget meeting.

Staple Diet had been asked to publish the Parish Council meeting minutes, which was felt to onerous on the Staple Diet, therefore, Cllr Philipson volunteered to place a copy of the draft minutes on the village noticeboard.

23/79 Finances

23/79.1 Current Financial Statement – The current account balance was £4,041.89.

23/79.2 Bank Reconciliation – it was agreed the Chairman would sign

23/79.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheque:

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	VAT £
06.03.2024	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Hall Hire			18.00	0.00
			Total Amount	£18.00	

23/80 Planning

23/80.1 There were no new applications to consider

23/80.2 Decisions: The following decisions of Somerset Council were noted

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/23/003	Landshire Farm, Track to St Audries Bay Holiday Camp, West Quantoxhead	Granted
3/38/24/001	Wibble, Williton	Awaiting decision

23/81 Highway Matters

23/81.1 Trees along the main A39 road – a reply was still awaited from Somerset Highways after their inspection, reference 616185.

23/81.2 Corner of Luckes Lane – It was noted the give way lines from Luckes Lane onto Weacombe Road had been re-painted, but the SLOW and Rumble Strips had not been. Highways would be contacted to request this was completed.

23/82 Village Defibrillator

23/82.1 The funding application to British Heart Foundation had been unsuccessful. Other funding would be investigated, including National Lottery, Lloyds Bank match funding. Cllr Woods suggested Rural Grants and would forward contact details.

23/83 Removal of the Post Box on The Avenue and possible re-location

Cllr Philipson advised he had received a response from Royal Mail, advising the post box had been removed upon the request of the landowner. Members disagreed with the comments regarding no other suitable position, in particular Bracken Edge had been suggested. Cllr Philipson would respond.

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23/84	Parish Assembly
	The date had been set for Wednesday 15 th May 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall
	Atwest had accepted the invitation to attend and make a presentation. Notification would be included in the Staple Diet and placed on the noticeboard.
23/85	Grit Bins
	Cllr Mote hoped to have an update for the next meeting.
23/86	FUTURE MEETINGS 2024
	1 st May 2024, 3 rd July 2024, 4 th September 2024, 6 th November 2024
	Items to be included in next meeting: Bus Shelter and Grass Cutting
	The meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Signed

Dated