

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

WQPC Councillors:	-
Somerset Councillors:	Davies
Other	-

24/25	Apologies for absence as noted above and reason for absence approved
24/26	Declarations of Interest There were none
24/27	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st May 2024 It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Philipson
24/28	Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only – None reported
24/29	Reports
24/29.1	<u>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</u> It was resolved to note the newsletter that had been forwarded. Cllr Philipson advised he had attended a meeting at Bicknoller after a tragic incident, which highlighted single occupancy. Local groups, mainly Neighbourhood Watch, asked for awareness of neighbours to be raised; more details would be passed on as Cllr Philipson received them. Cllr Sherry would include a note in the Staple Diet asking all to be vigilant and to be good neighbours.
24/29.2	<u>Somerset Council</u> – Written reports had been received from Cllrs Davies and Woods and forwarded to members. Due to pre-election period, it had been a quiet time with the upcoming election. It was advised that Bicknoller did not have a polling station, with its residents having to travel to Sampford Brett; concern was raised regarding the lack of notice. There was a station at West Quantoxhead.
24/29.3	Quantock Hills JAC – no report. The next meeting would be held on the 23 rd July 2024
24/29.4	<u>Local Community Network</u> – A verbal report was given by Cllr Philipson on the Highways sub-group that he had attended, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset Council would continue with their responsibility to replenish the grit bins, which would be numbered individually. • Grass and verge cutting was not a statutory responsibility and if Somerset Council ran out of money, this service could stop. A letter was being drafted from Somerset Council Highways, for Parish Councils to use, asking landowners to cut their hedges. If the hedge was not cut, enforcement could be undertaken. Cllr Gibbons requested clarification that Parish Councils were to send letters, but enforcement would be responsibility of Highways.
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- Issues on roads reported via the portal, was working well. It was noted, after inspection, markings were made on the road where repairs were required and, in some cases, this wore off before the work was undertaken – but the area was logged, so work was still scheduled.
- Road Sweeping – advance notice would be given, so parked cars could be moved.
- Drainage work was due on Weacombe Road, but not dates given as to when this would be undertaken.
- It was noted there had been no further mention of the Highways Stewardship Scheme.

24/30 Correspondence

- 24/30.1 It was resolved to note the contents of the correspondence log.
- 24/30.2 An invitation had been received from Williton Parish Council to attend a Chairmans meeting to discuss the Solar Farm – the outcome was CPRE were paying for a solicitor to review the papers and assess the chances of a Judicial Review – noted
- 24/30.3 A reply to the Chairman’s letter, agreed and sent after the previous meeting, had been received from the parishioner and further comments made were noted. A reply would be sent, thanking the parishioner for their comments and inviting them to attend future meetings.

24/31 Finances

- 24/31.1 Current Financial Statement – The current account balance was £8,052.21.
- 24/31.2 Bank Reconciliation – it was agreed the Chairman would sign the reconciliation
- 24/31.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:
Proposed Cllr Mote, seconded Cllr Sherry, resolved

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	VAT £
03.07.24	Zurich Municipal Insurance	216		257.60	0.00
03.07.24	Clerk Wages & NI April - June	217, 218		583.05	0.00
03.07.24	Greenway Ground Maintenance Grass Cutting	219	40	129.00	0.00
			Total Amount	£969.65	

24/32 Planning

- 24/32.1 The following application was considered:
- | Application No | Location | Details | Comment |
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| NMA/39/24/001 | Wibble Farm Nurseries, Williton to Bridgwater Road | Application for a Non-Material Amendment to application 3/39/24/001 for replacement of the asbestos roof and wall panels with insulated metal panels and the installation of roof covering over the extensions, additional 20' x 8' container for battery storage set within the loading bay off the NW corner of the processing barn, roof profile of solar barn to be mono-pitched roof rather than saw-toothed, rising in three sections as per the permission but with lowered eaves so as to not increase the overall height of the building | No Comment |

24/32.2 Decisions: There were no new decisions

24/33 Insurance Renewal

Confirmed that this would be renewed with Zurich Insurance

24/34 Highway Matters

24/34.1 Trees along the main A39 road – a reply was still awaited from Somerset Highways after their inspection, reference 616185.

