

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall**

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

WQPC Councillors:	A Cottrell
Somerset Councillors:	Davies
Other	-

24/93	Apologies for absence as noted above and reason for absence approved
24/94	Declarations of Interest
	There were none
24/95	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2025
	It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Gibbons
24/96	Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only
	It was reported the lights illuminating the Stag at the A39 junction to St Audries Park had been changed. A thank you would be sent to St Audries Park
24/97	Reports
24/97.1	<u>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</u> – no report
24/97.2	<u>Somerset Council</u> – The written reports received from Cllrs Davies and Woods had been forwarded to members – noted
	Cllr Woods advised a consultation on parking charges would close on 10 th March 2025. Concern for raised for the potential effect on town centres. Somerset Council had finalised their budget and it was reported there would be an increase of 9.5% on council tax. Williton library would be closed for 2 weeks whilst it was relocated into West Somerset House.
24/97.3	<u>Quantock Hills JAC</u> – Minutes from the last meeting were awaited and would be circulated upon receipt
24/97.4	<u>Local Community Network</u> – it was felt the last meeting had not been focused, with unfortunately too much chat. Comments would be submitted to request the need to keep to local issues
24/98	Correspondence
24/98.1	It was resolved to note the contents of the correspondence log.
24/98.2	A letter had been received from a parishioner regarding lack of National Grid compensation for power cut during Storm Darragh. It was noted Cllr Philipson had spoken to National Grid and been advised some parishioners had received compensation. A link would be added to Staple Diet to refer parishioners to the claim form and contact number.
	National Grid would be contacted to try and ascertain why the village suffered from so many power cuts and what emergency procedures they may have.
24/99	Village Emergency Response
	An invitation had been extended to the author of recent communication to attend the meeting, had been unable to attend at the last moment. A discussion took place regarding options available, which included compiling a list of villagers who had access to non-electric supply for heating water etc in the event of a power cut and would be happy to help others.
	This was outside the remit of the Parish Council, but a parishioner would include an article in the Staple Diet asking for volunteers and if they would be happy for their details to be shared with villagers.

24/100	Finances												
24/100.1	Current Financial Statement – The current account balance as of 05.03.2025, was £5,039.29, which included ringfenced funds for the Defibrillator of £855.00.												
24/100.2	Bank Reconciliation – it was agreed the Chairman would sign the reconciliation and was duly undertaken.												
24/100.3	<u>The meeting authorised the following cheques would be issued:</u>												
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24/101	Planning												
24/101.1	There had been no new applications												
24/101.2	There had been no new decisions												
24/102	Highway Matters												
24/102.1	Corner of Luckes Lane – there had been at least another two accidents in the last month, which would be reported to the LCN Highways meeting. It was noted the lines had been repainted, but the signage was still awaited.												
24/102.2	The Avenue – It was noted the road had been frozen recently, due to the cold weather – this would be relayed at the LCN meeting and Highways would be asked for an update												
24/102.3	SID (Speed Indicator Device) – no further update.												
24/103	Village Defibrillator												
24/103.1	Cllr Gibbons had received a further £50.00 donation towards the fund.												
	Cllr Gibbons had applied to British Heart Foundation Community Fund for a fully funded defibrillator, if successful, it would require an electric supply and installation, within 4 weeks of receipt. It was hoped a response would be received by the 14 th March 2025.												
	It was noted the pads would need replacing as and when required												
	The Community Lunch had been successful with 28 seated and 6 takeaways. Donations had been received from some that could not attend and £140 received from parishioners of local villages. The total raised was £618.00												
	The next fundraising event would take place on 13 th April – Fizz and Canapes. A TENS notice had been applied for and the police had been notified.												
24/104	Parish Assembly												
24/104.1	The date was set at 21 st May 2025. The British Heart Foundation or St Johns Ambulance would be invited to talk about the benefits of a defibrillator												
24/105	VE Day – Thursday 8th May 2025												
	Cllr Stamp advised permission had been granted for Lighting the Beacon and all had been organised												
24/106	Bus Shelters												
	Cllrs Mote and Robinson volunteered to undertake the re-staining of the shelters during the summer months												
24/107	Staple Diet and Communication with Parishioners												
	Cllr Gibbons volunteered to write the article for the next edition.												
24/108	Matters for the next meeting												
	Volunteer required for Path Liaison Officer												
	Local Plan Stage 1 – report from Cllr Philipson												
	FUTURE MEETING DATES												
	7 th May 2025; 2 nd July 2025; 3 rd September 2025; 5 th November 2025												
	The meeting closed at 8.40 pm												

Signed

Dated