WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

WQPC Councillors:	A Cottrell
Somerset Councillors:	Davies and Woods
Other	-

24/77	Apologies for absence as noted above and reason for absence approved			
24/78	Declarations of Interest			
	There were none			
24/79	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 th November 2024			
	It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Philipson			
24/80	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 not been changed and were still causing a perceived hazard to drivers – the Clerk would contact the St Audries Park and ask that this be addressed			
24/81	Reports			
24/81.1	Avon and Somerset Constabulary – A newsletter had been received, a copy would be displayed in the Village Hall and on the Parish Council noticeboard			
24/81.2				
24/81.3				
24/81.4	<u>Local Community Network</u> – it was noted an online meeting would take place on the 9 th January 2025, – all members were reminded they could attend			
24/82	Correspondence			
24/82.1	It was resolved to note the contents of the correspondence log.			
24/82.2	A letter had been received from Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset Council – the general suggestion of taking on Somerset Council services was noted, but as previously resolved, none would be taken on due to lack of funding			
24/82.3	Somerset Validation Consultation – noted – no comments to submit			
24/82.4	Local Government Electoral Review Consultation – noted – no comments to submit			
	Cllr Mote had been invited to attend the 25 th Anniversary of Minehead Male Choir in March 2025, but would be unable to attend – apologies would be tendered			
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Website a	and Councillor Email	Addresses							
It was resolved to investigate a ".gov" address for the website and councillor email addresses,									
Village Emergency Response An email had been received from a resident regarding the lack of response from the Parish									
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highlighting that grants that had been available. It was noted the Parish Council do not have any									
	resource/powers to offer care provision, and that neighbours do have their own networks and ensured that vulnerable residents were safe and secure. It was resolved to invite the author to a future meeting with a request for an explanation of what a grant could be used for specifically								
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Finances									
Current Financial Statement – The current account balance as of 08.01.2025, was £4,767.34									
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			Total Amount	£583.05					
£4,850.00 which equated to a £1.11 or 4.27% increase, meaning the cost for a band D property would rise from £25.97 to £27.08. Proposed by Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Mote and unanimously resolved.									
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24/89	Grass Cutting				
24/89.1	Four companies had quoted for the Grass Cutting Contract 2025, which were presented to members for consideration. After a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to accept Company 2, DG Garden Services. Proposed by Cllr Gibbons, seconded Cllr Philipson.				
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24/90	Staple Diet and Communication with Parishioners				
	It was noted that good feedback had been received from the last report. It was agreed a report would be submitted after each meeting. Cllr Gibbons volunteered to write the article again.				
24/91	VE Day – Thursday 8 th May 2025				
	Cllr Stamp agreed to organise the Lighting of the Beacon and the obtain the necessary permissions. A cream tea could be organised during the day				
24/92	Matters for the next meeting				
	Re-staining of Bus Shelters				
	Parish Assembly				
	FUTURE MEETING DATES				
	5 th March 2025; 7 th May 2025; 2 nd July 2025; 3 rd September 2025; 5 th November 2025				
	The meeting closed at 8.47 pm				
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	Signed Cllr Mote Dated 5 th March 2025				