



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Held on October 14th at the Beambridge Inn

[A] Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Frear and White, Somerset Councillors Mansell and Wren and PC Hill.

[B] There were no members of public present

The chair opened the meeting and a welcome was extended to Michelle Brooks, Local Community Network Link Officer. Mrs Brooks outlined her role and the issues surrounding the recent changes to the Council structure. The discussion covered the proposed changes to the highway on the A38/ Holywell Lake junction which Councillor Hasell reasoned were not necessarily helpful in risk reduction. Councillor Hasell is to attend the next planning meeting if the Highways Authority approves. Mrs Brooks will contact Councillor Mansell in the first instance. Thanks were extended by the chair for her involvement and attendance.

Item 1: There was one disclosure of interest on a planning application at item 5c by the Chairman

Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

Item 3: Matters arising from the previous minutes

[a] Draft Press Release. Councillor Olive had talked to the editor, David Shepherd, who was very happy to accept contributions for publication.

ACTION: Councillor Olive will arrange initial contributions

[b] Speed Indicator Device. The clerk in his capacity as Speedwatch coordinator outlined the application for funding and placement for a SID at Ford Street. Despite this having been agreed two years ago no official action has been undertaken.

ACTION: The clerk will contact those concerned as a matter of urgency, including Kate Brown Highways Engineer. Mrs Brooks will assist where possible

OUTCOME: Thanks are extended to Mrs Brooks for the information provided to the clerk and the chair on October 15th

ACTION: The Clerk will pursue the funding with the police and then contact traffic management

[c] Agendas and minutes will be posted on all notice boards if not done already.

[d] New residents will be contacted by the clerk on taking up residence.

ACTION: Councillor Olive to design a letter for the November meeting

[d] The Churchyard Grant. It was agreed that the parish council would undertake the funding of the grant to replace that withdrawn by the Somerset Council. It was agreed to forward £500

ACTION: The clerk to liaise with Councillor Hasell and arrange for the agreed sum to be forwarded.

[e] Website. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Olive for the recent work on the transfer to a new website, and the corresponding significant reduction in annual costs. It was recommended that the website be renamed in line with recommendations for public sites.

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ACTION: [a] The clerk to liaise with Councillor Olive and assist where possible in the transfer

[b] The clerk to forward a transaction sheet for Councillors Olive and Lane to approve and countersign.

Item 4: Police Liaison. Thanks were expressed for the recent report and the low volume of incidents was noted.

Item 5: Planning, Infrastructure and Development

[a] Highways maintenance. The council is unaware of any major issues in Highways in the Parish. Recent improvements on the Wellington bypass, including improved white lines were appreciated.

[b] Highways Training. Mrs Brooks confirmed that there is to be no change in the necessary statutory work. There is to be free training for parish councillors willing to assist.

[c] The Red Barn at Ford Street. Councillor Lane withdrew from the discussion after declaring an interest. After discussion it was agreed that the council would submit “no objection”.

ACTION: [a] The clerk to make the submission

OUTCOME: Submission made 15th October with reference SWT654768880

[d] The planning approval at Peterhayes Farm was noted.

[e] The application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of annexe as 1 No. separate dwelling at The Granary, Backways Lane, Wellington has still to be decided.

[f] Councillor Mansell has informed the Parish Council that the publication of detailed restructuring proposals for Somerset Council has now been delayed until October 23rd. Please contact Councillor Mansell directly should we wish any issues to be raised.

Item 6: Financial Issues

[a] There have been no transactions since the previous meeting.

[b] The clerk/finance officer has undertaken a six month reconciliation which indicates a healthy financial balance. It was also noted that there may be additional forthcoming costs to absorb after the change of the council structure.

Item 7: Somerset Council. Any appropriate comments have been included above.

Item 8: Any other urgent business

[a] Councillor Olive suggested that the Parish Council may wish to cover the costs of children accessing the Wellington Monument.

ACTION: Councillor Olive to investigate the proposal

OUTCOME: Placed on the November agenda.

Thanks were once again expressed to Michelle Brooks for her attendance.

Thanks were expressed to the Beambridge Inn for hosting the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:

7.00pm November 11th at the Beambridge In

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