

Monday 11th November 2024 Parish Council Minutes 8pm at The Hut (Approved)

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (SH, Chair), Mr Philip Sketchley (PS), Mrs Glynis Kingston (GK) Mr Damien Pick (DP), Mr Graham Hughes (GH), Mr Steve Street (SS), Mrs V Vyner (VV), Mr Henry Hobhouse (HH, County Councillor) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (JT, Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mr Kevin Messenger, (KM, County Councillor).

1) Matters Arising

- i. Sinkhole, ditches & local potholes. Pipe repair adjacent to Olive Farm Lane, Foddington Road. Potholes are still a problem, especially outside Perry House. GH reported road problems, some works on the roads were completed, but some are yet to be addressed.
John Nicholson has scheduled repairs for Olive Farm, 06/12/2024, supported by Sarah Dyke.
- ii. Public Pathway gate adjacent to The Old School on Church Street. SH has approached Somerset Council, new gate approved, awaiting completion.
- iii. Gate in river under bridge, next to Greystones Has been moved to allow free running water, no longer a dam.
- iv. Request for donation from CAB, agreed unanimously £100.
- v. Vee Vyner was welcomed on to the parish council, co-opted to fill the casual vacancy. GH proposed Vee & PS seconded.

2) Finance

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £15,168.59 Current Account balance £50.
ICO £40 due December
Dog Poop bags £11.49 JT agreed
Clerks Wages, review next meeting.
PS, Website fees £83.75 agreed
CAB donation £100 agreed

3) Planning Consultation

- i. None

4) Correspondence

- i. Code of Conduct Training, PS elected to go on course, remote learning £25. Booked for 13/11/24, November is SALC Code of Conduct month
- ii. Mendip plan update, latest biannual update on Land Supply, the Local Plan for Somerset, now available on line. 5 year Housing Land Supply Update.
- iii. One, network presentation/training session, UK wide map of current, planned & historical roadworks, events (LCN).
When 6-7pm, 19th of November, online. Contact michelle.brooks@somerset.gov.uk
- iv. October LCN Meeting restructure of start of engagement process, Somerset Council restructure, ending in December, attended by JT (Parish Clerk). Fodo, SALC, Health & Wellbeing in the council & in the community. Again grants are available for community projects, e.g. improve local transport, providing open spaces for local community. Any project best to organize before setting precept.

Evaluating Health & Wellbeing.

- v. Annual General Meeting of Somerset Association of Local Councils, 3pm, 13th of November, during Somerset Parishes Conference 2024.
- vi. Somerset River Authority (SRA) Grants, between £3k-£20k, available to help reduce flooding, email gives ideas that might be helpful when applying for a grant.

5) AOB

- i) DP raised issue of pull ins around Babcary Village have been destroyed by increased traffic flow from new Dual Carriageway. Previous suggestions of remediation not followed up, SH to chase Somerset Highways.
- ii) HH A303 opening Thursday 14th at Haynes Motor Museum.
- iii) Flooding on Podimore roundabout proving a bone of contention. Section 19 reports on River Cam flooding are inadequate, records do not do the extent of the flooding justice.
- iv) Hopkins latest truck parking development has been delayed, death rate at Steart Hill had been overlooked, being reassessed.

6) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 9th of December 2024 in the Hut.