

Monday 9th September 2024 Parish Council Minutes 8pm at The Hut (Approved)

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Kevin Messenger (Somerset Councillor), Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Mr Steve Street & Mr Henry Hobhouse (Somerset Councillor).

1) Matters Arising

i) Sinkhole, ditches & local potholes. Several potholes have been successfully repaired, leak adjacent Arden House repaired and the drain covers cleared BUT the pipe repair adjacent to Olive Farm Lane, Foddington Road remains unfixed. John Nicholson subsequently made contact with PS re further delay on works 9th of September, it has now been 2 years and 3 months since original complaint! Kiers are now in charge of the maintenance, Keir guarantee their works for 2 years but as yet no action! Messages have been forwarded to Andy Coupe, Strategic Manager for Infrastructure SSCC. The Parish Council resolved to commence formal complaint to Somerset Council and cc Sarah Dyke MP. DP's property has been stable, but any large influx of water causes flooding and resurgence of raw sewage!

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £15,149.93 Current Account balance £50. Monthly statement approved.

SALC £80.70 inv 0917Affiliation fee Cheque raised and signed.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY ANNUAL REPORT, Clerk to locate any CIL payments for 2023/24.
- ii) Newlands Farm – still awaiting.
- iii) Planning Notification 24/019893 Craddocks Farm notification of plan to create a pond, not larger than 0.5 hectares, notification only.
- iv) Steart Hill Truck Services Hopkins Development, the parish council resolved to oppose the planned new Steart Hill lorry services and hotel.
BPC objected Decision Awaited
- v) 24/00841 Land OS 6143 Sparkford Road, West Camel, BA22 7
Any updates?

4) Correspondence

- i) Litter & Dog waste bins charges £7 per month fee now payable
- ii) Leak outside Arden House, Foddington Lane, subsequently fixed.
- iii) Training Events
- iv) SALC Health & Wellbeing

- v) Civility & Respect, taking the pledge, September Newsletter, SALC
- vi) Invitation to Somerset Armed Forces Partnership Conference 2024, Weds 23/10/24 Bridgewater, details forwarded, SALC
- vii) Clerks, 04/09/24 told of meeting planned 02/10/24 FODO Higginson attending to talk about Community Health re support & grant scheme.
Next Clerks Meeting Wednesday 18 September 2024, 10.30am - 11.00am for follow-up questions and any feedback re the Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM) Pilot and Volunteer Scheme, post launch.

5) AOB

- i) Two members of the public raised the issue of car parking in Church Street following the post on the Resident's WhatsApp group. It was confirmed that parking there is unrestricted but that people should, as far as possible, avoid parking in front of gates and driveways BUT recognising that this is not always achievable. Like parking elsewhere in the village at peak times or during building works for example it requires give and take and goodwill on all sides when there is congestion.
- ii) Public Pathway gate adjacent to Old School, top pin has been sorted but the bottom pin is inaccessible. Not PC land SH to approach Somerset Council.
- iii) KM called for local landowners to check gullies & drains for leaf blockages, clear before winter weather sets in.

6) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 14th of October 2024 in the Hut.