

Monday 10th June 2024 Parish Council Minutes 8pm at The Hut (Approved)

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Phil Sketchley, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Steve Street, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terlesk, Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor), Mr Kevin Messenger 1 Member of the Public, and Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: None

1) Matters Arising

- i) Henry Hobhouse has had some contact with John Nicholson, away until 20/05/24, on study leave, has now returned the works have consequently been delayed. John Nicholson response regarding sinkhole, ditches & local potholes asserts that Kiers Construction, are the new contractors have requested an extension to 19/06/24. Time frame for rectifying road works extended as they are a new contractor!
- ii) George Hawks called raising similar issues to Olive Farm, flooding and blocked culverts, Henry Hobhouse is aware of situation has discussed with George no further action required.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £17,704.79 Current Account balance £50.
Hiscox £443.77 renewal insurance signed
£50 Canterbury cheque paid through BPC in error, correction cheque issued.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) Newlands Farm - decision awaited.
- ii) 24/00841 Land OS 6143 Sparkford Road, West Camel, BA22 7
Application to develop a shop, hotel, lodge including vehicle energy & petrol filling station with landscaping & other ancillary works.
West Camel parish meeting set to discuss, Mr Simon Hoar agreed to attend on 19/06/24 behalf of Babcary village.

4) Correspondence

- i) George Hawks, of Foddington, called re flooding, concerning culverts & pipeline problems. His property is the last on his road and lower than other properties, so currently the only one suffering, note this is a problem that has occurred before. Sound alarming similar to Olive Farm! Mr Hawks unable to attend due to illness, Henry attended prior to PC meeting further investigation already in place.
- ii) Newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for our area, Clare Moody, Police and Crime Commissioner, for Avon and Somerset.

- iii) Highways & Traffic reporting list dividing the parishes and towns between subgroup members. This contact is solely for queries and concerns which are not reportable on the Somerset Council website and for details you would like raised at the quarterly meetings with the Highways team, ours is Ken Flood, kflood1612@hotmail.com.
- iv) The Chairs Awards for Service to the Community, 2024, Deadline 28/06/24, nominees should not be in receipt of previous award.

5) AOB

- i) Henry Hobhouse raised issue of concerning lots of raw sewage being released into River Cam concerns that all local rivers are contaminated, council suggestion to resume local testing in The River Cary.
- ii) Concerns re Viridor waste collection, change of ownership but still costly, how much longer will they remain open? LCN to discuss issues next meeting.
- iii) MP raised continued concern about potholes esp. Steart Hill & South Barrow where they have continued to be an issue for some 30 years!

6) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 8th of July 2024