

MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN WOOKEY HOLE COMMUNITY HALL, WOOKEY HOLE BA5 1BB ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2017, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Baker; D Ball; E Danson; M Gaunt; E Handford; M Hayden; J Henderson; V Hill; M Lunnon; T Mallinson; J Reeves; J Walker; J Zorab.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Simon Davies (RFO); Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk); 8 Members of the Public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies Cllrs M Gilson; M Pullin.

02. CO-OPTION OF ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT EAST WARD

There were no Candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared a PERSONAL interest in items 14 and 18.

04. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 18.

05. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman would like the Council to have a future discussion to ascertain if there is any justification to raise the precept.

06. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the Public spoke during item 11.

07. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

There were no reports from:

- Avon & Somerset Police
- Somerset County Councillors
- Mendip District Councillors

08. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT OUT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2017 AND THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2017

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Council held on Thursday 18th May 2017 and Thursday 25th May 2017.

09. ADVERTISING VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish wide advertising of Councillor vacancies was discussed.

RESOLVED: To trial advertising the current vacancy for an East Ward Councillor in the local newspaper.

10. DISPENSATIONS PROCEDURE – SECTION 33 OF LOCALISM ACT 2011

The new Mendip District Council Dispensations Procedure Guide for Parish Councils was considered.

RESOLVED: The wording of Agenda standing item "Declarations of Interest" to be amended in order that dispensation requests are decided by the Parish Council at Parish Council meetings. Standing Orders to be amended to reflect this resolution.

11. FUNDING OF REPLACEMENT 67 BUS SERVICE BY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS AFTER 21ST JULY 2017

Cllr Gaunt reported that there were no new updates due to the recent elections. Members of the Public (Representatives from Wookey Parish Council) told the meeting that they are keen to work jointly with St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council to ensure that this bus service is maintained and informed the meeting of potential funding from the New Homes Bonus Scheme. Cllr Gaunt will continue to try and progress this issue.

12. DULCOTE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported on the status of Dulcote Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: To hold a meeting of the Land Holdings Working Party to discuss Dulcote Recreation.

RESOLVED: To hold an EGM in Dinder to discuss Dulcote Recreation Ground.

13. BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE AND WWI BEACONS OF LIGHT

Cllr Reeves contacted the Lord Lieutenant's Office in Taunton to invite a Representative to attend this commemoration event to mark the end of World War I to be held on 11th November 2018 and is waiting for a response.

14. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A CARPARK AT WOOKEY HOLE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had nothing to report at the moment.

15. NOTICEBOARDS

To discuss noticeboards in the Parish and approve quotes for purchase and refurbishment.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote (including the additional options) from JeNBee Ltd to refurbish 4 noticeboards.

RESOLVED: To approve additional costs associated with the purchase of 2 new noticeboards.

16. ACCOUNTS 2016/2017

Cllrs considered the Statement of Internal Control.

RESOLVED: To approve the Statement of Internal Control.

The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) was considered by the members of the meeting.

16A. RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return).

The Annual Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return) were considered by the members of the meeting.

16B. RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return).

17. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- Cllr Reeves updated the meeting on the Burcott Lane issue.
- Cllr Walker has prepared a Draft Emergency Plan.
- The Clerk informed the meeting of a street light repair.

18. TO DISCUSS THE DISPOSAL OF LAND IN WOKEY HOLE AND ANY ASSOCIATED FURTHER ACTIONS

The Council received updates and decided on further actions.

19. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th July, Easton Village Hall at 7pm.

20. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 20th September, Wells Cricket Club at 7pm.

21. EMERGENCY ITEM - ALLOTMENTS SUMMER GROWERS GATHERING

Cllr Gaunt explained to the Council that she wanted to hold a Summer Growers Gathering social event for the allotment plot holders at Wookey Hole allotments on 25th June. A risk assessment for the event is in process.

RESOLVED: To approve the Summer Growers Gathering event.