

MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN EASTON VILLAGE HALL, EASTON, BA5 IEH ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2018, 7:00PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Baker; D Ball; E Danson; M Gaunt; M Gilson; J Henderson; T Mallinson; M Mitchell; J Reeves; J Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk); Mr Simon Davies (RFO); Cllr G Noel; 1 Member of the Public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies from Cllrs G Clark; E Handford; M Hayden; V Hill; M Lunnon; J Zorab.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

02.01. There were no declarations of interest.

02.02. There were no requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

02.03. There were no requests for dispensation.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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04. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman commented on the planning training which several Cllrs had attended recently at Mendip District Council. It had been well attended, useful and informative.
- Cllr Reeves was thanked for his preparation and attendance at Mendip District Council Planning Board on 20th December 2017 to speak on Planning Application 2017/0022.
- The Chairman informed the meeting that the Council will not be adopting the phone box in Wookey Hole as the residents whose land the phone box is located on have applied to BT to adopt it.
- The Chairman informed Cllrs that there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dulcote Recreation Ground Charity on 5th February 2018 and encouraged all Cllrs as Trustees to attend.

05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A Member of the Public spoke on item 11.

06. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

To receive reports either in person or in writing from:

- Avon & Somerset Police – The Clerk read out from the Wells Rural Beat (AE022) Police report for December 2018. There had been 137 calls to the Police including 18 reported crimes. Stuart Ball is the new Rural Beat Manager.
- Somerset County Councillors – Apologies from Cllr Pullin.
 - Cllr Noel informed the meeting that Somerset County Council are in the process of setting their budget for 2018/2019 and are working with partnerships to pool resources and find alternative grant replacement revenue. This led to a discussion concerning revenue grants and increasing financial demands and devolved responsibilities for Parish Councils.

- Cllr Noel advised the meeting that the Local Enterprise Partnership consider improvements to transport connections. He emphasised the importance of Parishes sending representatives to the A371 meetings which are being hosted by some of the affected Parishes and expressed concern that any traffic reduction on the A371 would lead to increases elsewhere.
- Somerset County Council are liaising with the developer of the Pound Inn development regarding the reinstatement of the pavement.
- Mendip District Councillors – Apologies from Cllrs Pullin and Taylor. Cllr Taylor had sent a report which advised:
 - Mendip District Council are working on budget setting.
 - Stage 2 Planning Consultation is drawing to a close.
 - Cllrs Pullin and Taylor share concerns and continue to press the relevant authorities to try to reduce speeds and movement where possible on the A371 Wells-Cheddar route.

07. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT OUT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

To confirm and sign as correct record the amended minutes of the Council held on Monday 4th December 2017.

08. AWARDED GRANT UPDATE

A representative from Horrington Cricket Club thanked the Parish Council for their grant in 2017 and gave a presentation on how the Parish has benefitted from the Council's grant. The purchase of Chapel Piece was officially announced on 1st April 2017. The purchase has been achieved by the combined efforts of the local community, other individuals and organisations including the Parish Council, all of whom are recorded on a Commemorative Board which was unveiled at the official opening of the ground on 10th September 2017. Following advice from the Somerset Playing Fields Association, the Club intends to address the protection of Chapel Piece in perpetuity and would like the Parish Council to have some involvement. The Council's Chairman congratulated the Club for their achievement and for setting such a good example of the community working together.

09. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The recommendation of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee 17th January 2018 to award a grant to Coxley Playing Field Committee was considered.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £1,000 to Coxley Playing Field Committee.

10. BUDGET AND PARISH PRECEPT CHARGE FOR 2018/2019

The budget for 2018/2019 as recommended by the Finance & Scrutiny Committee 17th January 2018 was considered and the Parish precept charge for 2018/2019 agreed.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget for 2018/2019.

RESOLVED: To set the Parish precept charge for 2018/2019 as £75,548.00

11. MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN PART II

Proposed Local Green Spaces and further comments to feedback to Mendip District Council during the formal consultation on the pre-submission draft were discussed. The representative from Horrington Cricket Club advised that the Club are requesting that Chapel Piece is reinstated as a Recreation Ground and the Council agreed to support this. A draft statement which Cllr Reeves had produced, expressing the Parish Council's

concerns that the District Council seems to regard significant parts of St Cuthbert (Out) Parish as part of Wells in relation to future developments was considered.

RESOLVED: To support the proposals to designate LGSDUL003, LGSEAST001 and LGSEASTH001 as Local Green Spaces.

RESOLVED: To request that Coxley School Playing Field is designated as a Local Green Space.

RESOLVED: To submit the statement expressing the Parish Council's concerns to Mendip District Council.

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

An update was received on the preparations for this commemoration of the end of World War I to be held on 11th November 2018. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had walked the site. A further site meeting with Wookey Hole Caves and a working group for the event is to be organised.

13. THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

This item was deferred

14. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Updates were received from Committees and Working Parties and further actions discussed.

14.01. Finance & Scrutiny Committee

The Finance & Scrutiny Committee has recommended that the grant policy is reviewed to reflect the need, in some circumstances, for the Committee to request three quotes on applications over £500. It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a draft to present to Full Council on 14th March 2018. The Finance & Scrutiny Committee had also considered the provision of Speed Indicator Units and the Clerk and Cllr Ball will attend a meeting with Wells City Council and Wookey Parish Council to explore the possibilities of working with them in a "CSW Partnership Project".

14.02. Parish Emergency Plan Working Party

Cllr Walker provided the meeting with a report on lead organisations, places of safety, contact details, emergency supplies, emergency plan and actions which are in progress.

14.03. Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

Cllr Gilson informed the meeting that he will liaise with the new Assistant Parish Clerk who will be taking the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party forward.

14.04. Allotments Working Party

Cllr Gaunt reported that there had been a meeting of the allotment holders in November 2017 and that tenants are looking forward to having a carpark.

15. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A CARPARK AT WOOKEY HOLE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised the meeting that pre-application advice for a carpark at Wookey Hole allotments had been received from Mendip District Council. The Council's Agent had advised that the drawing to be attached to the planning application needs to be finalised.

RESOLVED: The Council's Agent to obtain a new drawing and submit the planning application for the proposed carpark at Wookey Hole allotments.

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Bank account reconciliations for November and December 2017 were reviewed. A schedule of items of expenditure and issuing of payment were reviewed and approved.

RESOLVED: To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure and issuing of payment.

17. DISPOSAL OF LAND IN WOOKEY HOLE

The Council discussed updates and decided on further actions.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- Cllr Reeves advised that the replacement grit bin for Coxley Wick had been delivered.
- Cllr Ball reported that waste removal vehicles have damaged the verge on the corner of Glencot Lane and Wells Road in Wookey Hole.
- Cllr Danson reported that there had been flooding in Wookey Hole on the previous Sunday. The water force had lifted drains and flood and foul water had intermixed and entered dwellings. Mendip District Council had come out to clear the drains. It was suggested that Cllr Danson should discuss this matter with the area's water authority.
- Cllr Danson had received a phone call from a Wells Journal Reporter wanting to know his views on Somerset County Council's plans for schools.
- The Clerk updated Cllrs on the refurbishment of the phone boxes in Haybridge and Polsham.
- The Clerk advised that Mendip District Council had received a street naming request for 9 residential dwellings off Wells Road. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed name "Castle Court".

19. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th March 2018, Wells Cricket Club, South Horrington, BA5 3DJ at 7pm.

20. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT PARISH MEETING

Monday 19th February 2018, Dinder Village Hall, BA5 3PF at 7pm.