

MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN EASTON VILLAGE HALL, EASTON BA5 1EH ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2017, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Baker; D Ball; H Carey; G Clark; E Danson; M Gaunt; M Gilson; J Henderson; J Reeves; J Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk); 11 Members of the Public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies from Cllrs M Hayden; M Lunnon; T Mallinson; M Mitchell; J Zorab; Mr Simon Davies (RFO).

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

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders before this item.

One Candidate came forward. Mr Gerry Clark was successfully elected to fill the vacancy in the East Ward.

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders after this item.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ball declared a PERSONAL interest in item 09.

All Cllrs declared a PERSONAL interest in item 16.

04. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 20.

Item 21.

05. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- An invitation from Horrington Cricket Club for a Representative of the Council to attend the celebration event to mark the permanent ownership of their grounds on Sunday 3rd September had been received. Cllrs are to confirm their attendance to the Clerk.

06. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Cllr Lunnon had verbally raised concerns to the Clerk before the meeting about the Council contributing funding to the replacement 67 bus service.
- Members of the Public spoke concerning item 09. A recent survey of Residents in Easton had been undertaken and Dr Lorna Stewart read out a statement on behalf of concerned Residents. The Residents are seeking the Council's support for taking this issue forward. It was agreed that this issue would be included on the next Full Council Agenda.

07. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

To receive reports either in person or in writing from:

- Avon & Somerset Police – The Chairman read out information from the report for Wells Rural Area (Beat AE022) for June 2017.
- Somerset County Councillors – Apologies from Cllr M Pullin.
Cllr Noel updated the meeting on County issues relating to the introduction of a new Alderman, increased funding for Schools and Adult Services, savings produced through the combined Authority, Mental Health as a priority and redesign of the

Library Service. Cllr Noel reassured the meeting that the County's blocks of flats have been checked and there are no cladding issues.

- Mendip District Councillors – Apologies from Cllr M Pullin.

Cllr Taylor told the meeting that he and Cllr Pullin work closely to ensure that they are able to cover each other's Wards when necessary. The Christmas Market will run again this year as it has proven to help the economic viability of the area. Although outside the Parish, there was a discussion concerning the number of traffic accidents along the top of the Mendips between the Castle of Comfort and the Hunters Lodge public houses as sadly there was another fatality in June. The Police report is pending. Suggestions to reduce speeding in this area were discussed.

08. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT OUT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2017 AND WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2017

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Council held on Wednesday 23rd March 2017 and Wednesday 7th June.

09. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – SPEEDING IN LOCAL VILLAGES

Cllr Ball updated the meeting on a new mathematical tool which the Parish Council are using for analysing speeding data. This is enabling the identification and targeting of time-of-day speeding. Cllr Ball requested a grant to purchase equipment for Community SpeedWatch (CSW) which would allow an available Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be deployed around the Parish. The data gathered would be shared with both County and the Police.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of brackets and other ongoing costs of up to £300 to help carry out the work of the local CSW.

10. ADVERTISING VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the success of the recent free local paper news item which covered a vacancy on the Council, it was decided to continue using this method in the first instance when vacancies arise.

11. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk requested further clarification and amendments to the wording of Agenda standing item "Declarations of Interest".

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 Full Council and Council Committee meetings and that the Proper Officer has delegated powers to decide on dispensations should it be necessary.

RESOLVED: Standing Orders to be amended to reflect this resolution.

12. PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Walker updated the meeting on the progress of the Parish Emergency Plan. It was agreed that a Working Party would be formed.

13. PARISH KNOWLEDGE/HOW TO GUIDES

The Clerk circulated draft Parish knowledge/how to guides to assist the community. Suggestions were made for more guides.

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

Cllr Gaunt and the Clerk updated the meeting on the replacement 67 bus service. Written correspondence had been received from Somerset County Council requesting confirmation that the Council would provide a funding contribution towards the cost of this service from 24th July 2017 to 31st March 2018.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of up to £3,000 maximum towards funding the 67 bus service from 24th July 2017 to 31st March 2018 and to regularly review the service during this period.

15. NOTICEBOARDS

The meeting discussed the quote for the installation of noticeboards and considered the purchase of a noticeboard for the allotments.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote for installation of 2 noticeboards.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a noticeboard for the allotments in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Allotments Working Party.

16. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A CARPARK AT WOOKEY HOLE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had no further update.

17. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DISPOSAL OF LAND IN WOOKEY HOLE

The Clerk informed the meeting that the disposal of land in Wookey Hole is progressing.

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

The Council has booked Wells City Band to perform at this event. Cllr Reeves had recently attended a Wells City Band event as a Representative of the Council and had enjoyed hearing the instruments which the Council's grants had helped to purchase.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

20. MINOR WORKS

This item was referred to the next Finance & Scrutiny Committee on 13th September 2017.

21. ALLOTMENTS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2017/2018

The meeting considered quotes received for maintenance of the allotments.

RESOLVED: To continue to use Mendip Trees & Landscapes on an ad hoc basis when needed.

22. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- Cllr Ball spoke of a trespass problem that a Coxley Resident is experiencing.
- Cllr Gilson suggested that the Dinder Village Forum and the South Ward Parish meetings could be co-ordinated to run one after the other to further community involvement.
- Cllr Henderson nominated a Candidate for Somerset County Council's Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community and will forward information to the Clerk.

- Cllr Reeves reported that following on from the recent site meeting on Burcott Lane with the West Ward Cllrs and Somerset County Council's Highways, the worst holes had been filled in and other works had been scheduled.
- The Clerk updated on a street light repair and emergency maintenance works in play areas which are being undertaken.

23. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th September, Wookey Hole Community Hall, Wookey Hole BA5 1BB at 7pm.

24. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT PARISH MEETING

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