



**Minutes of the meeting of the Somerton Parish Council held on  
28th January 2020**

**Present:** - Alison Smith [chair], Neil Good, Andy Corner, John Gattley, Neil Clare

**Members of the public :** Ruth Power

**In attendance:** Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

**01.20.01 Apologies** No apologies had been received

**01.20.02 Declarations of Interest :** There were no declarations of interest.

**01.20.03 Minutes of the last meeting** held on 26th November 2019 were read and it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.

**01.20.04 Public Participation**  
Members of the public were invited to participate

**01.20.05 Clerk's Report and Actions from previous meeting**

No	Action	Owner	Update
11.19.05	CF to email Damien re his hours  AC will make enquiries as to the cost of a road sweeper to deal with the leaves on the roads/pavements around the village	CF AC	AS to draft letter to Damien. The leaf sweeper will cost £182 +VAT for a minimum of 2 hours,£43/hour thereafter.(see below)*
11.19.07	AS will speak to Jeremy Brown and ask for permission for a working party to clear the area around the monument	AS	On-going
11.19.08	AS will complete the paperwork for the High Sherriff nomination	AS	o/s

**01.20.06 Highways**

\* It was decided not to use the services of the leaf sweeper, but instead to contact Paul Devine at OCC to request that the village is swept asap.

U Drive Cars on the Base have been bought out by Carchase Heroes and they have a schedule of events planned with 30 dates throughout the year to include

Sundays, Easter Sunday and Bank Holidays. This will involve up to 30 cars per event, racing round a track and will inevitably be very noisy and contravenes the planning permission granted.

**ACTION : AS to draft letter for submission to CDC Planning Enforcement.**

**01.20.07 Allotments**

No further progress has been made

**01.20.08 MCNP**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January had been circulated and included discussion on :

- Training on policies - to be re-scheduled
- Great Wolf Planning application - MCNP has submitted an objection
- Health Centre at Heyford Park - currently on hold until the situation regarding a new health Centre at Graven Hill is resolved.
- Tree Planting and Biodiversity -
- Dorchester's Masterplan will be re-submitted to CDC within the next couple of months after CDC requested some changes.
- Precept - MCNP will not require contributions from the parishes in the next financial year.

**01.20.09 Planning**

The following documents had been received ;  
19/02045/TCA treework at Rectory Cottage - Notice of Intent  
19/02406/TCA treework at Farmington House - Notice of Intent  
it was agreed to send a letter of objection to the Great Wolf resort proposal.

**ACTION: CF to send letter of objection to the Great Wolf proposal to CDC**

**01.20.10 Finance - the following accounts were approved for payment**

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Note
Cathy Fleet	Dec salary	150.26		SO paid
Cathy Fleet	Jan salary	150.26		SO paid
HMRC	PAYE	112.60		
TP Jones	payroll	54.90	9.15	
Village Farm P'ship	grasscutting	342.00	57.00	

All councillors were reminded that they are obliged to ensure their details including email address are up to date on the Unity bank website and that they are able to log on and are competent to use the banking website in order to authorise payments approved at meetings. Currently only Alison Smith and Neil Good are able to authorise payments.

The quarterly accounts were approved

It was agreed that NG would contact Barclays Bank and close the deposit account and transfer the remaining funds (£4.25) to the Unity current account.

The proposed precept request was discussed in detail and it was agreed that the amount of £12629 would be requested from CDC as the parish precept for 2020/21.

**Date of next meetings**

The dates and venues of meetings for 2020 were confirmed as :

**Village Hall 7.15 Tuesdays**

**Church 7.15 Mondays**

31 March

26th May

24 November

27 July

28 September

**12 PC for Clerk**

The Clerk is currently also clerk for 3 other parishes and is in need of a new computer. It has been proposed by Steeple Aston (for whom she does most work) that all 4 parishes contribute towards the purchase of a new computer. It was agreed that Somerton PC would contribute towards a new computer.

Signed ..... **Alison Smith (Chair)** Date .....

**ACTION LIST SUMMARY**

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11.19.07	AS will speak to Jeremy Brown and ask for permission for a working party to clear the area around the monument	AS	
01.20.06	contact Paul Devine at OCC to request that the village is swept asap.  AS to draft letter for submission to CDC Planning Enforcement regarding car racing activity on the Base	AS	
01.20.09	CF to send letter of objection to the Great Wolf proposal to CDC	CF	
01.20.10	NG to close the Barclays deposit account	NG	