



**Minutes of the meeting of the Somerton Parish Council held on  
4th May 2021 by Zoom videoconference**

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

**Members of the public :** Ruth Power, Rosemary Arnold, Tony Callow, Naomi Ekers, Helena and David Juckes

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

**05.21.01      Apologies** No apologies had been received

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

**05.21.03      Minutes of the last meeting** held on 30th March 2021 were read and it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair (ppd by the clerk)

**05.21.04      Public Participation :**  
Members of the public were invited to participate. Mr. & Mrs. Juckes were attending regarding the planning application 21/00995/F.

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

No	Action	Owner	Update
03.21.06	AS will liaise with Community First, share the questionnaire and set a date for a working group	AS	On-going. As forming group of people to start the process with CFO
03.21.12	NC to lead on flooding issues	NC	Agenda item 6
	NC/AS to note regularly parked cars causing issues for farm vehicles	NC/AS	Agenda item 6
	Ruth Power will obtain contact details for farmers and dates/times clear access is required	Ruth Power	Agenda item 6
03.21.14	NG to make further efforts to close the Barclays account and transfer the balance to the PC's Unity account	NG	Outstanding
	.AS to contact Unity to find out what is required to add them as signatories	AS	On-going

**05.21.06      Highways**

**Flooding update:** NC is leading on this matter and has received an email from Highways outlining the investigations and remedial action they are taking. NC will remain engaged with Nick Watson (OCC) and hopefully participate in the meeting planned between OCC and the Canal & River Trust and Network Rail. Regular maintenance of culverts will be required. Dovecote Lane suffered flooding in December and it is unclear if this road is the responsibility of OCC as it is not an adopted road. All residents affected by the flooding will be copied into future emails on the subject.

**Parking issues relating to agricultural vehicles : NG will set up a WhatsApp group** and will invite 'offending' residents of West View and Heyford Road as well as local farmers to join in an effort to co-ordinate considerate parking when farm vehicles require access.

NB - after talking with resident, Church St residents also park on the Heyford road occasionally and should be included.

**05.21.07**

### **SARA**

There have been several meetings of SARA (Somerton Allotments & Recreation Association) and there are now 34 active members and a total of 64 supporting residents. A fundraiser at the weekend raised £900. Working groups have been formed for setting up the Constitution, Bank account. Grant funding, and Fundraising

Nicholsons have provided a draft proposal which has been sponsored by Pollocks (Mina Moller-Thompson)

There was considerable discussion regarding the PC obtaining a loan from PWLB in order to purchase the land and it was agreed in principle pending further information.

It was agreed that leaflets would be distributed to every house in the village detailing the proposed project and the benefits to the village and will include the implications of a loan on peoples' council tax and requesting comments to be sent to the Clerk within a week. **AS will lead on getting the leaflets dropped ASAP once final plan from Nicholsons is available.**

**05.21.08**

### **Community Review**

This is a standing agenda item to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**05.21.09**

### **Somerton Resilience Fund**

An application had been received for funding of £150 for a lunch for senior members of the village in September. Discussions had taken place between trustees of the Resilience Fund and it had been agreed that funding of £250 would be made available to cover the lunch and future expenditure. All councillors were in agreement and receipts for expenditure will be provided to the RFO.

**05.21.10**

### **Planning - the following planning application had been received :**

**21/01169/F** 2 Adams Cottages, Heyford Road - Single storey rear extension - no objection but Jeremy Brown to be informed as it is thought his sister owns the property

**21/00995/F** - Orchard Way, Heyford Road - Single dwelling with carport. Mr. & Mrs Jukes were attending the meeting as neighbours and are concerned that the application form to CDC for planning permission is incorrect in that it appears that a strip of land owned by Mr. & Mrs Jukes is included in the proposal as part of Orchard Way property. **Clerk to respond to CDC supporting Mr. & Mrs**

**Juckles comments and requesting that the application be amended or withdrawn.**

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

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Note
Community First Subs		£55		
CDC	Dog bins	60.14	10.02	
TP Jones	Payroll	54.90	9.15	
Alison Smith	reimbursement for defibrillator supplies	46.32	7.72	
Cathy Fleet	Clk sal April	191.38		S/O

**Dates of next meetings**

**Dates for 2021- last Tuesday of alternate months  
25th May 27th July, 28th September, 30th November**

After 6th May legislation states that it is no longer legal to hold Zoom meetings and all PC meetings must be face to face. A meeting will be held on 25th May to discuss the possible loan from PWLB. This meeting will be held in a public open space e.g. The Playground.

There will be no formal Annual Parish meeting this year as it was scheduled for 25th May, but it is not possible for it to be held in the village hall, so a less formal but equally informative meeting for the village will be held in June (possibly 22nd)

The village hall will be open by July and future PC meetings will be held there, the first being 27th July.

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

**ACTION LIST SUMMARY**

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<b>05.21.06</b>	Parking issues relating to agricultural vehicles : NG will set up a WhatsApp group and add the people who are parking in pinch points RP. Farmers and contractors also to be added.	<b>NG</b>	
<b>05.21.07</b>	SARA - AS will lead on getting the leaflets dropped ASAP	<b>AS</b>	
<b>04.21.10</b>	Planning - 21/00995/F Clerk to respond to CDC supporting Mr. & Mrs Juckles comments and requesting that the application be amended or withdrawn.	<b>CF</b>	

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