



**Minutes of the meeting of the Somerton Parish Council held on
25th January 2022 in the Village Hall**

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

Members of the public : Cllr Mike Kerford Byrnes, Ruth Power, Rosemary Arnold

In attendance: Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

01.22.01 Apologies No apologies had been received

01.22.02 Declarations of Interest : There were no declarations of interest.

01.22.03 Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th November 2021 were read and it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.
It was noted that at item 11.21.08 on the last minutes 2 residents were present at the Environmental meeting on 16th December , Peter Seymour and Alice Best. It was also noted that at item 11.21.10 according to the Legal Development Certificate the PC have to provide sheds for the allotments and that donations can be accepted.

01.22.04 Public Participation : Members of the public were invited to participate

01.22.05 Clerk's Report and Actions from previous meeting

No	Action	Owner	Update
03.21.14	NC and AC to action letter from Unity when received	NC/AC	On-going. Ac to provide passport. AS to complete paperwork to Unity
09.21.01	AS to set up a meeting with all user groups for a demonstration of Mail Chimp	AS	Completed.
09.21.03	Playground: NG to send the report to Richard Townsend and ask him to prioritise and quote for the work recommended NG to enquire of costs for a longer lasting hardwood post for the gate	NG	On-going. NG to accept quote for hardwood post and request work to be carried out

			asap.
09.21.04	AS will put BHS signs up	AS	Ruth Power to assist. Completed
11.21.01	Ruth Power to respond to Heyford park PC regarding Footpath 13	Ruth Power	Completed
11.21.02	AS to email the village list via Mail Chimp regarding the Barton Bus service	AS	outstanding
11.21.03	NG to forward email regarding tree planting grants to Ruth Power	NG	
11.21.04	CF to share document showing powers of parish councils Councillors to respond with suggestions for definitive list pertinent to Somerton	CF All	completed

01.22.06 Finance

The following accounts payable were approved for payment

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Note
Cathy Fleet	Clk sal Dec	191.18		S/O
HMRC	PAYE	124.00		
TP Jones	Payroll	54.90	9.15	
RT Gardens	Inv 1414	72.00	12.00	
Barnes memorial Hall	43-21-SPC	13.00		
Cathy Fleet	Clk Sal Jan	191.18		S/O

The quarterly accounts were approved

The proposed budget/precept request was discussed in detail and it was agreed that the amount of £14200.00 would be requested from CDC for 2022/23. CF to complete paperwork and submit to CDC.

The church has made no request for grant funding. CF to send application form to Ruth Power.

The Insurance premium has increased dramatically, so quotes will be sought when the renewal is received. CF to send Insurance schedule to all councillors so they can ensure the correct cover is in place.

Neil Clare will create a map of the areas of the village where the grass is required to be cut.

It was agreed that contributions will be made to the floodlighting of the Church at Christmas on a 'filling in the gaps' basis which would not be expected to exceed £120.

01.22.07 Report from CDC

Cllr Mike Kerford-Brynes reported:

- The new Homes Bonus and Business Rates have been extended for a year
- There will be no change in the charge for Brown Bin collection and there will be no charge for food waste collection.
- The budget will be going to full council at the end of February.
- The 5 year housing supply currently stands at 3.6 years due to the 8400 plans approved but not yet built which is in contravention to the Local

Plan. SODC are pushing back on planning applications as the SHMA is out of date.

- CDC and OCC will be separating at the end of February.

01.22.07 Highways

It was agreed that the village would benefit from a 20mph speed restriction and that the initiative being arranged by OCC should be pursued. AS will complete the necessary paperwork which will require the endorsement of Cllr Arash Fatemian.

AS had met with Dave Catlin from OCC who agreed that the bus shelter is dangerous and should be demolished as soon as possible. He will put this in writing and also agreed to obtain quotes for a replacement, modern bus shelter, possibly where the bottle bank currently is.

It was agreed to monitor the use of the bottle bank now that the frequency of emptying has been increased which should discourage fly tipping.

AS will email Cllr Mike Kerford-Byrnes to find out how to get a schedule of road sweeping in place.

01.22.07 SARA

The application for the loan for the purchase of land for the allotments has now been submitted and outcome is awaited.

01.22.08 Royal British Legion donation

It was agreed that a donation to the British Legion for poppy, crosses and a wreath would be included in the budget/precept request in future.

01.22.09 Emergency Plan

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

01.22.10 Platinum Jubilee celebrations

It was agreed to include £500 in the budget/precept request for funding items to mark the Platinum Jubilee in the village, e.g. planting of trees, a bench, playground equipment, etc. Other organisations in the village are planning events. For further discussion.

01.22.11 Planning - the following planning documents had been received :

Applications

21/04124/PREAPP

1 Manor Farm Cottages, Aston View

NC to review and draft a response for submission to CDC

Decisions

21/03393/F

The Orchard, Water Street - **APPROVED**

Meeting dates for 2022 - last Tuesday of alternate months

29th March

31st May

26th July

27th September

29th November

Signed Alison Smith (Chair) Date

ACTION LIST SUMMARY

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01.22.02	CF to sent grant application form to Ruth Power	CF	
01.22.03	AS to complete application for 20mph speed limit and submit to OCC	AS	
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