



**Minutes of the meeting of the Somerton Parish Council Meeting held on
26th July 2022**

Present: Alison Smith (AS)[chair], Neil Good (NG), Neil Clare (NC), John Gattley (JG), Andy Corner (AC)

Members of the Public: Ruth Power, Alex Cunningham, Tom Best

07.22.01 To receive apologies for absence : Andy Corner (as agreed)

07.22.02 Declarations of Interest . There were no declarations of interest.

07.22.03 To receive the minutes of the last meeting – 31st May 2022
The minutes of the last meeting were checked for content and accuracy and agreed as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

047.22.04 Public Participation

07.22.05 Clerks Report

No	Action	Owner	Update
May22.01	Treescape – NC to speak to John Fawcett asking him if he will take the lead on the project.	NC	Ruth Power had a Zoom meeting with Treescape and agreed that a survey of the parish had been done A survey of individual landowners will be done in due course, starting with Troy Farm. Ruth will contact Treescape again in September
May22.02	Op London Bridge – NC to discuss the matter of a condolence book with church members	NC	Ruth to follow up
May22.03	Emergency Plan - CF to share the emergency plan from other PCs with JG	CF	Completed
May22.04	Op London Bridge – CF to share OALC presentation with councillors	CF	Completed
May22.05	Highways - AS to speak to Nick Watson to find out if gaining access on Land at The Orchard is enforceable.	AS	Email sent, no response

- 07.22.06 Highways Drainage/flooding** – Water Street has been resurfaced in part.
Speeding vehicles - No update available
20 mph limit – This has been applied for but could take 18 months to action.
- 07.22.07 SARA**
 Conveyancing is on-going with some issues, e.g. the type of events to be run. Solicitors have suggested that some events should be identified to obtain pre-approval. An update on the location of pedestrian gate is required – AS has provided a drawing of where gates should be.
- 07.22.08 Playground**
 Bryony Afferson is obtaining quotes for playground maintenance. Andy Corner and Scott will also quote on maintenance and upkeep of playground equipment. NG will liaise with Bryony and reach out to villagers with a view to forming a working group. The gatepost has been purchased, by Minna Moller-Thompson and will be installed in due course.- Thanks were expressed to her.
- 07.22.09 Community Governance Review**
 The consultation has been responded to and the results are awaited. To confirm response to consultation (ends 9th Sept)
- 07.22.10 Communication**
 A Zoom meeting will be set up to make use of Mailchimp. AS, CF , NG and Hilal in September
- 07.22.10 Planning** – the following planning documents had been received:
- Applications**
 22/01830/TPO The Old Rectory, Church Wing, Church Street height reduction of 3 x Black Pine - **No objection**
 22/01265/F & 22/01780/LB 3 Manor Farm Cottages, Aston view 2 storey side extension and rooflights – **No objection**
 22/019218F Orchard Way, Heyford Road
 A further application has been submitted which includes a pitched roof, insulated wall on the car port. A Velux window has also been included on the original plan. The underground living room was approved and has now been changed into an above ground room. AS has sent the new application to Martin Lipson asking for advice. The deadline for the application is 11th August. Extension of time to be requested -
- Decisions**
 22/01988/TC St James the Apostle Church NOI of treework
- To ratify submission of comments regarding OXSRFI, Tritex, Albion. AS submitted objections to these 2 applications and they were agreed by email and ratified at this meeting.
 21/04289/OUT (Heyford Park), AS submitted an objection, ratified at this meeting.
- 40 new dwellings in Fritwell** - proposal is for 40 dwellings, house, flats, a pub and a café. A previous application for 3 houses on the land was turned down 3

years ago on the grounds of highways, conservation, ecology, flood risk etc . If the applicator was to be approved there would be an increase in traffic and there is no provision for parking. Fritwell have submitted an objection and Somerton is urged to object also. There is a petition against the development. It is an agricultural field and should remain so. The deadline for comments to CDC is 1st August. It was agreed that Somerton PC would submit an objection to the application – **NG/NC to submit objection**, to be ratified at the next meeting.

07.22.11 Finance The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Note
Cathy Fleet	Clk sal June	194.15		S/O
Gallagher	Insurance	893.25		paid 23/06/22
Cathy Fleet	Clk Sal July	194.15		S/O
TP Jones	payroll	54.90	9.15	

The quarterly report was received and signed, , showing a balance of £25,404.87 with £4000 ringfenced for traffic calming, £1500 ringfenced for allotments and £10000 ringfenced for Loan repayment contingency.

Meeting dates for 2022 - last Tuesday of alternate months

27th September
29th November

Other matters

Footpath 1 – access on Water Street is not on the definitive map. Part of the footpath is on land owned by Cllr Clare and this part will be closed. OCC (Beth Rutterford) has been informed.

Path behind village hall – to go on next agenda