



**Minutes of the meeting of the Somerton Parish Council Meeting held on  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

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

**Members of the public** : Ruth Power, Richard Thompson

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

**01.23.01 Apologies** – Cllr Arash Fatemian

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

**01.23.03** The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were checked for content and accuracy and agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

**01.23.04 Public Participation** – members of the public were invited to participate.

**01.23.05 Clerks Report**

No	Action	Owner	Update
Sept22.01	AC to visit home owners regarding the dumping of rubbish on the footpath behind the village hall.	AC	A letter will be sent to home owners asking them to clear the rubbish. AS to obtain addresses. CF to draft letter. AC to provide quote for clearing the rubbish.
Dec22.01	NG to respond to email re footpath through Valley Farm	NG	
Dec22.02	AS will inform Martin Lipson that Somerton PC will engage with community and promote responses to policy changes	AS	Completed. Action closed
Dec22.03	Defibrillator - NC will ask his brother if he could install a small piece of polycarbonate above to prevent leakage	NC	Completed. Action closed
Dec22.04	Clerk salary - AS to inform payroll	AS	completed
Dec22.05	Playground - AS will speak to Bryony regarding setting up a sub committee to oversee the maintenance and grant applications required for any equipment which may need replacement.	AS	On-going

## 01.23.06 Highways

- Heyford Park traffic driving down Aston View – SatNavs are taking vehicles along Aston View to get to the base. Signs are in place but are being ignored. NG has contacted Google to let them know that Aston View is a dead end and that the maps need to be changed. **AS to email Simon Fry at Dorchester.**
- 20mph update – Somerton are on the first tranche for installation and will be implemented in spring. **AS to meet with Dave Catling, within the next few weeks.**
- S106 funding from Heyford Park – **AS to discuss options with Dave Catling. AS to send email and WhatsApp message to request volunteers to form a sub-committee..AS will email Soho Farmhouse with photos of recent incidents with high power vehicles speeding through the village.**
- Potholes – all to be encouraged to report potholes on Fix My Street
- Footpath & bridleway around base perimeter -- AC met the new Enforcement Officer from CDC to discuss the bridleway, dog bins etc. Dorchester are providing money to gravel the footpaths.

## 01.23.07 Solar panels at Botley

This item was not discussed.

## 01.23.08 Dog Bins

A new dog bin will be sited by the bottle bank at Aston View. **AC to install bin. CF to inform CDC for emptying purposes once the bin is in position.**

## 01.23.09 Election/additional councillor

CDC have agreed that Somerton should have an additional councillor. Elections will be held in May and councillor applications need to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## 01.23.10 Local Plan 2040

The draft Local Plan has been circulated. The Category of villages has changed and Somerton was Category C and is now 'Open Countryside' and is not allocated any development.

## 01.23.11 Somerton Festival (All Group Village day)

The PC will have a stand at this event on 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Church and Village Hall. **AS will contact OALC asking for any promotional material.**

## 01.23.12 MCNP

The policies within the Neighbourhood Plan are being updated. An environmental policy will be added. Somerton will include Green Spaces (Play area and Allotment area) and will provide a map to Martin Lipson.

## 01.23.13 Planning

23/00164/F	Merrystones, Somerton Road	Not within Somerton parish
22/03787/TCA	Home Paddock, Water Street	No objection
22/03647/F	Glyde House, Fritwell Road	No objection

**SARA** - A bio accessibility test will be carried out by professor Joanna Rag at Nottingham University to ascertain levels of arsenic in the soil. This will be acceptable

to CDC. **AS will find out the cost of the test** and the PC agreed in principle to fund up to £500. Richard will attend the OALC training on allotments and it was agreed to fund this at a cost of £30. **CF to enroll Richard on the training**

**01.23.14 Finance – The following accounts were approved for payment:**

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Note
Cathy Fleet	Clk sal Dec	194.15		paid 3/1/23
		<u>115.20</u>		to be paid
		309.35		Dec pay
HMRC	PAYE	155.00		
TP Jones	Payroll	60.40	10.06	
James Macnamara	poppy wreath	100.00		
Cathy Fleet	Clk sal Jan	206.95 *		paid S/O
CDC	Dog bins	126.98	21.16	
Scott Gardner	playground grass	200.00		
Cathy Fleet	Jan salary difference	12.80		
PCC	Grant payment 21/22	500.00		

- £194.15 paid as S/O not changed, therefore £12.80 owing

**Other matters**

AS to send out email to all villagers directing them to The Circuit for information on how to use the defibrillator.

Next Agenda - Coronation

**Meeting dates for 2023**

28<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> November

Annual Parish meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council tbc

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Jan23.07	Coronation to be agenda item for next meeting		

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