

# CURRY MALLET PARISH COUNCIL

## ORDINARY MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council  
held on Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Curry Mallet and Beercombe Village Hall.

**Present:** L W Frazer (Chairman), R J Allard, D R Beck, P McKeown and Mrs A J Clarke.  
In attendance: Mal Thompson PCSO (part meeting)

### 1238 Public Participation Time.

PSCO Report. Mal reported that poaching in the area has increased and so more patrols are moving around the area and the PC from Somerton who is also a wildlife officer is engaged. It was also noted that Godfrey continues in his role on Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

### 1239 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors on items that may be of interest.

The report from Derek Yeoman has been previously circulated to members. (September Newsletter)

### 1240 Apologies.

Mr Townrow who is unwell and was wished a speedy recovery

### 1241 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 1242 To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 14 September 2015

The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the meeting chairman.

### 1243 Matters of report arising from these Minutes.

1180 & 1188 return of Register of Interests to SSDC

It was noted that all forms were now with SSDC Monitoring Officer, **Item Closed.**

1184 Footpath Matters

- Mr McKeown advised that some trimming had been carried out by South Somerset District Council on L8/9 from Stoops to Fieldgate but the remainder of L8 remained untouched. Mr McKeown to follow up with Leslie Braunton, SCC Rights of Way Team Area Warden.
- Mr McKeown pointed out that the handrail on the footbridge is still in need of repair; it is currently in the ditch.
- The Parish Council are still awaiting confirmation that work undertaken by parish volunteers on 22 March meets the required standard and has been approved. Mr McKeown to pursue these issues

1190 Re-positioning of dog bin posts

It was agreed that the Higher Street bin near the entrance to Doble Close should be straightened and the broken post mended. Mr McKeown has purchased cement and posts and with the help of Mr Allard will effect repairs. **Item Closed**

1223.3 Village Welcome Pack

Mr McKeown has reviewed and updated the contents with a view to it being included on the revamped Village Website, Hard copy could be printed from there if necessary. The revamped content will be furnished to Lisa Turner part of the Webmaster team. A note will be placed in the Beer & Curry and in each notice board.

This was proposed by Mr Allard, Seconded by Mr Beck and agreed unanimously

### 1244 Village Hall Update.

1. Mr Allard reported that the committee had a full complement. Issues with the banking had now been resolved and payments can now be made and received. A Facebook page has been established.
2. The committee were reviewing costs and income as last year the hall made a loss of £250.
3. A full risk assessment has been completed and a maintenance morning has been planned for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 10am and bacon butties were the incentive.
4. The VHC is considering the purchase of a ride on mower and is interested in a cost sharing arrangement with the Parish Council, the mower could be used to help with verge and path trimming. This would reduce the VHC current cutting costs of £700 per annum. Mr Allard is to develop the plans and provide with costings for the next meeting.
5. The VHC also sought the view of the Parish Council on whether they were still interested in progressing the Play Area if space in the VH grounds was made available. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council were still interested in pursuing this option. Mr Allard to progress at the next VHC meeting and provide an update at the next meeting.

### **1245 Planning.**

Planning Application 15/02218/FUL

Mr Frazer noted that he had been in contact with the planning office at South Somerset District Council and that the application was still outstanding and likely to be considered at the November meeting of SSDC Area North. The Parish Council will be represented and would wish to speak at this meeting, emphasising the constraints and conditions associated with the original planning consent.

### **1246 Finance.**

1. Invoices for Payment

- There were no outstanding invoices presented for payment

2. 2016/7 Budget preparation

Mr Townrow's paper was considered in detail and he was thanked for his efforts. It was noted that the following items be considered at the next meeting – giving members time to consider the proposals

- Beer & Curry – should this continue as a paper document or be available on the website with a small number available in paper form in the shop and pub? Mr Frazer to write to Beercrocombe Parish Council, as co funders to seek their views and at the same time seek their contribution for 2015 printing costs.
- The new village signs are still outstanding but the fitment would now be free as recompense for the delays.
- Village Hall mower costs to be considered when these are known (1244.4 refers)
- Playing field fence repairs – to be assessed and state of fencing reported on at the next meeting.
- Other items in the paper were considered fair, reasonable and in line with expectation.

### **1247 To agree attendance by Councillors to any forthcoming meetings & Feedback from meeting attended.**

- SSDC Councillors Planning Workshop on 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Mr McKeown attended and provided members with a precis. Slides had been circulated and the Clerk to recirculate to all members
- SALC AGM on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September – No Curry Mallet Representation
- SSDC Flood Prevention workshop 28<sup>th</sup> September – Mr McKeown reported back on the session and the 20 year plan that had been discussed. Paper copies of the information were shared.
- Doing Good for Somerset on 27<sup>th</sup> October – Mr McKeown to attend

### **1248 Correspondence.**

- Details of the Somerset County Council winter salt scheme were received and Mr McKeown to collect the 10 bags of salt on 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- An e-mail from Bernie Collet has been received reporting a broken Manhole cover. This has already been reported to highways.

### **1249 Items of Report.**

1. Mr Allard noted mud on the road at Lower Street and had reported this to highways.
2. Mrs Clarke noted damage to the road surface on the Fivehead road. Mr Allard to contact highways to report the damage.
3. Mr McKeown reported on his interactions with Wessex Water over drains being blocked by wipes. 100 leaflets had been provided and would be included in the next Newsletter distribution. Wessex Water continue to monitor known "hot spots". Mr McKeown is also to contact Bob Hearn as editor of the Beer & Curry to include an article.
4. The Clerk is to add a list of Councillors to the noticeboards.

### **Date of Next Meetings**

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council Monthly Meeting

**Shaun Dale**

Clerk to the Council