

CURRY MALLET PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
held on Monday 8th February 2016 in the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall, Curry Mallet.

Present: L W Frazer (Chairman), R J Allard, D R Beck, P McKeown, Mrs A J Clarke & G K Townrow.

In attendance: PCSO Kiera Stark (part-time) and Mrs J Talbot.

1279. Public Participation Time

PCSO Kiera Stark reported an abnormally higher incidence of non-dwelling burglaries in the Martock area. Items to be fed back to PC Toni Lines & local beat team:-

Mr Allard raised the concern of parking outside the school at pick up times and it was agreed that a visit would be made in the coming weeks.

Mr Townrow notified the plans for a bonfire beacon the mark the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21st April in the field on Top Road between Kingsmoor and Hill View Farms.

1280. To receive reports from the District and County Councillors on items that may be of interest.

Derek Yeomans' report had been previously circulated.

1281. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

1282. Apologies and reasons for absence.

None recorded.

1283. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 11th January 2016.

The minutes as drafted were approved and duly signed by the meeting Chairman.

1284. Matters of report arising from these Minutes.

- **1246.2 Playing Field Fence repairs** – Mr Adams has the new metal gate post and will erect when time permits. All urgent work has been completed and the non-urgent outstanding repairs will be addressed, when the weather permits, across the 2015/2016 – 2017/2018 financial years.
- **1271 Defibrillator** - Mr Frazer confirmed interest had been lodged with the British Heart Foundation should finance for further devices become available in the future. Mr Townrow had checked with the Drayton VHC re their unit, and it had not been utilised for an emergency since installation *ca.* 2010.
- **1274.2 Internal Auditor** – Mrs Clarke confirmed that Mrs Crafter would be willing to undertake the audit again this year. The Clerk would liaise directly concerning provision of accounts for 2015/2016.
- **1274.3 Work Place Pension.** - Mr Frazer had registered with the Pensions Regulator as an employer and confirmed that all obligations had been discharged.
- **1278.1 Highway response to potholes** – There had been no Highways' response to date concerning the pothole outside the housing on Fieldgate Lane; Mr McKeown to pursue. Mr Beck would notify County Highways of the pothole on Beer Street at the boundary bridge with Beercrocombe.

1285. Village Hall Update.

- **1244.4 Mower proposal** - Mr Allard was continuing to develop options and will present his proposals at a later date. It was confirmed that the 2015/2016 Health and Wellbeing fund of Councillor Yeomans had been exhausted.

- Renewal of the lease - Terms of Reference for the Lease Renewal Committee, as formulated by Mr Townrow, were adopted by those present. Mr Frazer had confirmed with his counterpart at Beercombe that Mr Burrough will join the Committee to represent that parish. It was therefore agreed that membership of the Committee will consist of; - Mr Allard (VHC) Mr Cannon (VHC), Mr Frazer (CMPC), Mrs Clarke (CMPC), Mr McKeown (CMPC) and Mr Burrough (BCPC). Mr Frazer to arrange the initial meeting for early March. Mr Allard was also in communication with Sarah Bird, the Duchy Land Steward, and hoped to meet her in the next few weeks. *(Met on Feb18th)*.
- Mr Allard advised of some forthcoming events
 - 12 March – Hall & Hearty Dinner
 - 10 April CMBC Big Breakfast
 - 25 June Family Fun Day

Special efforts would be made to notify new householders within the parish of these events.

- Mr Allard also reported that the Village Hall Committee was minded to consider offering some land for a play area and, to that end, the Play Area Working Group was being re-constituted. Mr Allard will advise Rob Parr, SSDC Senior Leisure Officer, of their intentions, mindful of the original July 2016 expiry date for the Section 106 Contribution monies (from the Lyddons' barns re-development).

1286. Rights of Way / Footpath Issues & Flood Mitigation

Mr McKeown confirmed that he is now registered as PPLO with Somerset County Council.

Water courses by L8/24 and Headwell Bottom have been cleared of debris and were holding up well.

1287. Planning.

Planning Application 15/02218/FUL Crimson Hill (additional 2 pitches comprising 2 x mobile homes + 2 x touring caravans for dwellings). This application had been discussed at SSDC Area North Committee January meeting. Mr Frazer, Mr Townrow and Mr McKeown were present and Mr McKeown spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. After much discussion, the Area North Committee was minded comprehensively to refuse the application. Reasons to be communicated in due course.

Virginia Cottage / Latcham Farm – South Somerset Planning were now aware of the clearance work being undertaken and will make a site visit to ascertain if any planning infringements have occurred.

1288. Finance.

1. Outstanding invoices for payment.

There were no current invoices due for payment.

2. Precept Submission for 2016 – This had been lodged within timescale at SSDC Finance. A piece, explaining the Council Tax implications, would be prepared for the next newsletter.

3. Village Web Site Hosting Fee

An exceptional request from the Village Web Team, for assistance in defraying this year's Hosting costs, was discussed. There was a shortfall in the Community Fund of £42 against the annual hosting fee of £222. It was re-affirmed that the site was an asset to the village but that advertising revenue should make the web site at least self-financing. It was agreed unanimously that the 2015/2016 budgeted grant of £100 be released, both to offset this shortfall and also to create a small working balance for the Community Fund. Mr Frazer to discuss with the web site team their organisational framework and resources to facilitate future self-financing of the website.

- Cheque 513 for £100.40 was issued to Curry Mallet Community Fund.

4. Audit 2017 and Beyond

The recent SALC communication concerning audit arrangements post 2017 was discussed in detail. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should remain opted into the scheme, thereby obviating any Council responsibility for engaging an auditor independently with attendant costs. It was recognised that this decision would cover the next 5-year period.

1289. HM Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations 21st April 2016

Mr Adams had agreed to allow the use of his field on Top Road for a bonfire beacon as part of the national celebrations.

Mr Townrow had contacted the Council's insurer to ensure public liability and personal accident cover was in place and Mr Frazer confirmed that the Duchy had no objections to this event on their land.

A budget of £50 was agreed for the event, in order to obtain from Weavo Ltd. of Hatch Beauchamp a supply of clean untreated wood for the fire. This should avoid any risk of unsuitable materials being dumped in the field or on the adjacent verges prior to the event. Clerk to arrange this purchase.

Mr Townrow would also advise Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue of the proposed event plans.

1290. Annual Parish Meeting

The date was agreed as 27th April at 19:30 in the Village Hall. The hall has now been booked. The Community Council for Somerset's Village Agent will be the Guest Speaker and local organisations will be invited to speak for up to 5 minutes at the meeting. The Clerk to issue invites based on a list to be supplied by Mr Townrow.

Display boards, for a photo montage of significant happenings over the past 12 months, will be organised and a projector/screen will be available for anyone wishing to use them as part of their presentation.

Coffee will be available at the end of the meeting.

Mr Townrow to write a piece for inclusion in the next edition of the Beer and Curry newsletter.

1291. Agree attendance by Councillors to any forthcoming meetings & review of meetings attended

- A303/A358 Corridor - Highways England Consultation session on 25th February at Ilminster. Mr Beck and Mr Townrow to attend. Concerns expressed at the previous similar consultation in March 2007, regarding the need for noise attenuation (given the prevailing south-westerly wind direction which affects noise levels for Curry Mallet householders), would be reiterated by Mr Townrow. Clerk to book their attendance.
- Welfare Reform in Somerton on 17th March – no Parish Council attendance
- Grant Thornton External Audit seminar 27th March 2016 – Clerk to attend.

1292. Correspondence

- **CAB SW Community Support** The Clerk to arrange for the message from CAB to be forwarded to the Beer & Curry Editorial team.
- **GUTS** – Internet safety training being planned by Fivehead PC was agreed to be of interest and the Clerk to liaise and offer the school as a possible venue.

1293. Items of report from members

- Mr McKeown was arranging a meeting with the Welcome Pack team to ensure consistency, updates and production. There were 4 new households which have received packs, 2 others outstanding and 2 presently unoccupied properties were awaiting new occupants.
- Mr Frazer reported that a litter pick had been arranged for Sunday 13th March with volunteers gathering at 10am, when a safety briefing would be undertaken. The risk assessment would be updated and SSDC Streetscene contacted for loan of picking tools, hi-vis jackets and bin bags. The Village Hall has been booked as a base for the volunteers.

Next meeting will be held on Monday March 14th 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm



Shaun Dale Clerk to the Parish Council