

**CURRY MALLET PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
16 July 2019, in the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall, Curry Mallet.**

Present: Mr P McKeown (Chairman), Mr D R Beck, Mr C Hussey

Members of the public: Mrs F Wood, Mr W Wilkes-Wood

1785. Public Participation Time.

No members of the public attending.

1786. To Receive Reports from the District and County Councillors on items that may be of interest.

District and County Councillors were not present.

1787. Declarations of Interest.

None.

1788. To note Apologies for Absence.

None.

1789. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2019 were approved with the removal of the last sentence referring to the extra ordinary meeting.

1790. Matters of report arising from previous meetings.

1662.2 – The defibrillator would be installed at the village hall. The electrical works had been offered free of charge and were imminent. The Cabinet & Unit are at Mr P McKeown's home.

1791. To Co-opt Mrs Fleur Wood and Mr Wilkes-Wood to the Parish Council.

It was **AGREED to co-opt Mrs Fleur Wood and Mr Wilkes-Wood to the Parish Council.**

1792. Change of Meeting Date

It was **AGREED to change the dates of the Parish Council meetings to the second Friday in the month, to begin at 7.30pm**

1793. New Chairperson.

Cllr McKeown would stand down as Chairman at the end of the meeting. The Council expressed their thanks for his sterling work. It was **AGREED that the new chairman would be voted in at the beginning of the next meeting.**

1794. Village play area project.

1779.1 Cllr McKeown had the tools available to "free" the picnic table but there was a concern that it would become unstable. A date would be arranged for a small working party to move it away from the hedge.

A working party would also be required to plant the hedging plants. Cllr Woods suggested that September would be the better month to plant them and agreed to care for the plants until that time. Cllr McKeown said that the hedge plants would probably be dead by then. The CMPC should prepare to purchase some more from Greenshutters.

1701.3 Play area signage. It was **AGREED to approve the wording of the sign, subject to the removal of a full stop incorrectly included. The final sign would be erected near the entrance to the play park, on the fence. The sign is made of DIBOND®**, and recommended for the job.

1795. Footpaths and Right of Way. "The Strimmer Project" Cllr. McKeown had spoken with the Footpaths Liaison Officer, George Montague, who had confirmed that the strimming course should be accessed via him. Cllr. McKeown had also requested that the post at Sheepwash should be repaired. This left one piece of work outstanding at Sheepwash; the ladder to be fixed to the wall. It was noted that insurance liability should be checked should the ladder installation go ahead.

It was also noted that the footpath by April Cottage was inaccessible.

1796. Finance.

Approve invoices & authorisations for payment:

1. £49 payable to SSDC to register the new Village Hall lease. **APPROVED.**
2. £45 payable to Jamm Design for external sign for the Village Hall play areas. **DEFERRED. A new invoice was required.**
3. £200 payable to Somerset ALC for new Councillor training. **APPROVED.**
4. £48 payable to Somerset County Council for advertising the Clerk position. **APPROVED.**
5. It was confirmed that the Parish Council should request the VAT refund. Cllr. McKeown would investigate.

1797. Annual return for 2019.

Cllr. McKeown confirmed that the AGAR had been signed and sent to PKF Littlejohn on time. As an "Exempt Authority" the Council did not need to complete the form but did so to ensure that the Council had been through the process.

1798. Agree attendance by Councillors to forthcoming meetings & report on meetings attended.

Cllr. McKeown had met with Steve Altria, Internal Auditor, prior to signing the AGAR.

Cllr. Wood had attended the SSDC local plan consultation event at Langport. It was reported that Curry Mallet shouldn't be affected, however the SSDC plan for new homes was less than the Government target. Cllr. Wood would attend the next event in Ilminster to forward any comments from the Parish.

1799. Updated Financial Regulations.

A copy of the updated Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Councillors. To be reviewed at a future date.

1800. Items of report from members.

1. It was noted that the Village Plan should be updated.
2. Cllr. Wood advised the meeting that she held the "Churchill Collection" of photographs from the village and that she and Cllr. Wilkes-Wood were gradually transferring them off an old disc. Once transferred they would be made available to the village.
3. Cllr. Wood asked if Curry Mallet had clear boundaries as many local villages held "Beating the Boundaries" events and it could be investigated for this village.

It was noted that a planning application had arrived for the 3 houses at "The Old Forge", Silver St, Curry Mallet, after the Agenda had been set. Therefore the CMPC would arrange a date to display the documents in the Village Hall, to allow anyone to view them and comment.

1801. Date of the next meeting.

FRIDAY 2 August 2019, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Dated: