

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

**Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Friday 11 October 2019 at 7.30pm
in the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall, Curry Mallet**

Present: Cllrs. D R Beck, C Hussey, F Wood and W Wilkes-Wood

In attendance: District Councillor M Cavill, L Gowers (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1824. The Chairman noted the passing of Mr Maurice Adams and read a short eulogy. The Parish Council sent its condolences to the family.

1825. To Note Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Clare Paul.

1826. Public Participation

A member of the public alerted the Council to some broken railings at Sheepwash, on the Headwell footpath. He would investigate the exact location.

1827. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Friday 6 September 2019 be APPROVED**

1828. Declarations of Interest

None

1829. To receive a report from County and District Councillors.

District Councillor Malcolm Cavil reported that Gigaclear, who were laying fibre cables across the county, have lost the contract with Somerset County Council. More information would be forwarded as it became available. DC Cavil asked if there were any problems in Curry Mallet with connectivity and all Councillors agreed that both mobile signals and internet connections were slow and intermittent.

1830. To receive the Clerks update report

The Clerk produced the sign for the Playing Field which had recently been received. It was noted that it didn't have holes in each corner and Councillor Wood offered to drill these so that it could be attached to a board on the fence. It was agreed that a working party would be organised to install the sign.

1831. To consider Planning Applications:

19/02246/FUL Ridgeway, Stowey Road, Fivehead. TA3 6PP

The change of use of premises from Use Class C3 (residential dwelling) to Use Class D1 (Independent day school for 26 young people) including the erection of 3 new classroom units.

Curry Mallet Parish Council had been made aware of this application via Fivehead Parish Council. Councillors agreed to comment on the application as, although it was in a neighbouring village, traffic could have an impact on Curry Mallet.

DC Cavil talked Councillors through the application and although there were some concerns regarding extra traffic, Councillors supported the application. The Clerk would forward their comments to the Planning Department, South Somerset District Council.

1832. Noted.

1833a. The following payments were approved:

- Laura Gowers for work as Clerk during September. £148.11
- Somerset Association of Local Councils. £25.00
- Parish Magazine Printing. £117.60
- Duchy of Cornwall. £63.00

1833b. The Clerk reported that the bank reconciliations could not be completed as she did not have access to the bank statements.

1833c. Noted.

1834. The Chairman and Clerk to sign the Parish Council Trust Deed for the Village Hall.

The Clerk explained that the previous document, that was signed at the Council meeting on Friday 6 September had been incorrect. The date and rental cost had been updated following discussions between the Parish Council and the Duchy of Cornwall and the old document had been used in error. The Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall Committee and the Duchy had been made aware of the mistake. The correct document was signed and witnessed. The Clerk would send copies to the Duchy and Village Hall Committee.

1835. To consider a continual annual inspection of the play area with The Play Inspection Company.

Councillors requested to see the report issued for this year once again, prior to making a decision. It was agreed to bring this item back to the next Council meeting.

1836. To receive any other matters of report.

The Healthy Living/Improving Lives grant from County Council should be submitted this month. Ideas were discussed and Councillors asked the Clerk submit the grant application to repair the bin outside the shop.

Cllr. Hussey reported that he and the Clerk had met with the Chairman of the Village Hall previously and it would be useful if there could be Council representation at the Village Hall Committee meetings. The Clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall Chairman for the date of their next meeting.

1837. Date of the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall was not available for the next Council meeting date of Friday 8 November. Councillors requested that the Clerk contact the booking co-ordinator for the Village Hall and investigate the availability of the hall w/c 4 November and w/c 11 November.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed:

Dated:

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