

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

**Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council  
On Friday 10 January 2020 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:** L Gowers (Clerk) and District Councillor Malcolm Cavil

**1860 To Note Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor C Paul.

**1861. Public Participation**

No members of the public in attendance.

**1862. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Deferred.

**1863. Declarations of Interest**

None

**1864. To receive updates from the District Councillor:**

- Somerset County Council had recently announced that a move to a Unitary Authority would be their preferred way forward for Somerset. There had been meetings of the District Councils regarding the announcement and although South Somerset District Council was generally against the idea there was an agreement to discuss it.

**1865. To receive the Clerks update report**

The Clerk reported:

- Lloyds Bank had still not granted the Clerk access to the bank accounts and therefore bank reconciliations had not been completed.
- Awareness training for the defibrillator had been arranged for Saturday 29 February 2020 at the Village Hall.
- Website training had been arranged for the Clerk with Teapot Creative.

**1866. To consider Planning Applications:**

**19/03263/S73 The Old Forge, Silver Street, Curry Mallet. TA3 6SR**

To vary condition 6 (access plan) to approval 18/02144/OUT to facilitate change to access and layout.

Councillors could not differentiate between the old plan and the new details sent with the planning application. After discussion, the Clerk was requested to contact SSDC Planning Department for clarification of the application.

**1867.** Noted.

**1868. A) To approve the budget for 2020/2021**

It was **AGREED** to approve the budget for 2020/2021.

**B) To approve the overall Precept for 2020/2021**

It was **AGREED** to set the precept for 2020/2021 in the sum of £ 5831.89, which represented an increase of £4.87 in comparison with the previous year, bringing the equivalent band D charge to £44.08. The increase was mainly due to the Council upholding its commitment to provide a sinking fund for the Children's play area and also for the defibrillator which would need a renewed contract in 4 years' time.

**1869. The following payments were approved:**

Clerks Wages: November £148.11

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Village Hall Annual Grant: £500.00

Curry Mallet All Saints Church Grant: £300.00

A payment was also approved and a cheque raised for PMP for £117.60 for the printing of the Beer and Curry magazine.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Village Hall and the Church to explain that the Council would change the process for grants from the Parish Council.

**1870. To note the position of Public Paths Liaison Officer is now vacant and consider recruitment of a new volunteer.**

Noted. It was agreed to put a note in the next Beer and Curry newsletter.

**1871. To receive any other matters of report.**

The Chairman raised the matter of the vacancies on the Parish Council and the best way to recruit into them. It was agreed to put a notice in the Beer and Curry Newsletter along with flyers on noticeboards and in the village shop.

It was noted that there had been some fly tipping on Silver Street.

Councillors requested the Clerk to organise the village litter pick. It was agreed to try to arrange this before Easter.

**1872. Date of the next meeting.**

Friday 14 February 2020. **7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Signed:

Dated: