

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

**Minutes of the remote meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Friday 12 June 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: L Gowers (Clerk) and District Councillor Malcolm Cavil

20/01 To Note Apologies for Absence:

None

20/02. Public Participation

No members of the public in attendance.

20/03. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday 13 March 2020 be **APPROVED**.

20/04. Declarations of Interest

None

20/05. To receive updates from the District and County Councillors:

County: The Parish Council was congratulated for embracing technology and holding remote meetings during the Coronavirus pandemic.

- The County Council was sending Covid-19 briefs weekly to all Town and Parish Councils.
- The Climate Agenda Fund had been paused during the pandemic but should reopen shortly.

District: The District Council had been using remote meetings.

- SSDC have been supporting businesses in the region during the pandemic with business grants and offered help for homeless people.
- Following a review, the planning department would operate under a new format. Details to follow.
- The planning application for a digger school at Newhouse Farm in Fivehead had been approved.

20/06. To receive the Clerks update report

The Clerk reported:

- Due to the pandemic and the delay accessing the Lloyds accounts, the Clerk would contact the external auditor and request an extension to the July deadline for the return of the annual audit forms.
- The dog bin on the footpath to Sheepwash had fallen into the ditch. Cllr. Beck offered to repair the dog bin and it was suggested that it was placed further towards the footpath to ensure it did not get knocked by passing traffic.

20/07. a) To ratify comments sent to SSDC planning office regarding planning applications:

It was agreed to ratify the comments sent to SSDC during the Coronavirus pandemic approving the following applications:

20/01159/FUL Erection of agricultural livestock building.

20/01183/FUL Erection of agricultural building for the storage of hay.

b) To note planning decision notices from the District Council.

Noted.

20/08. Audit: To understand the time line for Audit and the documents for review:

The Clerk had previously sent each Councillor the following documents and requested that they review each.

- Risk Register
- Asset Register
- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Code of Conduct

Councillors confirmed that the documents had been reviewed.

20/09: To Ratify payments made during the Coronavirus lockdown.

It was agreed to ratify the following payments already made:

- To transfer £1000 from the Council business account to the Council Treasurers account prior to the precept payment.
- Parish Magazine Printing. £148.80
- BHIB. Council Insurance £209.25
- SSDC. Playgrounds Inspection. £106.00
- Teapot Creative. Domain Renewal £ 42.00 Re-issued cheque.
- Fleur Wood. Winter grit £ 58.27
- Clerks Salary. March & Apr £296.27

20/10: To Approve the payments listed:

Councillors approved the payment to Somerset Association of Local Councils. £25.00

The Clerk requested that the payment of Clerks salary be deferred until next month while investigation of the correct deductions continued.

20/11: Access to the graveyard at the Old Methodist Chapel.

There had been concern from families with relatives buried in the graveyard that the current owners of the property had planted laurel hedging around the graves which could prevent visitors to the graves.

Councillors requested that the Clerk research all past correspondence and then Cllrs. Hussey and Beck would visit the property to speak with the owners.

20/12: To consider if the Annual Meeting of Electors should be delayed or held remotely.

The Clerk apologised and reported that the name of the meeting was incorrect on the agenda. It was agreed to bring this item back to the next meeting, worded correctly.

20/13: To receive any other matters of report.

- Cllr. Beck asked to be reminded when the Parish Council was going to arrange verge cutting for the village. The Clerk confirmed that Councillors had agreed to ask the contractor to do it in September.
- It was noted that the “Curry Mallet” sign at Rock Hill had been strimmed. The signs from Fivehead and Hatch Beauchamp should also be cleared.
- Cllr. Woods reported an increase in litter during lockdown. The Clerk suggested a “socially distanced” litter pick and would contact SSDC for equipment, if possible.

20/14. Date of the next meeting.

Friday 10th July 2020. 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

Signed:

Dated: