

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

**Minutes of the remote meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Friday 10 July 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: L Gowers (Clerk) and County Councillor Clare Paul

20/15 To Note apologies for Absence:

District Councillor Malcolm Cavill

20/16. Public Participation

No members of the public in attendance.

20/017.To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday 12 June 2020 be **APPROVED**.

20/18. Declarations of Interest

None

20/19. To receive updates from the District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Claire Paul reported that:

- All household waste recycling was now at pre-Coronavirus levels.
- Libraries had begun to open again, following the pandemic.
- The debate for a Unitary Authority continued and Somerset County Council would forward their business case to the Secretary of State when required.
- There had been some Covid positive cases in West Somerset following the re-opening of pubs. The track and trace system had worked effectively and the pubs would re-open once cleaned thoroughly.

20/20. To receive the Clerks update report

The Clerk reported:

- The bank reconciliations for 2019/2020 were now complete and ready for signing.
- The End of Year accounts were being prepared
- The external auditor had agreed an extension for the submission of the AGAR form, until the end of August 2020.
- All the paperwork should be with the internal auditor within the next couple of weeks.

20/21. To consider Planning Application:

20/00704/HOU. Tumbleweed Cottage, Silver Street, Curry Mallet. TA3 6SR.
Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey extension.

Recommend Approval

20/22. Finance:

a) The Clerk reported that the bank reconciliations were now complete for April 19–
March 20 and had been checked by Cllrs. Wood and Wilkes-Wood.

b) To approve the payments listed: Clerks salary for May £118.49

Payment Approved.

20/23: Audit: To note that the requested extension for the return of the Annual Audit had
been approved by the external auditor.

Noted.

20/24: Children's Play Area: To consider Government advice to re-open the play area
which had been closed since March 23rd due to Coronavirus.

a) Councillors had reviewed the risk assessment for the re-opening of the play area.

b) Councillors agreed the wording for the signage giving Covid-19 safety guidelines.
This would be erected prior to the playground opening.

c) Cllr Wilkes-Wood had kindly agreed to complete weekly playground checks for a
short time, until a volunteer had been found.

On the above basis, Councillors **AGREED to re-open the play area.**

**20/25: Annual Meeting 2020: To approve the delay of this meeting until May 2021,
due to Coronavirus. It was AGREED to delay the Annual Meeting until May
2021.**

20/26: To receive any matters of report.

The Clerk noted that there was not a bin next to the play area by the Village Hall and
suggested that a joint purchase should be investigated, between Beercrocombe
Parish Council, Curry Mallet Parish Council and the Village Hall. Councillors agreed
in principal but asked the Clerk to confirm with SSDC if they would empty a new bin
at this location.

Cllr. Wilkes-Wood highlighted the Government's plans to implement new planning
regulations, which could allow vacant and redundant residential and commercial
buildings to have change of use without a planning application. Cllr Wilkes-Wood
asked if a letter could be sent to our MP raising an objection. Councillors agreed
and Cllr Wilkes-Wood would draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

Cllr. Wood noted that the finger post in the garden of the property on the junction of
Rockway and Higher Street, was not visible due to vegetation. Cllr. Hussey agreed
to ask the owners of the property to trim the greenery back.

Cllr. Wood also noted that there was a possible breach of planning at Chapel House as a block shed was being erected.

20/27 Date of the next meeting.

Friday 14th August 2020. 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm

Signed:

Dated: