

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

**Minutes of the remote meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Friday 11 September 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: L Gowers (Clerk)

20/28 To Note apologies for Absence:

None

20/29. Public Participation

No members of the public in attendance.

20/30.To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday 10 July 2020 be **APPROVED**.

20/31. Declarations of Interest

None

20/32. To receive updates from the District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Claire Paul had forwarded a County Council brief the previous week which had been forwarded to Councillors.

20/33. To receive the Clerks update report

The Clerk reported that contact had been made with the contractor who cuts the verges in the village to ask if they could be cut in September, in readiness for the winter. The contractor uses old flails to cut the verges, due to the debris that can be found on them, but had already changed to new flails to begin hedge trimming. This would delay the cut on the verges.

SSDC had not responded to the enquiry regarding emptying a new bin at the play area, next to the Village Hall. The Clerk would chase a response.

20/34. To consider Planning Application:

None

20/35. Finance: AGAR

- a) To formally approve the internally audited accounts for 2019/20.
It was **AGREED that the internally audited accounts for 2019/20 be formally approved.**
- b) To approve the Annual Return year ending 31 March 2020:
- I. Section 2: to approve the Certificate of Exemption
The Certificate of Exemption was **approved.**
 - II. Section 2: to approve the Accounting Statement.
The Accounting Statement was **approved.**
 - III. To receive the Internal Auditor's audit report.
The Internal Auditor's report had been delayed.
 - IV. To authorise the signatures of the Chairman and Clerk.
It was **AGREED to authorise the signatures of the Chairman and Clerk and the form was signed.**

20/36. Finance:

- a) To report the bank reconciliation for April, May and June has been completed.
The Clerk reported that Cllr Wilkes and Cllr. Wilkes Wood had verified the bank reconciliations.
- b) To approve the payments listed:
- I. Clerks wages: June £148.11, July £148.11 and August £148.11
 - II. Duchy of Cornwall Half yearly rent for playing field: £63.00
 - III. SALC Annual affiliation: £84.91
 - IV. The Play Inspection Company: Annual inspection of play equipment. £66.00
The above payments were **approved.**
- b) To note the new NALC national pay scales and approve the increase to the Clerk's salary from October 2020
The NALC national pay scales were noted and the increase to the Clerk's salary was **approved.**

20/37. Curry Mallet and Beercroombe Village Hall: It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee had made the correct decision in delaying their AGM for 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

20/38. Rent of Playing Field. The increase in the rent of the playing field from £105 per annum to £110 was noted and Councillors **agreed** to the higher charge.

20/39: To receive any matters of report.

Cllr Wilkes Wood reported some scratches on the play equipment which may need attention. Cllrs. Beck and Hussey would inspect the equipment and report back. Cllr. Wilkes Wood was unable to continue to inspect the play equipment weekly. The Clerk was asked to investigate who did the inspections previously.

Cllr. Wood reported a spate of graffiti in the village, along with fly tipping of bottles. The Council thanked the villagers who mobilised very quickly to clear the graffiti and the rubbish. The Clerk reiterated that any incident of anti-social behaviour, should be reported to the police, via 101.

Cllr. Wood also reported that the “no motorcycles” sign that was located next to the play area was misleading and could lead drivers to think that motorcycles were not allowed in the car park. Cllr. Beck agreed to double check the signage.

Cllrs Beck and Hussey had visited Chapel House and confirmed that the shed that had been erected was a wood shed.

The grave area was very over grown and the Parish Council agreed that the local families should have access. The issue had been ongoing over a number of years without a satisfactory conclusion, therefore the Parish Council agreed to put together a small working party to clear the graves

20/40 Date of the next meeting.

Friday 9 October 2020. 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Signed:

Dated: