

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

**Minutes of the remote meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Friday 9 October 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: L Gowers (Clerk)

20/41 To Note apologies for Absence:

None

20/42 Public Participation

No members of the public in attendance.

20/43 To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday 11 September 2020 be **APPROVED**.

20/44 Declarations of Interest

None

20/45 To receive updates from the District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Claire Paul had forwarded a County Council brief which had been forwarded to Councillors. She finds it difficult to attend the Curry Mallet meetings held on Fridays, but is available to answer any questions at any time.

Neighbouring District Councillors will attend meetings if required, whilst our own District Councillor, Cllr. Cavill is off sick. The Curry Mallet Councillors wished Malcolm a speedy recovery.

20/46 To receive the Clerks update report

The Clerk reported that:

- SSDC had not responded to her enquiry regarding the cost of emptying an extra bin which could be located at the Village Hall. The Clerk will chase SSDC.
- Somerset County Council's Climate Emergency Fund would soon be open for applications. The Clerk asked the Council if there was a project for the village that could be funded through this grant. It was suggested that an Electric Vehicle charging point at the village hall might be useful. The Clerk was asked to research EV charging points.

20/47 Finance:

It was **AGREED to approve the payments listed:**

Clerks wages: September £152.27

20/48 Finance: To receive the Internal Auditor's Report

A previous copy of the agenda had been forwarded to Councillors, which didn't include this item. It was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next Council meeting.

20/49 Planning:

a) To consider planning application 20/02355/FUL

Barn at Higher Street, Curry Mallet.

Councillors requested more time to study the planning application and agreed to reconvene an extra-ordinary meeting the following week to comment.

b) To note the following planning decision notices:

20/00704/HOU Tumbleweed Cottage, Silver Street, Curry Mallet. TA3 6SR

Application permitted with conditions

Noted

20/50 Grants to village organisations: To consider the process of offering grants to village organisations.

The Clerk had forwarded a draft grants policy to Councillors. Councillors were happy with the simple policy and requested that the document be brought to the next Council meeting to be formally approved and adopted.

The Clerk was asked to send the policy to the organisations that received grants from the Parish Council last year, along with a letter explaining the change in the application process.

20/51 Curry Mallet Parish Council website: The current Curry Mallet website does not meet the new accessibility legislation. To consider if the Parish Council should take "ownership" of the website and to agree next steps.

- The Curry Mallet website had been managed by a volunteer for years, and she now wished to finish volunteering. Following a discussion, Councillors agreed that Curry Mallet should continue to have a website. Given that the website is used by the Parish Council to publish documents, Councillors also agreed that the Parish Council would take ownership of the current website.
- It was agreed that the Clerk's hours could be increased by 30 minutes per week, to allow her to manage the website. This should be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.
- It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate any grant funding towards updating the website.

20/52 To receive any matters of report.

Cllr. Wood had recently used the Parish Council's cones and hazard tape, which was stored at a previous Councillors' property. She suggested that all the Parish Council property should be stored in a central location to ensure it was accessible by all Councillors, at all times.

The storage container at the Village Hall seemed an ideal solution and the Clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall committee to ask if there was space for Parish Council equipment.

Cllr. Beck reported that a landowner had made contact regarding permission to place a caravan on land used during lambing season. Cllr. Beck had directed him to South Somerset District Council.

20/53 Date of the next meeting.

Friday 16 October 2020. 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm

Signed:

Dated: