

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018 IN BAPTIST CHAPEL

18/001/a PRESENT:

Members: Mr V Baker (Chairman), Mrs C Saint (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Folkard, Mrs A Gihon, Mrs A Jewell-Harrison, Mr H Marsh, Mr M Sampson, Mrs L Siegle and Mr D Warry

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), Mrs J Roundell Greene (District Councillor) Mr M Keating (County Councillor), and 4 members of the public

18/001/b APOLOGIES:

Kerri Middleton (National Trust) and Sally Fish

18/002 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs Baker and Gihon declared an interest in matters relating to the village hall.

Cllr Saint declared an interest in matters relating to the village hall and to planning application 18/00328/FUL

(Cllr Marsh entered the meeting)

18/003 PUBLIC SESSION:

A resident asked for an update on 20mph. Cllr Baker said that this was on the agenda for discussion.

The resident also complained that a resident whose property had a garage and ample parking was parking in the Borough car park. Cllr Baker said that the parish council was not in the position to tell him not to park in the car park but will ask them to consider not parking there. The resident also asked about the National Trust residents and whether they should be parking in the National Trust car park not the Borough. Cllr Baker said that the Borough car park was a public car park, so he could not formally stop people.

Cllr Roundell Greene gave her report as she had to go to another meeting *(Details are recorded under Minute ref: 18/005/a)*

(Cllr Roundell Greene left the meeting)

A resident asked when the dropped kerb in the Middle Street will be removed. Cllr Baker said the last update the Parish Council had from Highways was that it would be investigated again in the next financial year.

The Clerk advised the resident to go on the SCC website and report the problem. Cllr Sampson said this could also be done via 'Fix My Street' website.

18/004 PCSO REPORT:

No report given.

18/005 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

18/005/a Cllr Roundell Greene:

Cllr Roundell Greene gave her report.

- Concerns were raised at the Area North PACT meeting about speeding especially tractors. This problem is everywhere and the police are aware of it.
- The District Council's budget was approved at full council and it was proposed to add £5 p.a. to the annual council tax charge. No services have been cut and the council have been making some income through their income generation programme.
- Environment Health are changing the way they carry out inspections if those being checked have failed the first inspection.
- SSDC are still giving out larger grants to Citizen's Advice Bureau, SPARK and Access for all. These will hopefully be on a 3-year service level agreement.

Cllr Baker said that members of the parish council were meeting with SSDC on 20th February to discuss a possible grant for the pavilion. Cllr Saint asked if the play area could be included in this.

Cllr Marsh mentioned the problems with the parking at the new housing development at Lufton and Cllr Roundell Greene said that the houses that are fronting the main road will be allocated garages.

18/005/b Cllr Keating:

Cllr Keating's report had been circulated to councillors

Cllr Keating pointed out a few consultations

- Library Consultation
- Highways England Duelling Consultation
- Road Safety Consultation

Cllr Marsh enquired about the work on the Western Corridor Approach. Cllr Keating explained how the new road system will work with the extra lanes and the 'smart' traffic lights.

18/006 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The following Minute references were changed:

- 17/166 – the word 'new' to 'near'
- 17/168/a – was changed to read '**New Waste Contract:** The three-weekly waste collection will start in April 2020. Cllr Roundell Green is trying to get coffee cups and cans to be collected in town due to the number of cafes and coffee shops. The SWAP Education Programme for schools will be launched during February to educate children about recycling. It is an ongoing programme for primary schools with sessions held at the Carymoor Centre at Dimmer and in schools. The SWP has given £20K towards funding this programme. SSDC is looking at the use of Single Use Plastics and how the organisation can reduce this.'
- 17/172/e - the amount was changed from '£190' to '£609'
(Cllr Keating entered the meeting)
- 17/180 – the date from changed from 'February' to 'March'

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr Saint Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

Cllr Keating gave his report (*Details are given under Minute ref: 18/005b*)
(Cllr Keating left the meeting)

18/007 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

18/007/a Review of Actions List

The Clerk reviewed the items on the Action List:

- Installation of dog bin on grass verge in Yeovil Road –Streetscene have agreed for the litter bin to be removed from outside the garage and a new one to be placed on the other side of the road in the grass verge near the junction to Back Lane. The Clerk had obtained quotes from Wybone at a cost of £199.99 ex VAT; Glasdon at a cost of £156.91 ex VAT and; Broxap at a cost of £125.00 ex VAT. A discussion was held, and it was agreed on quality and length of warranty to purchase the bin from Wybone.

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

- Telephone Kiosk and Defibrillator – The Clerk confirmed that the parish council now owned the kiosk and that the required notice had been put up inside. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Carnival Club offering to give a generous donation towards the defibrillator of £1,600. It was agreed to go ahead with

the purchase of the defibrillator from HeartStart which had previously been agreed under *Minute ref: 17/087/e*. Cllr Saint agreed to obtain an electrician's quotation.

Action Cllr Saint & Clerk

- It was agreed to contact the groundsman to carry out the maintenance on the verge outside the Monks House.
Action Clerk
- Sheepwash: Cllr Baker said he had contacted Historic England. There was no evidence that it had been a community facility and that it was owned by the landowner. It was agreed to take photographs and check to see if it could be listed.
- 20mph Speed Limit Recommendations – Cllr Sampson said he had previously prepared a report for Somerset County Council regarding the placement of repeater signs on the existing street furniture and estimated that a Traffic Regulation Order would cost in the region of £500-£600. A discussion was held on the recent sign positioning submitted by Cllr Keating. All councillors disagreed with the positioning of the 20mph speed signage which would start in Bishopston past the bend near Station Road. It was agreed that it should start just past the allotments in St Michaels View due to the fact of the number of children crossing the road from the recreation ground to go to school. Cllr Gihon stated that the speed trackers put up by SCC for the feasibility study were in the positioned incorrectly. The Clerk said that this was pointed out to them at the time.

Councillors felt that if they did not agree to this scheme then SCC would not agree to a 20mph. Therefore, it was agreed to accept the proposal for the 20mph limit through the village and to finance it as requested but express the council's disappointment that it does not extend to St Michaels View. The situation is to be monitored and a further small improvement scheme may be requested along St Michaels View at a further date.

Proposed: Cllr Jewell-Harrison Seconded: Cllr Gihon 6 agreed; 1 disagreed

18/008 HIGHWAYS:

The details for the two consultations for duelling schemes for the A358 Taunton to Southfields, Ilminster and A303 Sparkford to Ilchester had been forwarded to councillors. Cllr Sampson said there was no mention of duelling the Ilminster bypass and this could lead to severe traffic build up which in turn could cause problems for both Montacute and Stoke sub Hamdon being used as a 'rat run'. It was agreed that Cllr Sampson would write a response which the Clerk would forward on.
Action Cllr Sampson & Clerk

18/009 WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:

18/009/a Allotments

The allotment holders meeting will be held on 3rd March at 10am in the Baptist Chapel.

18/009/b National Trust

Cllr Jewell-Harrison said that Kerri Middleton will be coming along to the parish council meeting next month to introduce herself.

Cllr Saint reported that the hedge in Back Lane had not been cut.

18/009/c Street Lighting

Cllr Folkard said she had nothing to report.

18/009/d Speedwatch

The Clerk said that she had received the latest Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D.) report. The data had been collected from Yeovil Road between 23rd January and 6th February. The total number of vehicles recorded was 16003 with an 85% Percentile being 34mph. Ten vehicles were recorded at travelling over 50mph. It was agreed that the figures would go in the village magazine.
Action Clerk

The Clerk reported that Somerset County Council were terminating the Speed Indicator Device Programme and were offering parishes the opportunity to fund the program themselves. A range of scenarios were provided, and the cost would be dependent on how many parishes were interested. A further update will be provided next month

18/009/e Triangle Trust

Cllr Warry said he had nothing to report and that the next meeting would be held on 14th March at the Doctor's Surgery.

18/009/f Recreation Ground

Cllr Siegle gave an update on the play area project. She said that the meeting with the National Trust was very positive. The National Trust has stipulated that they do not want any planting such as a willow walk and would like to be consulted on the rest of the play equipment especially on ground depth. It was agreed to look at any necessary repairs and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

Action Cllr Siegle

Cllr Baker said that a specific tool was required from Wicksteed Leisure to remove the guard panel for the repairs to be carried out on the See Saw. It was agreed to contact Wicksteed Leisure

Action Clerk

(Cllr Gihon left the meeting)

Proposed: Cllr Folkard Seconded: Cllr Saint agreed unanimously

Cllr Baker said that he had email the football club regarding the meeting at SSDC but had not heard back from them. He said that the showers would not be installed in the new pavilion unless there is some form of commitment from the football club.

(Cllr Gihon returned to the meeting)

Cllr Folkard asked whether the keys had been received back from the football clubs. The Clerk agreed to contact the clubs and explain the new procedure.

Action Clerk

The Clerk asked Cllr Warry to get an electricity meter reading.

Action Cllr Warry

18/009/g Footpaths

No report given.

18/010 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cllr Baker asked for the Community Council for Somerset renewal payment to go on the next agenda.

18/011 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that a Somerset Library Service Consultation commenced on 29th January and will run for 12 weeks. It is proposed that 15 out of 34 libraries would be seeking community involvement to remain open. Where it is not possible, services would instead be provided either through outreach in community venues or through additional mobile library stops. It was agreed to put an article in the village magazine asking residents to give their opinions.

Action Clerk

18/012 FINANCE:

18/012/a Matters for Report

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 19th February 2018:

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£ 49,856.56
Sports Project Reserve Account	£ 16,185.77
Total	£ 66,292.33
Outstanding Cheques	£ 1,582.80
Total as Cash Book	£ 64,899.53

ii. EDF Invoice/Direct Debit

The Clerk reported that she had received the EDF invoice for the period 1st February 2017 to 30 January 2018 and that the balance owing was £1.64 which will be taken via direct debit around the 19th February.

18/012/b Cheques for Signature

Sarah Moore	Reimbursements & Expenses for January	£ 48.08	Chq 1478
K M Dike Nurseries	Grass Cutting – January	£ 386.50	Chq 1479
Montacute Baptist Chapel	Hire of Hall x 2 Meetings	£ 50.00	Chq 1480
South West Play	Pull-Up Rope for Play Area	£ 133.20	Chq 1481
Somerset Association of Local Councils	Affiliation Fees 2017/18	£ 182.06	Chq 1482
	Total	£ 799.84	

Proposed: Cllr Siegle Seconded: Cllr Sampson agreed unanimously

Cheques 1480 was passed to Cllr Saint.

18/012/b Other:

It was agreed to pay Montacute Baptist Chapel on a quarterly basis from 1st April 2018

Proposed: Cllr Gihon Seconded: Cllr Warry agreed unanimously

18/013 PLANNING:

18/013/a Planning Information:

No report given.

18/013/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

17/04909/FUL – erection of small aluminium greenhouse and boundary fencing (retrospective). Erection of timber potting shed (retrospective) and garden vehicle wash down pad with underground collection tanks. Alterations to existing compost area and installation of collection tank – Montacute House (Gardener's Yard), Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6XP – no observations or objections

18/00328/FUL – removal of existing garage and the erection of a two-storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear to provide a replacement garage and additional accommodation – 6 Park View, Montacute TA15 6XW – no observations or objections

18/00540/FUL – erection of two replacement sheds within the curtilage of a Listed Building – 36 Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6UU – no observations or objections

18/013/c Planning Decisions and Reports

Decisions:

17/02527/LBC – addition of glazing bars to ground floor window on front elevation – Carents Cottage, 7 Middle Street, Montacute TA15 6UZ - Granted

17/04323/LBC & 17/04736/FUL – the carrying out of internal and external alterations to include replacement of windows and door, changes to fenestration to rear extension, lifting part of the roof height of the existing extension and replacement of existing wooden gates with metal gates – 46 Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6UU - Granted

Reports:

No report given

18/014 CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence received.

18/015 MEMBERS REPORTS:

Cllr Folkard reported that the Sheepwash had been fenced off with barbed wire. Cllr Jewell-Harrison said she had been given a form to get the Sheepwash listed under Historic England. Cllr Marsh mentioned that the service at the doctors' surgery had become worse especially when making an appointment. Cllr Gihon said that they were still trying to get a replacement for Dr Bulley.

Cllr Saint commented that the potholes in Back Lane were now in a terrible condition.

Cllr Warry said that the fire hydrant sign had come off the wall in Yeovil Road and he had reported this to the fire station.

18/016 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Termination of SID Programme
Play Equipment Repairs

18/017 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55pm. The next meeting will be held on 19th March 2018 in the Baptist Chapel at 7pm.