



MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

22/062/a **PRESENT:**

Members: Mrs C Saint (Chairman), Mrs L Drayton, Mr A McFarlane, Mr M Myram, Mrs S Richings, and Mr D Warry

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

22/062/b **APOLOGIES:**

Mr Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor) and Mr Mike Hewitson (County and Unitary Authority Councillor).

22/063 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Saint declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall

Cllr McFarlane declared an interest in planning application 21/03731/FUL & 21/03732/LBC

22/064 **PUBLIC SESSION**

A resident commented on the accident in Bishopston on 15th May and that vehicles are repeatedly being damaged by inconsiderate drivers. The resident said they appreciate the village having Speedwatch and a SID but thought that additional measure such as speedbumps were needed. Cllr Saint said that when the Parish Council initially surveyed the village on what type of traffic calming residents did not want speed bumps and that this type of calming reduces the amount of parking spaces. It was agreed that this would go on agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

22/065 **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

22/065/a District Councillor

Cllr Capozzoli said that the Phosphates issues is still holding up planning decisions.

He also mentioned that SSDC has paid £2.8m for Yeovil Town Football Club and will lease it back to them.

22/065/b County Councillor

Cllr Hewitson introduced himself. He is the County Councillor up until April 2023 when he will then become the Unitary Authority Councillor along with Cllr Oliver Patrick. Cllr Hewitson explained that 110 councillors across Somerset will be looking after all the services and will be organising the new Unitary council. Cllr Hewitson said the AGM will be held on Wednesday, 25th May and he will report on this at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Hewitson asked for the traffic survey data and said he would try to help the parish council where he can.

Cllr Warry enquired about the potential Boundary review and mentioned that Montacute would be better placed with Yeovil and not Glastonbury. Cllr Hewitson said this would not be completed until Spring next year

22/066 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was agreed to remove 'Mr D Warry' from *Minute ref: 22/47/a* and enter 'Mr D Warry' under *22/047/b*.

(Cllrs Capozzoli & Hewitson left the meeting)

It was also agreed to remove 'chain link' from *Minute ref:22/054/a*. It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the March Parish Council meeting.

22/067 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Review of Actions List

- Dangerous parking in Yeovil Road – It was agreed that Cllr Saint would look into this matter.

- Chapter 8 Training – The Clerk said Coram Construction had training sessions available on 12th July. Cllr Myram said he would confirm whether he was available **Action Cllr Myram**
- Play Area – The Clerk reported that Play UK could replace the safety mats for the climber and would cost £50. Unfortunately, Play UK are unable to fix the other areas of concern where there are gaps in the surfacing around the roundabout and the seesaw, and the damaged matting by the slide. However, they have recommended Star Rubber and Matta Products, respectively. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes. **Action Clerk**
It was also mentioned that the sign to the play area had disappeared and for the Clerk to purchase a new one. **Action Clerk**
- Jubilee Bench – The bench had been ordered but there will be a delay with the delivery due to high demand. An enquiry had been made on whether the lengthsmen could build the hardstanding for the bench, but no response had been received. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Streetscene. **Action Clerk**
- Allotment Hedge – It had been agreed to approach the National Trust on whether they were able to supply any native hedging. It was not sure whether this was possible, so Cllr McFarlane agreed to look into this. **Action Cllr McFarlane**
- Councillor Vacancies – It was agreed to put another advert in the village magazine. **Action Clerk**

22/068 **SPORTS & LEISURE**

22/068/a Play Area & Recreation Ground

This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 22/067*.

It was agreed to ask the previous councillors who held the keys for the security gate to return them. **Action Clerk**

22/068/b Recreation Ground Pavilion Project – Progress Report.

No update on this item

22/068/c Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

This item was discussed under Minute ref: 22/067

22/068/d Any Other Issues

None declared

22/069 **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

22/069/a Allotments

It was agreed to put a notice on the allotment noticeboard for allotment holders to contact the Parish Clerk **Action Clerk**

22/069/b Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

The newsletter from Avon and Somerset Police had been circulated to councillors.

There have been reports of a couple of youths causing problems in the allotments and on the recreation ground. The Clerk pointed out that any incidents need to be reported directly to the police and not via her.

22/069/c Footpaths

No report received.

22/069/d Ground Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the groundsman had carried out an additional cut of the grass on the recreation ground for free.

The Clerk said the lengthsmen has carried out the weed spray throughout the village and he will be getting some bedding planters for the planters at the entrances to the village.

22/069/e Highways & Transport

i. Speed Indicator Device/Speedwatch

Cllr Myram gave an update on Speedwatch.

ii. Road Closure

The Clerk reported that there is a road closure in West Coker and although the redirection is via the A3088, some traffic may a short cut through the village.

22/069/f National Trust

No report received.

22/069/g Street Lighting

It was reported that the streetlight in Wash Lane was permanently on. Cllr Warry agreed to report this to Somerset County Council

Action Cllr Warry

22/069/h Triangle Trust

No report given.

22/069/i Any Other Issues

The Clerk reported that she has been made aware that there are two large groups of travellers in the area. The Clerk said she has contacted the groundsman to make sure that the security gate is kept locked whilst he is working in the recreation ground and to make sure it is secure once he leaves.

22/070 MEMBERS' & CLERK'S REPORTS

Cllr McFarlane mentioned that there were a couple of noisy parties held at the King's Arms which carried on late into the night

Cllr Richings mentioned a resident had been strimming their garden early in the morning. It was suggested talking to the resident concerned.

22/071 FINANCE

22/071/a Matters for Report:

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the monthly bank reconciliation as of 30th April 2022:

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£72,578.67
Pavilion Reserve Account	£21,267.56
Total	£94,096.23
Outstanding Deposits	£ 0.00
Less Outstanding Cheques	£ 3,756.02
Total as Cash Book	£90,340.21

Ring-Fenced Amounts

Sports Pavilion	£41,904.94
Play Equipment	£ 4,241.42
Asset Management	£19,059.00
Allotment Rent & Donations	£ 475.47
Allotment New Plot Deposits	£ 475.00
Allotment Gate Key Deposits	£ 440.00
Defibrillator Accessories	£ 143.30
Spring Bulbs	£ 26.50
Total	£66,765.63

Budget Working Capital **£23,574.58**

ii. National Trust Direct Debits Payments for Recreation Ground

The invoice for the direct debit payment of £29.17 for May has been received

iii. ICO - Renewal

The Data Protection renewal of £35 is due to be paid via direct debit on 6th June 2022.

22/071/b For Resolution

i. Invoices Payable:

Sarah Moore	April Expenses	£ 299.78	Chq 1734
Evis Ground	Grass Cutting April	£ 388.88	Chq 1735
Maintenance			
SSDC	Parish Lengthsman Scheme for 2021/22	£2,237.76	Chq 1736
SSDC	Parish Lengthsman Scheme April 2022	£ 384.16	Chq 1736
Arthur J Gallagher	Parish Council Insurance 2022/23	£ 472.68	Chq 1737

Insurance			
Montacute Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall Jan-April	£ 48.00	Chq 1738
Christine Saint	Reimbursement of Jubilee Bench	£ 660.00	Chq 1739
	Total	<u>£4,491.26</u>	

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.

ii. Other:

The Clerk asked councillors to approve that cheque no. 1697 is written off. This cheque dates back to October and the recipient has not cashed it. It was RESOLVED to write off the cheque.

22/072 PLANNING

22/072/a Planning Information

None declared.

22/072/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

No new applications received this month.

22/072/c Planning Decisions and Reports

i. Decisions:

22/00891/TCA – notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to no. 2 trees within a Conservation Area – Montacute House, Bishopston, TA15 6XP – decided

21/03340/LBC – internal and external alterations and associated works - 25 The Borough, Montacute TA15 6XB – approved

ii. Reports:

22/00742/HOU – extension and internal remodelling – 16 Park View, Montacute TA15 6XW – awaiting decision

21/03731/FUL & 21/03732/LBC – conversion of the former piggery to dual use as a self-contained residential annexe to the principal farmhouse and a holiday let – Abbey Farm, Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6UA – awaiting decision. No update since February

20/00991/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the residential development of land for up to 17 no. dwellings – Land at Mason Lane, Montacute – This is still awaiting decision. Further information has been received from Historic England and Strategic Planning. The developers have submitted a revised Flood Risk Assessment.

22/073 GOVERNANCE

The Clerk said the Somerset Association of Local Councils were holding some training events for new councillors. It was agreed for the Clerk to email the details to councillors. **Action Clerk**

22/074 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from St Catherine's PCC asking if a representative from the Parish Council could attend the Queen's Platinum Jubilee service on Sunday 5th June. Cllr McFarlane agreed to attend.

22/075 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Traffic Calming

22/076 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.27pm. The next meeting will be held in the village hall at 7pm on Monday, 20th June 2022.