EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 06 10 26

Held in Evercreech Village Hall

Present: Derek Sharp, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford (Chair), Murray Stewart, Daryl Issit
5 members of the public.
Lynn Crisp – Clerk

i)	**Public Open Session** Mill. Gardens – since the bench has been installed anti-social behavior has re commenced. Feels the Parish Council are not listening to residents. When the benches were fenced off the behaviour ceased. On the 9th September, youths entered their garden in the early hours. Tonight a resident was intimidated by youths in the area. Strongly urged the council to reinstate the measures that worked i.e. removing the use of the benches. Resident left the meeting at 7.02 pm.	**Lead**
ii)	**Somerset Councillor Report** Received prior to meeting.	
001	**Meeting open time** 19.03	
002	**To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))** Cllr Reed personal - approved Cllr Sellar personal - approved	
003	**Declarations of interests.** Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations) None declared.	
004	**To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) September 2026 Proposed: GW Seconded: RW Chair signed as a true record.	
005	**Actions List** Clerk updated the list.	
006	**Finance** a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for October 2026 Will be presented at next meeting. b. To REPORT income received in October Will be presented at next meeting. c. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments. DI and DS d. Finance Update Backdated pay award. The 3.3% pay award is backdated to April 2026. AGAR – external auditor initial findings were read by all Cllrs present.	

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007	**Planning** Ex Greencore site update. a. Resident email with comments to the Parish Council. Noted that The Clerk had asked them to contact Somerset Council Planning Department for their comments to be registered. b. Resident email with concerns re boundary wall. Noted that The Clerk replied with the site owners details. c. Regeneration Proposal for the former Greencore site – to note proposer neither owns the site nor has approached the owners of the site. Cllrs discussed this matter in full. The conclusion was reached that Cllrs cannot comment until a planning application is received via Somerset Council Planning Department. Clerk to respond. d. Email from Co Op with request for other suitable sites for them to relocate. Possibly Leighton Lane site and Co Op could approach Savilles. Opposite Bridge Close. Field next to Horsehill Meadows – possibly owned by Peter Green. It should be noted that the Co-op simply asked for suggestions for other sites around the village, based on local knowledge. The suggestions provided do not imply that any of these sites have been approved or endorsed by the Parish Council, nor do they suggest that the sites are intended or proposed for shop development. **Application Number:** 2025/1931/FUL **Proposal:** Erection of 2 commercial units in 1 building **Location:** Wayside Farm, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QW **Applicant:** Mr Ryall **Application Type:** Full Application Approve Proposed: GW Seconded: RR Agreed **Application Number:** 2026/1724/TCA **Proposal:** T1 - Holm Oak- Reduction **Location:** 3 Enfield Terrace Weymouth Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset **Applicant:** Mrs Herlock **Application Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA Tree Officer Proposed: GW Seconded: RR **Application Number:** 2026/1772/HSE **Proposal:** Householder planning permission for a driveway at the front of the property and an outbuilding shed in the back garden, positioned next to the existing greenhouse. **Location:** 44 Maesdown Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6LD **Applicant:** E Wolland **Application Type:** Householder Application Approve Proposed: RW	**Clerk** **Clerk**

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008	**Cemetery** a. Update b. Approve any memorial requests Approved. c. Request to bridge 2 adjacent graves with 1 headstone. Request refused.	
009	Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields:	

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	a. Graffiti removal – on sign, new sign could be ordered. Existing sign coming away from fence. Cllrs asked The Clerk to order a new sign. Anti-graffiti signs if possible. b. Sign saying under 8 years old is missing and have requested the backing plate to be removed asap. Cllrs asked The Clerk to order a new sign. c. Fields in Trust update and request for a Cllr to take this forward. 2 Cllrs to work on this please. CS has kindly offered to take the video, GW and DI will lead on answering the questions they have asked. d. Email from neighbour re concerns. Looking at Phase 1 - fencing and paths. Skate Park: Nothing to report.	Clerk
010	Village maintenance feedback/update: CCTV on Parish Council Land – begin the conversation. C/Forward. Consider writing to Selwood Housing Association re rubbish left in The Drang and the general state of the homes on Leighton Lane. Clerk will write to them. Report from a Business Support Officer, Somerset Council re an abandoned motorcycle on Bowns Close. Noted. Fire on the grass at Queens Road Playing Fields. The perpetrator has written a letter of apology which the police have read to The Clerk. The Police do not issue a copy. Noted. Heritage at Risk. No change to the list sent so no response is necessary. Finger Post Signs A resident has offered to source a list of positions around the village. If this is not forthcoming, MS will provide a list.	Clerk MS
011 a	Bus representative Thanks to CS for uploading the bus timetable on the PC website. Thanks to the Parish Council for their piece re buses in Evercreech News.	
011 b	Village Hall DFIB Demonstration. Taking place on 26th January 2027, Village Hall 7 – 9 pm. Refreshments will be served.	
011 c	Patient Participation Group The group is meeting on 4th November 2026.	
011 d	War Memorial Mark Adler, Mendip Times - writing an article with Evercreech members of the Royal British Legion. British Legion wrote to the PC thanking them for the work. Clerk will take photos and send them to Mark Adler. Cllr Williams will attend remembrance service on behalf of the PC.	Clerk
011 e	Tree Planting Trees are available for planting on public land. Cllrs discussed suitable areas of Parish Land. RW will ask the sports club for suitable sites at Weston Town Sports Field at their next meeting.	

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	Discussions took place regarding planting trees at Queens Road Playing Fields. A conclusion was not reached. Trees will be supplied free of charge.	
011 f	Elections Briefing – notes for Cllrs provided. Noted. Add to all agendas until elections. RW kindly offered to deliver the completed forms, on behalf of all Cllrs to Somerset Council, Taunton.	RW
011 g	Evercreech Prepared Cllrs discussed arrangements if electricity/water/other services fail in the village. GW agreed to represent the Parish Council. The Clerk will write to The Church, Evercreech School, Women's Institute, The Village Hall to request participation in setting up a group.	Clerk
011 h	Youth Club Update Ex Youth Club Building. The group interested in using the building has written asking questions regarding parking. Cllrs agreed that hard-standing parking could not be installed near to the building. The Clerk was asked to write to the group answering their questions. Youth Club Worker – the matter is in hand. Cllrs requested copies of the Youth Club meeting minutes going forward.	Clerk
011 i	Footpaths Formal representation under section 130(6) of the Highways Act 1980 – unlawful obstruction of public right of way SM 11/8 Response from Somerset Council – Footpath around lake opposite The Bath and West Showground. Somerset Council will be conducting an official survey on the 10th. Following this, the matter will be referred to the legal department to initiate enforcement proceedings. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Sellar.	
011 j	Evercreech Show Feedback: An excellent show. Positive feedback all round. Thanks to the committee for organising this. Communication between The Show Society and The Sports Club needs to be tightened up for next year.	
011k	Village Christmas Tree – lights on – 28th November 2026 time 6.00 pm, St Peter's Churchyard. The contractor and the Church representative will co-ordinate the placing of the tree.	
012	To note/forwarded Public Transport - Shepton Mallet on the Move — seeking Local Community Network support. Training opportunities. Parish Online - It's time to focus on YOUR wellbeing! SCRAPP Meeting 30th September 2026 at 7pm. Parish Information Sheet - My Community Programme Update – Flood Resilience. Somerset Bus Enhanced Partnership Survey, Bus Champions and Bus Franchising Update Parish Update Email - contains important information - please circulate it to your councillors. Local Council Network - Walk for a Life event being held on Thursday 17th Sept. at 5.30pm from Shepton Mallet Library, 2 Market Place, Shepton Mallet. Somerset Prepared September/October 2026 Newsletter - event special The Worker Protection Act 2023 - Specialist HR Training Somerset Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting 8th October 2026	

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	Parish Update Email - contains important information - please circulate to your councillors Flood Warden Lunch and Learn Session - Flood Warden Role and Winter Readiness, Thurs 17 September, 12:30pm Important - Online Parish Briefing Session on the New National Planning Policy Framework and National Scheme of Delegation 17th September 4pm - Please circulate to your councillors Conference Special Newsletter September 2026 From SRA: Community Flood Action Fund news + annual resilience day + report. **Temporary Road Closure:** ttro414128E - Queens Road, Shapway Lane and Victoria Lane, Evercreech - 26th October 2026 and last for 8 days to enable SAS Utilities to carry out phased ducting works on behalf of Gigaclear. **Temporary Road Closure:** ttro255786E - Weston Town, Evercreech - 26th October 2026 and last for 2 days (08:00 - 18:00) to enable Southwest Overhead Services to replace a pole on behalf of Openreach.	
013	Agenda items for next meeting: Millenium Gardens to be on the agenda for the next 6 months please Finger post signs – MS CCTV Youth Club Fields in Trust Tree planting Elections Evercreech Prepared.	
014	Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall REAR ROOM, **TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2026 – NOTE DATE CHANGE** 7.00 pm (subject to change)	
015	Close of meeting: Name: Lynn Crisp Time: 8:34	

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