

West Bagborough Parish Council.
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 20th September 2018

Present: Cllrs: Charlie Ritchie. Stuart Parkman., Lorna Hending. Martin Jones. Martin King. W.Waygood. Elaine Woollacott

In Attendance: Cllr Jane Warmington Cllr Peter Watson. TDBC. Cllr M.Rigby SCC

Apologies. none required

Parishioners Questions. A parishioner raised 2 questions about the Car Park and the condition of Stout Lane. "Access to the lane is now virtually impossible or at least very dangerous". The Chair advised that the proposal for a car park was being progressed and confirmed that the Parish Council has been challenging SCC about the state of Stout Lane for many years. Some work has been planned to divert flow into neighbouring property to alleviate flash flooding problems.

Declarations of Interest. Cllr King re Cricket Club. Cllr Woollacott re Burial Ground

Minutes of Last Meeting

Council resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as a true record.

182. Crime Report.

182.1. Nothing received

183. County and District Councillors Reports.

183.1. Cllr Rigby spoke about the planned reduction in services as part of further cost cutting programmes. Highways, for example, plan to reduce the precautionary gritting of the road over the hill from Bishops Lydeard to Bridgwater. Grit bins will not be refilled. Concerns over the quality of the hedge cutting this year have been reported. A feasibility study for some improvements at the Farmers Arms turning has been put forward under the small works scheme.

183.2. Cllr Watson reported that the preferred option for the new ward boundary is the Quantock South proposal which would see West Bagborough remain with Bishops Lydeard for the new District Council wards.

184. Matters Arising. (On going Matters.)

184.1. Play park project. The clerk outlined the proposal from Sovereign Play for an on-going maintenance and inspection contract. Council decided to accept the basic package and to set up a rota for the required weekly inspections. The surface around the pirate ship requires some refilling with playbark. Cllr Waygood offered to spread the playbark when it arrives.

184.2. Proposed car Park. The Clerk presented two quotes for obtaining the Planning Permission. The fixed price contract with Ian Collier was chosen.

184.3. Triscombe Quarry. Cllr King reported that a bund is to be built for the Quarry to prevent water outflow in case of collapses of the quarry wall. There have been more cases of trespass at the Quarry. Tarmac are aware.

184.4. War Memorial Repairs. A like for like replacement of the wooden shingle boards is outstanding. Cllr King has the work in hand.

- 184.5. Fields in Trust. The draft agreement for the Cricket Field has been agreed by the Council and returned to FIT.
- 184.6. Village Design Statement Update. The Clerk has reviewed the statement and recommended that only paragraph 2.5 requires review. Cllr Watson was asked to seek help from Planning Dept for suggestions on what to change in detail for para 2.5
- 184.7. Revised Ward Boundaries. See comments from Council Cllr Watson at 183.2 above.
- 184.8. Unauthorised Development at Vale View. The development has been removed on instruction from the Housing Association.

185. Planning.

- 185.1. 45/18/0011. Barn at London Farm. Council supports the application.

186. Finances

- 186.1. Payments confirmed as listed on the agenda.
- 186.2. Council discussed the annual maintenance payments for the burial ground and cricket ground and noted that as no requests for increases has been received payments would remain as per last year.

187. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision. None

188. Correspondence for Information. & Briefing/Library Documents.

- 188.1. Information from regular sources such as CPRE, SCC, Somerset Waste, TDBC, NHS etc are now circulated electronically between meetings for Councillors to review and to raise agenda items if required.

AOB.

Cllr Parkman raised the matter of the Quantock Hills AONB strategy and in particular the question of whether the Quantocks should be merged with Exmoor National Park. Council agreed that this would not be advantageous to the AONB and Cllr Parkman could advise the JAC accordingly.

Cllr Hending reported that the ditch at the end of Jubilee Walk needs clearing and asked again if the hedges could be trimmed opposite the seats in order to return the open view. Cllr Waygood explained that he has been unable to trim the hedging due to restrictions but would look again this year.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall **15th November 2018 at 1900 hrs.**