

Clatworthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2023 in Clatworthy Village Hall

Present: John Ward (Vice Chair), Marcus Blackburn (Clerk), Linda Sharp, Jacob Forgham, Stephen Branfield

1. Apologies

Sally Moran, Margaret Deer, Steven Pugsley (Somerset County Councillor), Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Councillor), Dave Mansell (District Councillor)

2. Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the Parish Council AGM held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 were approved as complete and accurate.

3. Update from County Council

As neither Frances nor Steven was able to attend the council noted the make-up of the revised LCN and decided to wait for further details when Steven was next able to attend. The council also briefly discussed the potential impact of the likely Highways decision to stop offering to free top up winter salt bins or dumpy bags. It was thought that it would be better if they instead offered to carry out the service but charge a fee.

4. Update regarding Highways Small Improvement Scheme.

John read Sally's email update:

We've had an update about the LCN Highways Small Improvements which I can report. The Traffic Engineer Kate Brown called me to discuss Clatworthy concerns and traffic calming options. She is doing a site visit soon but doesn't need us to be there. Hopefully I've explained the concerns sufficiently. She has agreed to authorise repainting of yellow stripes and slow signs on the road, possibly move the stripes at the entrance to the village to make them more visible to drivers, and consider positioning of safety signs (eg please drive slowly, children and animals in the road).

What we cannot have are:

- * Traffic humps as they have to be lit with clear warning notices sited
- * 20mph signs - she cannot authorise this but would require us to spend £250 on running a speed watch exercise. They would also review the number of reported accidents and incidents. In addition, the PC would have to pay for the signs and their placement.
- * Rumble strips - she doesn't know about those but like the speed limit signs they require a speed watch, evidence of accidents and the PC would need to pay.

Jacob mentioned that village 'gateways' have been used and found to be helpful both other villages. This should be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Details regarding the Coronation of HRH King Charles III.

The coronation of King Charles III will happen on 6th May. The council expect that the village hall committee will arrange and events in celebration within the village. We noted that the council may be asked to provide financial support. The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 2nd May when this could be agreed.

6. Financial Report

7.1 Current Position

Date	Amount	Description
01/11/2022	£ 4,827.19	Opening Balance current a/c
18/11/2022	-£ 100.00	CHQ000078 St Margaret's Hospice
07/02/2023	£ 4,727.19	Closing Balance current a/c
	£ 794.28	Savings A/C as at 9 May 2022
	£ 5,521.47	Total money at bank

This position reconciles with the latest bank statement.

Marcus reminded the council that the AGAR process would commence at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence

No items were included but Jacob reminded the Marcus that we had received a grant request from Wivey Cares. The council agreed to consider the request at the next meeting.

10. Items for next meeting's agenda

Wivey Cares grant request.

Update regarding 'Somerset Prepared' from Jacob.

Any additional items for discussion should be sent to the parish clerk or chairman at least two weeks before the next meeting.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is planned for Tuesday 2nd May 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:15.

Future meetings: 1st August, 7th November 2023