

# ***Clatworthy Parish Council***

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Clatworthy Village Hall

**Present:** Sally Moran (Chair), Marcus Blackburn (Clerk), John Ward, Stephen Branfield, Margaret Deer, Linda Sharp, Frances Nicholson (County Councillor)

Absent: A Cowling

## **1. Apologies**

None received

## **2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

The minutes were accepted as correct and signed by Sally.

## **3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillors agreed to remove the website from the current host and go live with the Hugo-Fox solution.

## **4. Proposed 2022/23 Budget and Precept**

### **4.1 Budget 2022/23**

<b>Payments</b>		
Parish Council Insurance	£	180
Clatworthy Village Hall - Insurance Grant	£	300
Defibrillator Maintenance	£	100
Internal Audit	£	30
SALC Affiliation Fee	£	30
Clerk/Councillor training	£	30
Wivey Link Donation	£	100
Wivey Library Donation	£	75
St Margaret's Hospice – donation	£	100
Musgrove Hospital	£	100
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,045</b>
Reserves (i.e. Current Bank Balance)	<b>£</b>	<b>4,462</b>

Councillors unanimously approved the budget.

#### **4.2 Parish Council Precept 2022/23**

After some discussion, and in light of the potential to erect “smiley face/grumpy face” road signs to encourage slowing down through the village, it was agreed by all to set the precept at £1,000 being the same as last year. This, it was agreed, would be sufficient also to cover unexpected election expenses or contributions to any other traffic calming scheme agreed with Highways.

The councillors were reminded that parishioners pay the precept through the community charge.

#### **5. Wiveliscombe Library Donation**

Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £75 to the library. This will be a Section 137 payment.

#### **6. Updates from County and District Councillors**

Frances Nicholson provided an update regarding the four pilots of the proposed network of Town and Parish Councils including Dulverton and Exmoor Division focusing on how Highways can work better.

Our own Highways initiative - an application to the small improvement scheme may still proceed, though Frances was not sure.

#### **7. Planning**

The owners of The Old Rectory noted that although their planning application to modernise the coach house had been approved it came with a condition to permanently close access to the track between the village hall and the glebe field. Although the track to the glebe field is owned by them, there are conditions in the Rectory sale deeds from 1952 that mean they are unable to comply with the closure. These rights of access are important for the village and the owners of the village hall. The Old Rectory have raised the issue with the planning authority. The rights given to Owners of the village hall include access via the track to reach the hall's septic tank drainage facilities which are sited in the glebe field behind the Old Rectory garden. Farmers and users of the glebe field have the right of access for farm machinery and agricultural equipment.

Sally agreed to write to the planning authority in support of the Old Rectory owners application to lift the condition closing the track.

## 8. Financial Report

### 8.1 Current Position

The bank has not yet completed the handover of the account and no new statements had been made available to Marcus. However, given that Marcus has the check book, which is the only means of drawing down on the account, and no new checks have been written, we have to assume that the current bank balance is as before.

<b>Bank Balance 30 Jul 2021</b>	<b>£ 4,461.71</b>
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## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Mobile Phone Service Boost

Sally introduced the email concerning the scheme to improve mobile phone coverage in rural parts of Devon and Somerset.

### 8.2 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2ND JUNE 2022

Sally introduced the correspondence regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and asked John to speak with the owners of the land regarding the lighting of the beacon.

## 9. Items For Next Meetings Agenda

No items were raised for the next meeting's agenda at this time.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is planned for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:30.

**Future meetings:** 15 February 2022, 24 May 2022, 16 August 2022 and 15 November 2022