

Clatworthy Parish Council

A meeting of Clatworthy Parish Council was scheduled for Tuesday 17 November 2020, but was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. In its place, reports were made to councillors by mail and e-mail and consequent decisions were made and are recorded in these minutes.

Active participants: S.Moran (Chair), M. Blackburn, S.Branfield, A.Cowling, M.Deer, S.McIntosh, J.Ward, N.E.Martin (Clerk).

1. Apologies: None received.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 18 August 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 August 2020 were accepted as correct and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

3. Update from District/County Councils

No representative from either District or County Council was participating.

4. Planning

4.1 Reservoir Development Plans 3-06-20-001

Following a meeting with Wessex Water, a full report was circulated to councillors and a paper copy is in the hall for anyone else to view. Chair Sally has responded to the planning application on behalf of the PC.

Action: COMPLETE

4.2 Community shop at Raleigh's Cross 3-06-20-002

The application was discussed with residents and Councillors and the Parish Council's response was circulated to councillors prior to submission to SW&T council.

[The application has subsequently been withdrawn.]

5. Roads

5.1 Hedge cutting and haunches

It was noted that the hedge opposite Rock Cottage was completely missed by the hedge cutter. It was unclear whether the responsibility lay with District or County and in the absence of any relevant Councillor, the Clerk will attempt to find out who should be notified.

Once again the gutters beyond the village towards Forches Cross were not cleared after the hedge cutting had taken place. This matter was raised with the District Council last year and should not have happened again. The District Councillors will be asked to investigate.

The issues of **hedge cutting** and clearance of **haunchings** were raised with our District and County Councillors. Cllr Dave, SW&T, confirmed that hedge cutting was the responsibility of SCC and that hedge cutters should be responsible for clearing cuttings. No response was received from Cllr Frances, SCC. No further action will be taken at this stage.

Action: ONGOING

5.2 Traffic speed

Chair Sally had contacted County Councillor Frances to inform her of the result of the local survey and to confirm the application for funding from the Highway Small Improvement Scheme. No response has yet been received.

It is noted that the recent increase in volume and speed of traffic throughout the parish makes it more urgent that some remedial action is taken.

In the light of the proposed development at the reservoir, and increasing visitor numbers, these issues are also being followed up with Wessex Water in parallel with any progress with the Small Improvements Scheme.

Action: ONGOING

5.3 Winter grit

The Clerk reported that the parish has been asked to confirm the location of the grit/salt bins in the parish and to notify the County Council of those that need filling; this was not done. However, dumpy bags of road

salt have been provided more or less as in previous years, but there is a extra bag between Forches Cross and the B3224 which might be better moved to the steep corner past Cordings Farm, on the parish boundary, where the grit bin has been completely destroyed.

6. Finance

6.1 Current position and spend against budget

	£		
Balance at Lloyds Williton 18/8/2020	4515.75		
Receipts	£	Ref	Details
None			
Total Receipts	0.00		
Payments	£	Cheque #	Details
S.Moran (replaces cheque 53)	18.00	62	Reimbursement for defib signage
SALC	24.68	60	Affiliation fee 2020/21
SALC	30.00	61	Planning training for Marcus
Post Office (replaces cheque 57)	100.00	63	SW&T uncontested Election Fee
Total Payments	172.68		
Balance at Lloyds Williton 11/11/2020	4343.07		

Spend against 20-21 budget

	Plan	Actual	Comments
Audit fees	40.00	30.00	
Insurance – Parish Council	200.00	166.98	
Clatworthy VH – Insurance	300.00		<i>Due around now</i>
Election expenses	100.00	100.00	Planned for 19/20. Invoiced after year end
SALC membership	40.00	24.68	
Clerk/Councillor training	50.00	30.00	
Postage & stationery	30.00		<i>Due before year end</i>
Wivey Link - donation	100.00		
Highways	500.00		
Parish web site	40.00		<i>Due before year end</i>
Contingency/Misc	500.00		<i>Donations, etc. ?</i>
Total	1900.00	351.66	

6.2 Payments for authorisation

The Clerk was authorised to pay the Village Hall insurance provided it came within the limit set in the budget for 2020/21.

6.3 Proposed budget and precept for 2021-22

Details of the proposed budget and precept calculation were mailed to Councillors before the meeting.

In summary: the bank balance at year end is forecast to be between £2873 - £3373 and budgeted expenditure for 2021/22 is £1720.

A reduced precept of £1000 is therefore proposed for 2021/22 and it is suggested that, for the time being, the PC should not seek to increase its year end balance, but to retain working capital at around £3000 to provide a comfortable reserve.

Councillors unanimously accepted the proposed budget and agreed the precept.

7. Other matters for information

None.

Meeting dates for 2020/21

Tuesday 16 February 2021, Tuesday 18 May 2021.