

Clatworthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 August 2021 in Clatworthy Village Hall

Present: Sally Moran (Chair), Marcus Blackburn (Clerk), John Ward, Stephen Branfield, Margaret Deer, Linda Sharp, Dave Mansell (District Councillor), Norma E. Martin (guest)

Absent: A Cowling

1. Apologies

Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Councillor)

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th May 2021

The minutes were accepted as correct and signed by Sally.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Updates from County and District Councillors

Dave Mansell gave an update for the District.

He confirmed that Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, had made the decision that Somerset shall have a unitary council from 2023. Elections to the new council will take place in 2022. Further, it is intended that new networks of Town and Parish Councils will be formed. (See update below from Frances Nicholson).

The District is currently working on strategies for dealing with rough sleeping which may become an issue subsequent to changes made after the COVID-19 laws bringing all such 'inside'.

Dave also noted that, due to the difficulty with staffing levels of waste disposal drivers, garden waste collection have been cancelled until September 13, 2021.

Frances Nicholson had provided an update by email from which Sally read, noting certain items in particular.

There will be 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.

5. Co-option of Linda Sharp to fill vacant Councillor position on Parish Council (PC)

The Councillors present unanimously agreed to co-opt Linda Sharpe as Councillor for the parish and welcomed her. Linda was the sole applicant for the position.

6. Agree use of HugoFox as provider of web hosting for Parish Council website

Norma gave an update on her work creating a new web site using the services provided by HugoFox. The new site will be compliant with accessibility requirements and provide all the functionality we currently require. The site builder tools provided were adequate for our needs and Norma provided screen shots of several pages for review.

Sally thanked Norma for her time and energy developing the project and the PC agreed to use the HugoFox service to host the PC website.

7. Agree that Norma Martin be webmaster for the site

The PC accepted Norma's kind offer to take the site live and be web master while she is willing.

8. Planning – confirm that no issues have been raised by PC in respect of three planning application (Old Rectory and two by Wessex Water)

Sally confirmed that no issues had been raised by the PC in relation to these three planning applications.

9. Financial Report

9.1 Current Position

Bank Balance 26 April 2021	£ 4,748.69
CHQ 69 PC Insurance	-£ 166.98
CHQ 68 N Martin Postage and Stationary	-£ 30.00
CHQ 70 SALC Training 2 @ £30	-£ 60.00
CHQ 71 Judith Bryant Audit Fee	-£ 30.00
Bank Balance 30 Jul 2021	£ 4,461.71

9.2 Payments for authorisation

None.

10. Correspondence

Marcus had received a letter from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership asking for a financial donation to support Wiveliscombe Library. Marcus will see how much has been donated in the past and will put the matter on the agenda of the next meeting for decision.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is planned for Tuesday 16th November 2021

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

Future meetings: 16 November 2021, 15 February 2022, 24 May 2022, 16 August 2022 and 15 November 2022