

# ***Clatworthy Parish Council***

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in Clatworthy Village Hall**

**Present:** S.Moran (Chair), M. Blackburn, M.Deer, S.McIntosh, J.Ward, N.E.Martin (Clerk).

**1. Apologies:** S.Branfield, A.Cowling.

### **2. Minutes of meetings held in February and May 2020**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 25 February 2020 and 26 May 2020 were accepted as correct and were signed by the Chair.

### **3. Ratification of matters agreed in May.**

All actions agreed and decisions made by e-mail following the failure of the planned videoconference meeting in May were confirmed..

### **4. Matters arising not covered on the agenda**

It was noted that the error in the May 2019 minutes, which was identified by the internal auditor, has been corrected and the amendment signed by the Chair.

### **5. Update from District/County Councils**

No representative was present from either District or County Council.

### **6. Reservoir Development Plans**

The proposed plans for the development of Clatworthy Reservoir and the personal response to Wessex Water from the village's Parish Path Liaison Officer had both been distributed to councillors before the meeting. The meeting agreed with many of the points raised in the response, including:

- the inappropriate design of the proposed buildings;
- access to and from the local footpath network;
- the undesirability of encouraging any use of the perimeter path other than for walking;
- the importance of maintaining the natural, wild environment and peaceful atmosphere.

Concern was also raised about the recent very noticeable increase in traffic on roads giving access to the reservoir and consequently throughout the parish.

It was agreed that an 'official' response to the plans should be made by the Parish Council.

**Action: Sally**

### **7. Roads**

#### **7.1 Hedge cutting**

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.

**Action: Norma**

#### **7.2 Haunchings**

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.

**Action: Norma**

### 7.3 Traffic speed

The Chair has 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.

### 7.4 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. Last year we asked for, and received, a number of bags of road salt (which were subsequently collected by the Council in early Spring) in lieu of bins that had been regularly destroyed by hedge cutting machines. Councillor Frances may be able to advise whether or not this can be done again.

## 8. Finance

### 8.1 Current position and spend against budget

	<b>£</b>		
<b>Balance at Lloyds Williton 12/5/2020</b>	<b>4742.73</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Details</b>
None			
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque #</b>	<b>Details</b>
N E Martin	30.00	56	Postage and stationery
Community First Trading	166.98	59	PC Insurance 2020/21
N E Martin	30.00	58	Reimbursement of internal audit fee
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>226.98</b>		
<b>Balance at Lloyds Williton 18/8/2020</b>	<b>4515.75</b>		
<b>Unpresented cheques</b>			
S.Moran	18.00	53	Reimbursement for defib signage
SW&T District Council	100.00	57	Uncontested Election fee

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### Spend against 20-21 budget

	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Audit fees	40.00	30.00	
Insurance – Parish Council	200.00	166.98	
Clatworthy VH – Insurance	300.00		
Election expenses	100.00	100.00	Planned for 19/20. Invoiced after year end
SALC membership	40.00		
Clerk/Councillor training	50.00		
Postage & stationery	30.00		
Wivey Link - donation	100.00		
Highways	500.00		
Parish web site	40.00		
Contingency/Misc	500.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1900.00</b>	<b>296.98</b>	

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Chair Sally apologised for not having presented cheque #53, which can no longer be found. A replacement cheque will be issued.

## **8.2 Payments authorised**

£24.68 to SALC - affiliation fee 2020/21

£30.00 to SALC - training session on responding to planning applications for Marcus.

£18.00 to Sally – replacement for lost cheque #53

## **9. Correspondence**

Reservoir visitor improvements – covered in Section 6 above.

## **10. Other matters for information**

### **10.1 Web site accessibility requirements**

There is a requirement for all councils' web sites to meet certain accessibility requirements by this September. As Clatworthy uses the Wivey web site, as does the Wivey Town Council, the clerk has asked them if they are, or will be, conformant and if they have to carry out any additional steps beforehand. A positive response was received in which they assured us that we would be notified when any decision was made. The situation should be monitored.

### **10.2 Draft cycling and walking manifesto**

After soliciting the opinions of Councillors, Chair Sally replied to the manifesto indicating that Clatworthy PC could not support it. A copy of her response has been e-mailed to Councillors.

## **Meeting dates for 2020/21**

The following dates are confirmed for Parish Council meetings in 2020/21:

Tuesday 17 November 2020, Tuesday 16 February 2021, Tuesday 18 May 2021.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20.