

Clatworthy Parish Council

A meeting of Clatworthy Parish Council was scheduled for Tuesday 16 February 2021, but was initially postponed and subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. In its place, reports were made to councillors by mail and e-mail and consequent decisions were made which are recorded in these minutes dated 14 March 2021.

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

1. Apologies: None received.

2. Minutes of virtual meeting recorded on 20 November 2020

The minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting originally scheduled for 17 November 2020 were accepted as correct and the Chair was authorised to sign them. There were no matters arising.

3. Update from District/County Councils

An e-mail report was received from District on 11/2/21 and forwarded to Councillors. A follow up Town and Parish meeting was held over Zoom on 2/3/21.

[A report of that meeting was forwarded to Councillors on 18/3/21.]

4. Planning

4.1 Reservoir Development Plans 3-06-20-001

Revised plans have been submitted by Wessex Water; Chair Sally has responded on behalf of the PC following discussion with Councillors.

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

The application has been withdrawn.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: COMPLETE**

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 Parish Council were made aware that during a recent cold spell, when the designated gritting route to Clatworthy was closed, the gritting lorry used the diversion route past Cordings Farm, but failed to grit the road despite it being treacherous. The PC is asked to raise the matter with the Roads department.

6. Broadband

Technological recently sent a comprehensive report on progress to people registered with them for a broadband connection. The report highlighted that delays over the winter have slowed the expected delivery of broadband to Clatworthy, but that it is still expected to arrive once access has been granted to cross reservoir land.

Chair Sally has spoken to Phil Timings, Wessex Water Community Engagement Officer, about progress getting broadband to the fishing lodge. Technological has proposed that the fibre be laid across Wessex Water land, ducted over the dam and on into Clatworthy village (with the right permissions) along the north side of the lane. Phil said that Wessex Water has agreed in principle and they now wait for Wessex Water land agents and surveyors to formally agree a route.

7. Finance

	£		
Balance at Lloyds Williton 11/11/2020	4343.07		
Receipts	£	Ref	Details
None			
Total Receipts	0.00		
Payments	£	Cheque #	Details
Clatworthy Village Hall	294.38	64	VH Insurance 2020-21
Total Payments	294.38		
Balance at Lloyds Williton 3/3/2021	4048.69		

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	294.38	
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		<i>No requirement anticipated</i>
Parish web site	40.00		<i>Due before year end</i>
Contingency/Misc	500.00		<i>Donations, etc. to be decided</i>
Total	1900.00	646.04	

7.1 Current position and spend against budget

7.2 Payments for authorisation

The Clerk was authorised to pay the Postage and Stationery allowance and the web site (domain name) fee.

7.3 Charitable donations

Councillors also authorised the Clerk to make donations of £100 to each of: Wivey Link, Love Musgrove, and St Margarets Hospice.

8. Other matters for information

None.

Meeting dates for 2020/21

Tuesday 18 May 2021. **AGM**, preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting**.