

# ***Clatworthy Parish Council***

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in Clatworthy Village Hall

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

## **1. Apologies**

Stephen Branfield , Margaret Deer ,Dave Mansell (District Councillor)

## **2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The minutes were accepted as correct and signed by Sally.

### **2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Sally informed us that the requirement on the owners of The Old Rectory by planning to close off access to the glebe field had been removed from the approval conditions.

## **3. Update from County and District Councillors**

Frances informed us that she had been unable to attend the latest Local Community Network Parish Pilot – Highways (Exmoor) meeting but had heard that it was a useful meeting. Also, Dave Mansell had sent an update by email to all parish councillors on this and other subjects.

## **4. Platinum Jubilee update from Sally and John**

Sally told us that the Village Hall Committee were organising a street party and we discussed where this might best be located. A road closure is normally quite expensive – though Frances noted that the county might waive the fee for the Jubilee.

John confirmed that the new owners of the Raleghs Cross Inn were happy that the beacon be lit. However, who was qualified to light the beacon had not yet been resolved.

### **4.1 Platinum Jubilee commemorative gift for parish children**

The council approved in principle the idea to provide a commemorative gift of the Jubilee to parish children. There are thought to be twelve at present. At this stage it is not clear what form this would take or the cost and so further research is needed.

## **5. Exmoor Local Community Network update from Sally**

In December Linda, John, Margaret and Sally attended a listening exercise by members of the Highways Authority when they visited all the Exmoor and Brendon Hill parishes in one day to hear the concerns of local people about our roads. The biggest concern raised by the parishes, including ours, was around the need for more effective and timely two-way

communication. The next most common complaint was about signage associated with road works.

The listening exercise resulted in a draft action paper the Highways Authority took to the Exmoor National Park authority meeting in January. The paper informs the Local Community Network Highways initiative. At the Panel meeting several suggestions were made to build on the initial paper. The meeting Frances was unable to attend was the next step to achieve this.

## 6. Financial Report

Marcus confirmed that the latest bank statement confirmed the councils financial position (see below).

Sally and Marcus signed a cheque for the Wivey Library (S137) grant of £75 as previously agreed and Marcus delivered the cheque to the WAP office the following day.

### 6.1 Current Position

<b>Bank Balance 30 Jul 2021</b>	<b>£4,461.71</b>
CHQ 72 Clatworthy Village Hall Insurance Grant 9 Dec 2021	-£304.38
<b>Bank Balance 9 Dec 2021</b>	<b>£4,157.33</b>

## 7. Correspondence

Sally advised the meeting Andrew Cowling had resigned from the council due to work commitments. The council were very appreciative of Andrew's contribution and support and wished him well.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is planned for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

**Future meetings:** 10 May 2022, 16 August 2022 and 15 November 2022