

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

1. **Present:** B. Quantrill (Chairman), K. Ham (Vice Chairman), M. Parrett, W. Andrews, I. Ham, T. Jones, A. Woollon,
In Attendance: A. Parfitt (Clerk) and J. Augustus (Clerk)

- 2 **Apologies** Cllr B. Filmer and Police **Absent** None

The Chairman welcomed John Augustus as the new Clerk and noted that John had been working alongside Alan Parfitt since the 1st December and will officially take over from Alan on the 1st January 2018.

3. **Police** Local Crime report for November
Burglary Res 1 (down 1 on last month)
Burglary Bus & Com 2 (down 1 on last month)
Criminal Damage 6 (down 2 on last month)
Theft from Motor 8 (up 3 on last month)
Calls categorised as ASB 10 (down 3 on last month)
There have been no planned car events organized in November in the Gorge
1 incidents of ASB

4. **Public Voice**
None

5. **Declaration of Interests**
None

6. **Minutes of last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November were accepted unanimously
Prop. Cllr. I. Ham

7. **Correspondence for Note or Action**
None

8. **Correspondence for Information**
Magazine - Circulated

9. **New Business**
None.

10. **Planning**

❖ **Current Applications**

Ref:49/17/00023 – Greystone Yard, Nottinghill Way, Upper Weare.

Proposed alterations to landscaping works including replacement of bund with hedges and levelling of ground.

It was agreed to support this application; concern was expressed as to the disposal of the soil to an approved site.

Ref: 49/17/00024 – Baytree Cottage, Brinscombe Lane, Weare.

Erection of two storey extension to rear (North) elevation, porch to side (East) and side (West) elevation and detached double garage.

It was agreed that there were **No Observations** regarding this application.

Ref: 49/17/00022 – Box Tree Cottages, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare.

Erection of dwelling and formation of access.

It was agreed that there were **No Observations** regarding this application.

❖ **Applications dealt with by delegation**

None

❖ **Applications dealt with by Sedgemoor DC**

Ref: 49/17/00019 – Field Farm, Alston Sutton

Installation of dormer window to rear and replacement - Granted Permission.

Ref: 49/17/00020 – Dapplewood Cottage, Coombe Lane.

Erection of first floor extension including erection of curved metal roof – No decision as yet.

Ref: 49/17/00021 – Badgworth Barns, Nottingham Way, Weare.

Erection of dwelling – No decision as yet.

❖ **Other Planning Matters**

None

11. Reports

(1) County Councillor – None

(2) Cluster – Meeting held on Thursday 30th November at Mark – Cllr B. Quantrill gave a detailed update of the meeting.

(3) Footpaths – Cllr M. Parrett expressed his concerns over the Cradle Bridge down Splott Lane as being unsafe. Cllr M. Parrett to investigate.

(4) SALC –No Report

(5) Highways

1 Traffic Speeds on Turnpike Road (A38)

The clerk reported that after various email correspondence with Dave Grabham from Somerset Highways. Somerset have decided that they are unable to support the application for Vehicle Activated Signs as Lower Weare does not meet the criteria.

Clerk to write to County Councillor B. Filmer for advice and support.

2 Parking outside school

Parents were ignoring new white lines. Clerk has contacted the Headmistress requesting that parents dropping off children adhere to the rules of the road.

3 Email received from Parishoner

Concernes were made over the projected number of lorries that will be passing through Lower Weare in order to complete the jetty by EDF.

Members noted email and suggested that James Heappey MP be informed.

- (6) **WWWW/The Coombe**
Cllr A. Woollon noted that the grid over the entrance into the field had flooded again. Cllr A. Woollon said that he would clear it again and will report back to Members at the next meeting.
- (7) **Burial Ground** – All OK.
- (8) **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr B. Andrews has said that he would forward on any details that he receives to Members.
- (9) **Farm Watch** – Cllr B. Quantrill noted that there had been an increase in thefts of tractor batteries and the pilfering of fuel from vehicles. Cllr B. Quantrill said to remain vigilant and to report any incidents.
- (10) **Defibrillators** – Both OK
- (11) **Other Reports**
 - a) **Position of Clerk**
This has now been resolved with the new Clerk taking up official post from the 1st January 2018. Cllr K. Ham thanked Alan on behalf of all Members for his support and commitment to the Parish over the past 12 years.
 - b) **Memorial Hall Notice Board**
Cllr B. Quantrill confirmed that he would look into repairs to the board soon.

11. Financial Matters:

- a) **New Items**
 - (i) Budget and Precept – The Budget and Precept was presented by the Clerk and was Prop. Cllr I. Ham and agreed unanimously by the Members.
 - (ii) It was noted that there will be new External Auditors for 2017/18 and that Weare Parish Council will not be subjected to External Audit, we will need to comply with the Transparency Code. The services of PKF Littlejohn LLP will only be called upon if the Council receives a challenge from a member of the public. There will be a fee of £200 to the Council should someone challenge the audit.
 - (iii) The Bank Mandate was signed to change over the new Clerks details.
- b) **Income** - None
- c) **To approve payment of the following:**
 - By Electronic Payment –
 - Clerk's Salary - £339.28
 - PAYE - £84.80
 - Admin - £58.40
 - Ground Maintenance - £303.71
 - By Cheque – None
- d) **Balances** -
 - Current Account** – £2269.28
 - Reserve Account** - £3193.25

4. Payments for Authorisation

November Electronic transfers paid as per bank statement

Signed(Cllr Auditor)

The following cheques were authorised and signed – None

12. Information Items not covered elsewhere or for inclusion on next meeting's agenda

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Annual Parish Meeting – Date and Speaker

13. Date of Next Meetings –Tuesday 16th January 2018

Meeting closed at 9.05

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