

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

Present: B. Quantrill (Chairman), K. Ham (Vice Chairman), M. Parrett, W. Andrews, I. Ham, T. Jones, A. Woollon.

In Attendance: J. Augustus (Clerk) + 2 Guests

18.3.1 To receive any apologies for absence – County Councillor B. Filmer

18.3.2 Police Report:

Local Crime report for February

Burglary Res 1 (down 2 on last month)

Burglary Bus & Com 2 (up 1 on last month)

Criminal Damage 5 (down 5 on last month)

Theft from motor vehicle 2 (up 1 on last month)

Calls categorised as ASB 4 (up 1 on last month)

There have been no planned car events organized in February in the Gorge, but there were 2 calls into police regarding ASB driving, on attendance all cars left the area and no cars seen driving dangerously.

18.3.3 Public Participation if Appropriate – A member of the public voiced his opinion over the speeding traffic running along the A38 from Cross and past Lower Weare. He asked the Council if they were doing anything about it. The Councilors responded that both Somerset Highways, Police and County Council are aware of the problems, but there is no evidence to support a continuous flow of speeding traffic and that it was sporadic. It was agreed that the Clerk write a general letter to Hanson Aggregates to request that their vehicles abide by the speed limit from first thing in the mornings.

18.3.4 Declaration of Interests – None

18.3.5 Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February 2018 were amended to read Bristol Water and not Sussex Water and were then agreed and signed off by the Chairman

18.3.6 Correspondence for Information Only – Details were emailed to Councilors for information only and noted.

(i) Letter of thanks received from Mrs. Farley on behalf of Contact for the kind donation of £200 from the Parish Council.

18.3.7 New Business

i. **Speed Indicator Devices (SID's)** – To note it was agreed not to be included in the new scheme being run by Somerset County Council. The Councilors decided to review the situation in 6 month's time. Proposed by Cllr. B. Andrews and Seconded by Cllr. Tim Jones

ii. **Grasskeep** – To note that it was agreed to award the tender for Weare Village Field to Mr. David Willis for 2018.

- iii. Internal Auditor – The Clerk noted that Mrs. Sue Ball was not able to continue the work of her Late Husband Michael as Internal Auditor. Mr. Alan Parfitt had offered his services for this financial year. The Councilors agreed that this would be a good idea. Proposed by Cllr. M. Parrett and Seconded by Cllr. K. Ham.

18.3.8 Planning

- i. **Current Applications - None**
- ii. **Matters Dealt with by Delegation – None**
- iii. **Matters Dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council**

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

Erection of first floor extension. To note that the application was Delegated – Agreed at Committee.

Re: 49/17/00021 – Badgworth Barns, Notting Hill Way, Weare.

Erection of dwelling – Committee. To note that the Committee have approved the application subject to a s106 agreement tying the dwelling to the Badgworth Barns complex. The agreement is likely to take a couple of months to finalise, so the permission will not be issued immediately.

Re: 49/17/00023 – Greystone Yard, Notting Hill Way, Weare.

Proposed alterations to landscaping works including replacement of bund with hedges and levelling of ground – No decision as yet.

Re: 49/18/01 – Eaglehurst, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare

Erection of a detached dwelling – No decision as yet

Re: 49/18/0003 – On land to the East of Notting Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge

Change of use from agricultural storage to archery business – No decision as yet

Re: 49/18/0004 - On land to the East of Notting Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge

Display of 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign on North West elevation and 1 No. non-illuminating freestanding sign – No decision as yet.

Re: 49/18/0005 – Milepost, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge

Temporary removal of milepost to allow for redecoration and re-siting – Permission Granted.

- iv. **Other Planning Items –** The Planning meeting minutes from the meeting held on the 7th March 2018 at The Memorial Hall were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18.3.9 Reports

County Councilor - There was no report from County Councilor B. Filmer.

Footpaths – Nothing to report.

SALC – Nothing to report.

Highways - Cllr I. Ham has reported again that the pot holes around the village are becoming increasingly worse. Especially where the heavy goods vehicles are using roads that were not built for such traffic.

To note that the Clerk wrote to Somerset Highways to consider further clearing of the drains and gullies, but the response was that the field opposite the school just inside of Sparrow Hill Way needs its ditch cleared to allow flow of water into field.

To note that the Clerk wrote to the Landowner of the overhanging trees going up Notting Hill Way and they are waiting for a response from the council tree officer to see if the trees have a preservation order before cutting back.

To note that the Clerk is in conversation with County Councilor Bob Filmer and the Clerk at Chapel Allerton over the flooding across the road by Ashton Windmill

To note that the Clerk has reported the SV post to Bristol Water who are looking into it.

WWW & The Coombe – Cllr A. Woollon has been up The Coombe to clear the Gully again, but is concerned over some of the trees there as they may come down the Coombe. The gates are still hanging on but will need to be replaced or repaired soon.

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

Farm Watch – Cllr. I. Ham reported that there were two vehicles in the area that were suspicious and that there had been incidents of quad bikes and batteries being stolen. The vehicles were noted as a Silver Vauxhall, Reg. KJ05 NEF and a Silver Ford, Reg. X72 UYC

Other Reports - Cllrs. M. Parrett and B. Quantrill reported the sheep had got out of their field and across the road into people's gardens. The Police were involved and hopefully this has now been sorted with the Landowners and the fencing repaired.

18.3.10 Financial Matters

- (i) **Expenditure** – £194.00 Outgoing Clerk's Meal
£200.00 Contact Magazine Grant
- (ii) **Income** – £40.00 Burial Headstone
£47.32 Repayment for Clerk's Meal

(iii) To approve payment of the following

By Electronic Payment – £436.80 Clerks Salary
£188.79 Clerks Expenses
£109.20 HMRC

By Cheque – £41.40 Part payment towards the Clerk's CiLCA Course

(iv) Balances

Current Account - £1,380.31

Reserve Account - £3,193.66

18.3.11 Items for Information or inclusion in next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting

18.3.12 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17th April 2018

Meeting closed at 9.05pm