

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor B. Filmer and J. Augustus (Clerk)

18.10.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IF APPROPRIATE

None.

18.10.2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

To note that apologies were received from Councillor W. Andrews.

TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TO CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS, AS REQUIRED

None.

18.10.3 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 18th September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18.10.4 POLICE Report:

Local Crime report for September

Burglary Res 2 (down 3 on last month)

Burglary Bus & Com 2 (down 2 on last month)

Criminal Damage 9 (up 6 on last month)

Theft from motor vehicle 0 (down 6 on last month)

Calls categorised as ASB 20 (up 10 on last month) – Problems with youths at Sainsbury's and calls regarding ASB in Cheddar Gorge.

There were no planned car meets in September.

Police received 4 calls regarding ASB driving in Cheddar Gorge. There has been a reduction in calls this month. Police attended 3 log with no ASB driving seen on attendance.

18.10.5 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

To note that all correspondence was emailed to Councillors.

(i) To discuss Email from the Chairman of Chapel Allerton. This was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk write back to the Chairman of Chapel Allerton to acknowledge receipt of her email.

(ii) PC Tracey Jones Email – Members noted the email and fully understand the reasons behind the changes being made.

18.10.6 NEW BUSINESS

(i) Premium Timber Warehouse

Councillor Bob Quantrill gave the Members an update as to the potential future of the Timber Warehouse premises.

(ii) Old Coach Road and Turnpike Road - Seat

Councillor W. Andrews has requested that the seat be moved into a position so that it was more accessible for this waiting for the bus. Members agreed to defer this item until next month when Councillor W. Andrews will be present to give us further information.

(iii) Gigaclear – Update

There was an email sent through from the CEO of Gigaclear regarding the Devon and Somerset full fibre rollout. The CEO apologises for the slow rollout and admits that they are behind schedule, but have a new team in place and are putting in place remedies to prevent further delays. This was noted by the Members.

18.10.7 PLANNING

(i) Current Applications

County Councillor Bob Filmer left the meeting

**049/18/00018 New Road Garage, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge
BS26 2JE**

Retrospective application for the change of use from a workshop (Use Class B2) to a Gym (Use Class D1). Members agreed to support this application.

049/18/00024 2 Badgeworth Court, Badworth Lane, Weare

Erection of a single storey extension to North Elevation to form Boots Room and Store. Members agreed to support this application.

049/18/00025 2 Badgeworth Court, Badworth Lane, Weare

Listed Building Consent – Alterations
Members agreed to support this application.

County Councillor Bob Filmer returned to the meeting

(ii) Matters Dealt with by Delegation – None

(iii) Matters Dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council - None

(iv) Other Planning Items

Hood Archery – Entrance and Exit not suitable.

Clerk has written to Sedgemoor Enforcement Office and Highways regarding the type of surface leading into and out of the entrance way and the obstruction to visibility of the positioning of the Hood Archery Sign. No response received from either departments as yet. Members noted.

18.10.8 REPORTS

County Councilor – Bob Filmer updated the Members on the pot holes and said that they have reduced the number of repairs from 1000 per week in May down to 160 per week. They are using a new Dragon Ratcher to repair the holes, but this has limits in when it can be used. County are looking at and working with Cumbria who use recycled plastic to fill holes.

Somerset Home First have managed to reduce the number of patients being admitted into hospital and therefore reduced bed-blocking from 3,500 down to 800.

There was a report published on the day of the meeting regarding the closure of some of the County's Libraries. The nearest to Weare would be Highbridge Library.

There is still no resolution to the overspend at County, but that they do have 7M in Reserves, but with the overspend of 12M projected by the end of the year, Somerset County Council are faced with a very difficult situation and services such as Social Services and Children's Services costing 140M and 80M per year, it doesn't look promising and that serious and hard decisions will need to be made at County.

Footpaths – Councillor Michael Parrett reported that the gate at the end of Lane End Farm is not locked, just closed.

Highways – Councillor B. Quantrill reported that the drains along Notting Hill Way have been jetted, but will have to wait to see if this has made any difference.

WWW & The Coombe – Nothing to report, but Councillor Ady Woollon will be clearing the gullies soon.

Burials – One Burial had taken place on the 5th October 2018

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

Farm Watch – Councillor Bob Quantrill reported that there was still theft of batteries from Farms and machinery being taken place throughout the area.

Other Reports – Nothing to report

18.10.9 Financial Matters

(i) **Expenditure - None**

(ii) **Income**

Keith Britton & Son Funeral Directors - £120.00

Precept & CTax Payment - £3,018.50

(iii) **To approve payment of the following**

By Electronic Payment

Clerks Salary - £455.76

Clerks Expenses - £128.40

By Cheque – None

(iv) Balances

Current Account - £5,793.79

Reserve Account - £3,194.59

(v) Cheques for Authorisation - None

Electronic transfers paid as per bank statement Signed(Cllr Auditor)

18.10.10 Items for Information or inclusion in next meeting

Grants to be discussed at next meeting plus items for inclusion in Budget

18.10.11 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2018

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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