

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor B. Filmer, District Councillor G. Godwin-Pearson, J. Augustus (Clerk) and Guest.

19.9.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IF APPROPRIATE

Guest gave us an update on one of the fields opposite the Ashton Windmill and the suspected cause of the flooding.

19.9.2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor W. Andrews.

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

No Declaration of interest received.

19.9.3 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th JULY 2019

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th July 2019 were, proposed by Councillor I. Ham and seconded by Councillor K. Ham.
Chairman signed the minutes.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 4th September 2019 were, proposed by Councillor M. Parrett and Seconded by Councillor T. Jones.

19.9.4 POLICE Report:

Local Crime report for August was distributed by email to Members - Noted.
Councillor M. Parrett raised the point that he had noticed an increase in Criminal Damage to vehicles, but this did not relate to the number of thefts from vehicles for the same period.

19.9.5 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

19.9.6 NEW BUSINESS

(i) 18.10.6 (ii) Village Seat along A38

Members decided to look at increasing the Council's precept to accommodate the bench along the A38

(ii) Flooding along Notting Hill Way – Ashton Windmill

Update received from Guest and County Councillor B. Filmer. County Councillor B. Filmer agreed to find out who owns the upper field and then to arrange a meeting with all three field owners to look at a way forward in resolving the flooding issue.

County Councillor B. Filmer left the room

19.9.7 PLANNING

(i) Current Applications - None

(ii) Matters dealt by delegation - None

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

(iv) Other Planning

Councillor B. Quantrill pointed out that there are now two further planning applications to be decided and that a planning meeting was arranged for the 3rd October at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.

Councillors B. Filmer and B. Quantrill returned to the room

19.9.8 REPORTS

County Council Report – County Councillor B. Filmer gave the Members an update of what was happening at County Council.

District Councillor Report – None

Footpaths – Councillor M. Parrett reported that he had been to look at the steps up at the Coombe and has reported that they do not need to be repaired or replaced at the moment.

He also reported a number of Bristol Gates popping up around the village which is good news as they are very robust and give easy access.

Highways – There were reports from Councillor I. Ham of potholes still causing concerns along Alston Sutton Road and Quab Lane out towards Wash Brook. Clerk to report to County Highways.

Councillor B. Quantrill also raised the issue of Notting Hill Road going up from the School is also becoming a danger with potholes along the kerbside and the surface braking up. Clerk to also report this to County Highways.

Councillor K. Ham also reported that the road by the double bends near the Wheatsheaf needs to be addressed too.

WWW & The Coombe – Councillor T. Jones reported that the tree across the track up the Coombe has been cleared and that they have done a good job. He also reported that the wooden post by the kissing gate has split and will be going back up there to see what if anything can be done or it may be rotten from the base. Possibly ask D.J. Dors to repair.

Burials – The Clerk reported that the tree needs to be lopped back. Members requested the Clerk to ask DJ Dors to have a look at it.

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

Farm Watch – Nothing to report in our area.

Other Reports

New Website Accessibility Regulations – The Clerk reported that there are new regulations regarding the accessibility of Parish Council websites and that there may need to be adjustments made to be in line with the new regulations. The Clerk will report back as and when further information becomes available.

19.9.9 Financial Matters

Expenditure – Clerks Expenses - £127.10

Water2Business (Water Rates) - £22.04

Income – Mr Willis (Water Rates) - £22.04

To approve payment of the following

By Electronic Payment – DJ Dors (July) - £317.24

By Cheque – None

Balances

Current Account - £4,156.56

Reserve Account - £3,196.06

July and August's payments paid as per bank statement Signed.....
(Cllr Auditor)

19.9.10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Joint Sedgemoor Parish Cluster Meeting – 8th October 2019 at Bridgwater House,
King Square, Bridgwater for 7.00pm

19.9.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 15th October 2019

Meeting closed at 9.15pm