

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2020 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

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

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

20.3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IF APPROPRIATE - None

20.3.2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES – Apologies received from **District** Councillor Graham Godwin-Pearson and Councillor K. Ham.

20.3.3 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TO CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS, AS REQUIRED
No declarations of interest received.

20.3.4 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th FEBRUARY 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th February 2020 were proposed by Councillor T. Jones and seconded by Councillor B. Andrews. Chairman signed the minutes.

20.3.5 POLICE Report:

Police report was emailed to Members - Noted.

20.3.6 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk has emailed all correspondence to Members – Noted.

20.3.7 NEW BUSINESS

(i) Emergency Planning – Coronavirus

It was agreed by Members that in light of developments and all further meetings being ceased with immediate effect due to the Coronavirus Pandemic that a Business Continuity Motion to the Council be drawn up and gives the Clerk delegated authority to progress all on going matters and to authorize all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the Council's budget. The above will be in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council. The motion was proposed by Councillor T. Jones and Seconded by Councillor M. Parrett.

(ii) Seat on A38

Councillor B. Quantrill updated Members that the seat area has been decided and that Councillor B. Andrews and Councillor M. Parrett are working together to get the seat in place.

(iii) A38 Road Ditch

Members agreed to remove this item from the agenda – Nothing to report.

(iv) Flooding at Dunkery Road

The Clerk has reported the silting of the field in Chapel Allerton and that the drain will need to be jetted once the field has been sorted to County Highways. The Clerk is waiting for a response - Noted.

(v) Milestone Post along A38

The Clerk contacted County Councillor B. Filmer over the sudden disappearance of the Milestone Post along the A38. County Councillor B. Filmer has confirmed that the post has been taken away for maintenance and will be replaced in due course – Noted

(vi) Overgrown Footpath along the A38

The Clerk has reported to County Highways the issue of the footpath overgrowing and restricting access for pedestrians. As yet there has been no response from County Council Highways. County Councillor B. Filmer said that he would take that back to County to see what the hold-up is in responding.

(vii) Grasskeep Tender

The Clerk reported to Members that there had been no other tenders for the WWW Field other than from Mr Dave Willis. Members agreed to accept Mr Willis proposal. This was proposed by Councillor B. Andrews and Seconded by Councillor I. Ham.

(viii) Joint Cluster Meeting

The Clerk noted that that due to Sedgemoor DC cancelling all future meetings for the time being that the Joint Cluster Meeting was cancelled.

(ix) RLT2 Funding

The Clerk has suggested that we apply for the RLT2 Funding to support the recreation facilities up in the WWW Field to develop a picnic area and an area for children to play. Members agreed for the Clerk to put in an application.

20.3.8 PLANNING

(i) Current Applications - None

- (ii) 49/19/00020 - Brinscombe Farm, Brinscombe Lane, Weare, BS26 2LH**
approval of reserved matters, for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling – Amended.
Permission Granted - Noted

49/20/0001 – Sparrow Hill Cottage, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LE
Erection of 2 storey side (north west) extension on site of existing (to

be demolished).

Permission Granted - Noted

49/19/00022 - Alston Sutton Farm, Alston Sutton Road, Weare, BS26 2LT

Continued use of first floor flat (Barn A) as self-contained annex for dependent relatives and conversion of part of outbuilding (Barn B) into living accommodation ancillary to annex.

Delegated.

(ii) Matters dealt by delegation

49/19/00021 – Land (2) To the East of Notting Hill Way, Lower Weare, BS26

Erection of general purpose agricultural building.

Members agreed unanimously to support this planning application.

Permission Granted - Noted

(iii) Matters dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council

49/19/00012 The Lodge, Badgworth Lane, Badgworth, BS26 2QU

Application to discharge planning obligation (Section 52 Agreement) dated 7th July 1988, between Sedgemoor District Council and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Body, relating to Planning Application 49/87/00016.

Permission Granted - Noted

49/19/00013 The Lodge, Badgworth Lane, Badgworth, BS26 2QU

Removal of Condition 8 (occupancy condition) of Planning Permission 49/87/00016 (Erection of a staff bungalow together with accommodation for six students or dormitory unit).

Permission Granted - Noted

(iv) Other Planning

49/20/0002 Baytree Cottage, Brinscombe Lane, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LH

Erection of single and two storey extension to rear (north) and side (west) elevations.

Application decided by members via email and made a unanimous decision to make a comment of “No Observations” - Noted.

20.3.9 REPORTS

County Councilor Report – County Councillor B. Filmer updated Members with County Council matters.

District Councillor Report – None.

Footpaths – Councillor M. Parrett reported several footpaths with overhanging trees that need to be reported to the landowners so that they can be cut back or removed if necessary.

Highways – The state of the roads is an ongoing issue within the Parish and County Council Highways have been notified on numerous occasions but nothing appears to be done. Councillor I. Ham said that the road from his property on Quab Lane back out to Notting Hill Way is very dangerous there are several quite deep pot holes and the edge of the road is disappearing. Councillor B. Filmer made a note to take back to County Highways.

The Chairman Councillor B. Quantrill also took the opportunity to thank Councillor Ian Ham for turning out on Thursday morning in the cold and wet to try to find out if there was a hidden pipe under the road near the Windmill. The conditions were difficult with strong winds and so Councillor I. Ham said that he would try again at a later date.

WWW & The Coombe – Councillor T. Jones reported that there was another tree down up the Coombe. Members agreed that the Clerk write to DJ Dors and ask them to cut it back. Nothing to report. Councillor T. Jones said that he will be going up to the Coombe over the weekend to make sure that the gully is kept clear.

Burials – The Clerk reported the Notice Board would be fixed back in place once the weather improves.

Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor B. Andrews is continuing to send us through details of crimes committed and of suspicious vehicles.

Farm Watch – Councillor B. Quantrill reported that we all need to remain vigilant as there are still thefts of machinery and stock being taken from Farms.

Other Reports – Defibrillators

It was agreed that Defibrillators be added to the agenda in future as we may have difficulties registering them in the future.

20.3.10 Financial Matters

Expenditure – Clerks Expenses – October to December - £123.60

Income – None

To approve payment of the following

By Electronic Payment: None

By Cheque: - None

Balances

Current Account - £2,954.17

Reserve Account - £3,197.03

February's payments paid as per bank statement Signed.....
(Cllr Auditor)

20.3.11 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
End of Year Accounts

20.3.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TBA

Meeting closed at 9.10pm