

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th April 2021.
Via Zoom at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor B. Filmer.

Parish Clerk: J. Augustus

Locum Clerk: T. Jay

21.4.1 Public participation if appropriate.

There were no members of the public present.

21.4.2 To receive apologies for absence.

The absence of Councillor K. Ham was noted.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Graham Godwin-Pearson.

21.4.3 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

21.4.4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2021.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (5 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the previous meeting).

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

21.4.5 Correspondence – for information only.

The Locum Clerk told the meeting that all correspondence received had been circulated.

21.4.6 To receive County Councillor Bob Filmer's report.

County Councillor Bob Filmer gave members his report.

21.4.7 To receive District Councillor Graham Godwin-Pearson's report.

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District Councillor Graham Godwin-Pearson was not present at the meeting.

21.4.8 New business

- (i) To consider any tenders received for the upkeep of the grass at the WWW field.

It was unanimously resolved to accept a tender of £50 from Dave Willis.

Brambles have been cut back on the side of the steep bank at the WWW field. The Locum Clerk was asked to enquire with Mr Willis to find out if he has done this.

- (ii) To consider a request from the 'Isle of Wedmore Good Neighbours' to publicise their services in the parish.

It was unanimously resolved to allow these services to be publicised in the parish.

21.4.9 Planning.

- (i) Current applications

49/21/00002. Land east of Notting Hill Way, Lower Weare, Axbridge BS26. Erection of a stable building, storage rooms and hay barn.

It was unanimously resolved to object to the application as it far too large for the location. There is already a considerable amount of water run off from the field, which causes flooding in the adjacent lane. The building of this building would add to the problem of water run off and cause more flooding.

21.4.10 To receive reports on the following:

Footpaths

The new fingerposts have been delivered and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Highways

There are numerous potholes in the parish. The Locum Clerk asked Councillors to email him the locations and he will report them to SCC Highways.

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Some of the vegetation has been cut back on Notting Hill. This is an improvement, but there is still more to be done.

Defibrillators.

The defibrillators need new back up pads with batteries. The Locum Clerk will enquire with South West Ambulance to order the pads with batteries.

Burial Ground.

One burial has been carried out since the last meeting. John Augustus said that he would continue with the cemetery management during the period when his other work will be covered by the Locum Clerk.

Neighbourhood Watch.

There was nothing to report.

Farm Watch.

Thefts are continuing at farms. Everyone needs to be on their guard.

21.4.11 To note income received since the last meeting.

There has been no income since the last meeting.

21.4.12 To approve the payment of the following invoices:

By cheque:	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	£150
	Weare Memorial Hall	£250
	Contact Magazine	£100
	Clerk's Wages	£187.53
	Clerk's Expenses Jan – March 2021	£94.80

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

21.4.13 To note the bank balances.

Current Account	£3197.88
Reserve Account	£6038.93

The bank balances were noted.

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Payments paid as per bank statement. Signed..... (Councillor Auditor)

21.4.14 To discuss ongoing issues in the Parish.

Someone has installed marker posts on the boundary between the Village Hall and the neighbouring property. The Locum Clerk will contact the owner of this property to try to arrange a meeting with the Chairman and the Hall Chair.

The damaged corner barrier in the parish was discussed. The Locum Clerk will obtain quotes for the work.

The road lines close to the school are wearing away. Councillor Filmer offered to take this up.

The flooding on Dunkerry Road leading into Chapel Allerton was discussed. There is a pipe running into the adjoining field which should take away the flood water, but it is blocked. This field is in Chapel Allerton Parish. The Locum Clerk will contact the Clerk at Chapel Allerton to ask that this matter is dealt with.

A national consultation is expected regarding parking on pavements. When the Parish Council is notified the Locum Clerk will forward the details to the Councillors.

The new gate to be installed at the WWW field was discussed. Two quotes have already been obtained for a new gate. The Chairman will obtain a third to be debated at the next Parish Council meeting.

21.4.15 Items for information.

21.4.16 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Wednesday 5th May 2021. This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 5th May on Zoom unless the legislation is changed to allow Zoom meetings to continue after 7th May. If this is the case, then the next meeting will be held on 18th June. The Locum Clerk said that unless the legislation is changed prior to 28th April then the meeting will be held on the May 5th.

End of Minutes

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