

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 in the Memorial Hall, Weare.

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

County and District Councillors B. Filmer and L. Scott.

Clerk: John Augustus

Locum Clerk: Tony Jay

21.6.1 Public participation if appropriate.

No member of the public spoke at this point in the meeting.

21.6.2 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor B. Andrews.

21.6.3 To receive any declarations of interest.

Councillor E. Gilbert declared an interest in agenda item 21.6.10.

21.6.4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th May 2021.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting.

21.6.5 Correspondence.

The Locum Clerk told the meeting that all correspondence relating to the Parish Council election had been circulated to Councillors.

21.6.6 To receive County Councillor Bob Filmer's report.

County Councillor B. Filmer gave members his report.

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

District Councillor L. Scott gave members her report.

21.6.8 To approve the Annual Governance statement for the year ending 31st March 2021. (s.1 of the Annual Return 2020/21).

It was unanimously resolved to approve the Annual Governance statement for the year ending 31st March 2021.

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- 21.6.9 To approve the Annual Accounting statements for the year ending 31st March 2021. (s.2 of the Annual Return 2020/21).

It was unanimously resolved to approve the Annual Accounting statements for the year ending 31st March 2021.

- 21.6.9 (i) To approve the Annual Exemption Certificate.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the Annual Exemption Certificate.

- 21.6.10 To consider whether the Parish Council should submit an application for additional white lines to be painted in Notting Hill Way close to the entrance to Mid Weare Farm.

Parents taking their children to Weare Primary School in the morning, and collecting them in the afternoon, are parking in the vicinity of the junction and obstructing vehicles turning into the entrance to the farm.

It was resolved to submit the application for additional white lines (4 in favour, 1 abstention).

Post meeting note: The application was submitted to SCC Highways after the meeting, but was immediately turned down as SCC now have a policy of installing no new white lines in the County.

- 21.6.11 To consider the appointment of a Parish Councillor to represent the Parish Council on the Sedgemoor Environment Champion Scheme.

Councillor E. Gilbert agreed to attend an inaugural meeting to find out what the role involves.

- 21.6.12 New business.

There was no new business to report.

- 21.6.13 To receive reports on the following:

- (i) Footpaths.

No problems have been reported and it is believed that no footpaths in the parish are blocked. More people are using the footpaths since lockdown began, which is welcomed.

- (ii) Highways.

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Verge trimming is needed at a private address in the Parish. Councillor I. Ham will provide the Clerk with the full address so a letter can be sent.

(iii) WWW and The Coombe.

A 'Bristol' gate and closing post have been ordered, but there is no delivery date. Dave Willis has agreed to take on the responsibility of 'keeping an eye' on the gully in The Coombe, and will cut back some of the trees in The Coombe. A lot of work has taken place, and the field is looking exceptionally good. Dave is thanked for this work.

(iv) Defibrillators.

The defibrillators have been registered on the new national data base. A monthly check needs to be carried out.

(v) Burial Ground.

Two applications have been received for internments of cremated remains. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

(vi) Neighbourhood Watch.

All reports received have been circulated.

(vii) Farm Watch.

There have been some incidents recently. Tractors have had diesel drained, and a digger was stolen from Rooksbridge. A garage has been broken into and catalytic convertors were stolen.

(viii) Other Reports.

There were no other reports.

21.6.14 Planning.

(i) Current Applications.

49/21/00008. Dapsy Acre, Mill Lane, Stone Allerton BS26 2ND. Erection of self-build bungalow, widening of existing access and formation of a new driveway.

A member of the public spoke against the planning application.

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It was unanimously resolved to support the planning application as it is a suitable low impact development which will fill a currently unused plot. However, this support is conditional on a clause being inserted into the planning permission that the new building must always remain in the ownership of the title-holders of the adjacent property, Dapsy Acre, and not be sold to a third party. If the clause is not to be inserted, then the Parish Council would object to the application.

(i) Matters dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council.

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

21.6.15 To note income received since the last meeting.

There had been no income received.

21.6.16 To approve the payment of the following invoice:

By cheque:

Richard Young. Internal auditor £40.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment.

21.6.17 To note the bank balances.

Current Account: £9988.68

Reserve Account: £3197.94

The bank balances were noted.

21.6.18 To discuss ongoing issues in the Parish.

The issues regarding the hedge at the Memorial Hall being tidied up will be discussed at the next Hall Trustees meeting.

21.6.19 Items for information.

The Locum Clerk Tony Jay was thanked for his services in the last three months. John Augustus will resume duties as Clerk from 1st July onwards.

21.6.20 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 17th August 2021.

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The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

End of Minutes