

Evercreech Parish Council

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Notice of the next Parish Council Meeting

Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend all Council Meetings
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting of...	Evercreech Parish Council
Time...	19:00hrs
Date...	1st July 2025
Venue...	Evercreech Village Hall (subject to change)

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the agenda.

Yours faithfully,

Lynn Crisp

Parish Clerk

Members are reminded that Evercreech Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the office know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Questions and comments are invited from members of the public (**limited to 15 minutes in total, each individual limited to 3 minutes**). As issues raised during the public session may not relate to items on the agenda, no resolution for action can be taken¹. A record of public participation shall not be included in the Minutes.

Reports from County Councillors

Short oral reports are invited from Somerset Councillors, regarding matters affecting Evercreech and the wider local community (if applicable to the local community)

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001	To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))																																																	
002	Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)																																																	
003	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) Meeting 03 06 25																																																	
004	Actions List																																																	
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006	Planning – None.																																																	
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008	Park Inspection Reports. Monthly inspections																																																	

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	Queens Road Playing Fields Skate Park	
009	Village maintenance feedback.	
010 a	Bus representative.	
010 b	Village Hall .	
010 c	Responses to Emails.	LP
010 d	Footpath Feedback.	
010 e	War Memorial Cleaning - Cemetery. Cllr Stanley feedback	BS
010 f	Neales Way Car Park – Cllr Reed feedback	RR
010 g	Ex Greencore factory site safety concerns – Cllr Reed feedback	RR
010 h	Derelict athletics track at Weston Town	
010 i	Highways & LCN update	
011	To note a. Community Solution Seekers Project b. 2025/1011/TCA – Goat Willow (T1) – Pollard to approx. 12ft. Long Close, Shapway Lane. c. Road Closure Notices – ttr0736707E & 360630E d. Somerset Prepared Resilience Roadshows e. SALC – Community Health & Wellbeing Programme Newsletter June 2025 f. Help shape Somerset's Bus Future g. Somerset Rivers Authority – SRA Annual Report 2024-25 h. SALC – Councillor Training available July – Oct 2025	
012	Agenda items for next meeting	
013	Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 19 th August 25 @ 7pm	
014	Close of meeting. Name Time	

APPENDIX 1

Dear Lesley

Following my email last week, I received an email from the Historic England Inspector of Ancient Monuments for the region, Ms Mel Barge, regarding the ownership of the cross in the later half of the twentieth century. Whilst not definitive, I thought I should share this correspondence with you.

We are not proposing to change the funding model I included in my earlier email, although I'm sure Somerset Council would welcome an equal contribution from the two council of £6,665.

Kind regards
Nic

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Dear Both

I called up the original scheduling files as the cross location is wrong on our mapping and I wanted to check to see if it can be changed. However I am told this will require a new full assessment so it won't be changed soon,

Just to confirm that all our correspondence regarding the ownership of the Cross from 1956 till 1998 was with the Parish Council. So according to our records the Parish are the owners of the cross, unless anything changed after 1998,

There are some photos from 1998 on file I will scan them next week and forward.

All the best

Mel Barge (Ms)
Inspector of Ancient Monuments
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North Somerset, Somerset
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Dear Alessandra

I was in discussions towards the end of last year with Juliette Butler and Sasha Chapman on the repair of the Scheduled and Grade II* Evercreech Cross (NHLE refs: 1016232 and 1059174, Somerset HER 24910). It's in serious trouble through general decay of the stonework, previous stone repairs and a cracked and partially dislodged shaft top and cross.

Juliette had been approached by the Parish Council for Heritage at Risk funding, but I believe this was turned down. The cross was not at the time on the HE H@R register.

Somerset Council recently applied for a SUEZ communities Fund grant for its repair, and this was rejected earlier this month. A scheme of repair has been drawn up by Benjamin+Beachamp architects of Wells and has been tendered.

Could I please have a discussion with you on the potential for including the cross on the register and a repair grant? As background, I have attached Benjamin+Beachamp's repair specification, which includes a condition statement (section 1.3), and a sheet of photos from 2023 (it's now looking worse).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
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