

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 6th October 2020 VIA Zoom at 7.00pm.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Sarah Breare, Harriet Fisher, Rob Reed (Chair), Barry O’Leary, Lesley Parham, Mark Saunders

Also present: Lynn Crisp (Clerk) & 41 members of the public.

Item		Action
	<p>Chair informed the meeting that it was being recorded.</p> <p>Open Session <i>This item does not form part of the minutes of this meeting.</i></p> <p>Resident - number of objections, will the PC discuss the application? Resident - what is the nature of closed session? – staffing matters. Resident request, please mute devices if you are not speaking. Resident - Greencore objection to the plans, not the development. Quantity of housing unrealistic, not thought out. Feels there is a lot of negative feeling towards the proposal. Chair clarified that this is a planning application and the PC will discuss under the agenda. Resident – Felt this was a consultation meeting. Chair advised it was not, it is for the PC to consider the application and respond to Mendip Planning Department. Resident – comments made now in the open session; will they be taken into account with the PC response? Resident – 16 Neil’s Way application. Resident – anyone present should comment now. Resident – parasitic development proposal, need a valuable development. Resident – clarification if the open session form part of the minutes. Resident – objections in re the site. Entrance to 3 houses opposite their house. Has made objection to Mendip Planning Department. Resident – lives opposite. Directly opposite their house 3 storey dwellings are on plans, not in keeping with their property. Resident – currently 10 houses on Prestleigh Road, will be far more. Resident – are they having an entrance in or out on Prestleigh Road?</p>	
001	<p>Apologies None received.</p>	
002	<p>Declarations of Interest and Dispensation None declared.</p>	
003	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 01 09 2020 Agreed as a true record. Proposed: GW Seconded: RW All in favour</p> <p>Proposal to discuss item 007 a 2020/1793/OTS Agreed unanimously.</p> <p><i>2020/1793/OTS</i> <i>a. Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission with (all matters reserved except access) for Demolition of existing buildings and equipment and erection of up to 129no. residential dwellings, together with open space, vehicular and pedestrian access, landscaping and related infrastructure and engineering works. Location: Former Greencore Factory Prestleigh Road Evercreech BA4 6JZ Applicant: West Estates Development Ltd Application Type: Outline - Some Matters Reserved</i> <i>Response:</i></p>	

Signed:
Date:

	<p>Noted that this is an outline planning application, therefore can be tweaked prior to building. Sub-committee report forwarded to Cllrs.</p> <p>RW: Over development. Structural survey has not been carried out re The Creamery and Kemp's Mill. 43 – 55 dwellings per hectare. Mendip District Council (MDC) net density is 25, 30%, which equals 90 dwellings rather than 129 dwellings.</p> <p>Looking at other factories closed recently in the Mendip area, Frome and Wells. Both sites were given an area to keep aside for business. We hope MDC will work with us again on this site.</p> <p>MDC do not want another Moorlands on their patch so we hope they will do the right thing.</p> <p>BOL – There has been no actual public consultation to date.</p> <p>This is a change of use of the land. Biggest the village has ever seen. Perhaps not decide response tonight? Clerk advised that a response deadline extension had been applied for and agreed – 27th October 2020.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the application and the best way to proceed.</p> <p>Proposal: REFUSAL Proposed: LP Seconded: MS All agreed.</p> <p>b. Discuss the potential to employ external assistance to support the Parish Council through the Greencore application. Advice received and distributed from SALC.</p> <p>Resolution required: To employ external assistance Or To not employ external assistance Resolve: To employ external assistance (Planning Expert) BOL has contact details and will forward them to the Clerk. Proposed: LP Seconded: MS</p> <p>Further discussions then took place regarding the cost. Cllr felt an approx. figure would be £90.00 per hour. Cllrs felt that £500 may not be a large enough total sum.</p> <p>Proposal to cap the amount spent at £1,000 for external planning assistance. Proposed: GW Seconded: LP Cllrs agreed to this unanimously.</p> <p>Proposal to convene an extra ordinary meeting for this to be discussed, meeting via Zoom in 10 days' time.</p> <p>LP: Good idea to convene an extraordinary meeting. Outline planning, is it to see if it's viable to build there? We have to look at the application before us – 129 houses, yes or no. What are the costs for an expert to assist us? Outline is for houses to be built, Westfield estates will sell the land, we shouldn't be here, plan is next to conservation area, goes against planning law. SB: Greencore action group are raising money to speak with an expert. Do we want to do the same thing? MS: This is the council's response to the application; it is separate from the Action Group. We should have an equally robust response. It is the council working for the interests of the village. SB: What are the action group trying to do? MS: Pulling a response together with assistance from external support? However, they are not the Parish Council.</p>	<p>BOL</p> <p>LC</p>
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	<p>MS: It is a different thing. HF: Need to allow houses, we should have some commercial buildings as well. If we put money in £500 will not be enough, will need more. GW: Agree employ a professional, give our response so far to the expert so they know what we are asking for.</p> <p>Clerk read out the draft response from the PC. The PC accepted the report as a frame work to work from and noted that the PC response must be regarding this actual planning application.</p> <p>Proposal to object and make the PC draft response available to Planning Expert when commissioned: Proposed: GW Seconded: HF Cllrs agreed to this unanimously.</p> <p>Actions List update Clerk updated the list Noted: The Village Hall are happy to welcome and display the photos provided by the History Society. The History Society will provide a frame with information regarding the history of the ex Greencore site. Clerk will request a quote for the secure hanging of the frame. GW will meet the contractor on site to discuss requirements. Proposal to hold The Show Society outdoor Christmas market on Queens Road Playing Field. Cllrs were minded to agree and asked the Clerk to add to the meeting agenda for November 2020.</p>	
004	<p>Public Reps: invitations to speak (a) County Cllr – Invitation to speak Invited – no response Proposal: Write to County Cllr expressing the PC disappointment that he was not in attendance. Proposed: GW Seconded: SB All were in favour.</p> <p>(b) District Cllr – Invitation to speak Report emailed. This document is available, under meetings, to view on the Parish Council Website. www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk Recycling changes are coming some. Fly tipping has increased since lockdown. Information in the report Flooding and blocked drains. Information in the report. Cllr O’Leary has been appointed to Joint Deputy Leader of Mendip District Council and remains a member of the Finance Committee.</p>	Clerk
005	<p>Police Report a. Feedback re number of calls to police regarding trespassers on the ex Greencore site Report received. 13 03 2020 – 13 09 2020 - 9 calls. b. Number of calls generally to Evercreech Village September 2020. Report received. 9 calls – September 2020. These documents are available to view, under meetings, on the Parish Council Website. www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk</p>	
006	<p>Finance</p> <p>Finance Sheet for Meeting 06 10 2020 (September Invoices)</p> <p>Received Connock S Morgan</p>	218

Downham	125
	343
Grants Paid	
Payments	
BACS	
Tozers (Cricket club covenant release)	480
Village Hall Sept hall hire	20
Osborne Trees QRPF & Cemetery	510
Clerk Salary	xx.xx
Home/Office	xx
Street Cleaner salary	xx.xx
Debs Designs Cemetery maps copies	23
Three Counties	228
Village hall Fin meeting and Aug PC meeting	40
Pest Solutions SW wasp control QRPF	50
Veolia Cemetery	53.5
Veolia Village Hall	61.58
Mendip Accting Sols September 2020	30
Community Heartbeat (BT phone box	30
Admin charge	
Direct Debits	
Plusnet	30.4
Biffa skate park waste Sept - Dec 2020	237.12
Service Charge Bank	27.15
Manual Handling Charge	2.7
Lloyds Bank	74.56
Corp Card	
Microbitz - Data keys	74.37
Zoom	14.39
In Month Payments	
IDVERDE (17 09 2020)	80.32
Mendip Accounting Solutions 11 09 2020	60
	3315.94
a. Payments/Receipts	
Resolution to approve income & expenditure.	
Resolve:	
Propose to accept income and expenditure:	
Proposed: GW	
Seconded: LP	
All agreed	

	<p>b. PC to nominate 2 Cllrs to complete authorisation of 06 10 2020 meeting BACS payments on 07 10 2020:</p> <p>LP GW</p> <p>c. Update from Chair of Finance Committee: Consider report received with member's pack. No questions were asked. Chair reported: Finance Committee have met. Budget timetable will be set up. Proposing we will miss November PC meeting with draft budget so will be presented at PC meeting in December for submission to Mendip District Council in January 2021.</p> <p>The PC Finance Regulations are being updated and will be agreed at the next Finance Meeting and presented to full council after that meeting. This will address audit feedback.</p> <p>d. Cllr Breare to sign bank reconciliations. Clerk will deliver to SB for signature.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>LC/SB</p>
<p>007</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Some applications had a response deadline prior to this meeting. The Planning Working Group considered the applications and the responses are noted here.</p> <p>Applications: 2020/1623/FUL Proposal: Change of Use of Part-Garden from Residential (Use Class C3) to a Hair Salon (Use Class A1) with associated erection of a wooden building. Location: 16 Neales Way Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6LA Applicant: Mrs Caroline Honnor Application Type: Full Application Response by 16 09 2020 Response: Approval.</p> <p>2020/1721/TCA Proposal: T1 - Willow - Fell. Location: Public Open Space West Of Joval Cottage The Drang Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: . Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA Response: Refer to TPO.</p> <p>2020/1521/FUL Proposal: Erection of 1no two bedroom dwelling house following the demolition of existing workshop. Location: The Shed Land Off Weymouth Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr. Marcus Crofton Application Type: Full Application Response: Approval.</p> <p>2020/1611/TCA Proposal: T1 - Poplar - Fell. Location: Cranfield Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6JY Applicant: Mr Phil Crane Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA Response Refer to TPO.</p> <p>2020/1768/TPO Proposal: TPO - G1 - M93. T1 - Irish Yew - Fell. T4 - Whitebeam - Remove stake. Redundant stake. T7 - Common Beech - Prune to clear building by 1-2M, pruning only secondary or third order branches. Crown lift to 4m. T8 - Irish Yew - Prune to clear building by 1-2M, Pruning only secondary or third order branches. T10 - Irish Yew - selectively crown lift branches overhanging road to approx. 4m. T11 - Whitebeam - Reduce crown by 1-2m from height and 1-2m from lateral spread, narrow mouthed included bark union at 2m. T12 - Common Yew - Crown lift to 3-4m, remove hung up branch at 5m, south eastern side of crown. T13 - Whitebeam - Crown lift 3m. T16 - Crab Apple - Crown lift to 3m, prune to remove basal suckers and epicormic shoots, low hanging branches. T17 - Cherry spp - re-adjust stake and tie. Location: Church Of St Peter Church View Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6HX Applicant: Church Of St Peters Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Tree Response refer to TPO</p> <p>2020/1875/TCA Proposal: T1 - Maidenhair Tree - (Refer to assessment report). Location: 2 The Cedars Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6LG Applicant: Jeremy Groome Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA Response</p>	

	<p>TPO 2020/1835/TCA Proposal: T1 - Cypress - Fell. Location: Station Cottage Weston Town Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr Ide Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA Response TPO 2020/1432/HSE Proposal: Erection of a single-storey rear extension and replacement of the front porch. Location: 1 High Street Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6HZ Applicant: Steward Application Type: Householder Application Response Approval All agreed. 2020/0350/FUL Proposal: Erection of 4 poultry houses and associated works. (additional information rec'd 17.06.2020 and 30.09.2020) Location: Lower Easton Farm Easton Lane Pylle Shepton Mallet BA4 6SY Applicant: Mr M Seager, Lower Easton Farm Easton Lane Pylle Shepton Mallet BA4 6SY Application Type: Full Application Grid Ref 362311 138374 Response Revert to MDC no comment All agreed 2020/1891/TPO Proposal: G3 (4 x Yew TPO M96) - Reduce by 1.5m to create a single crown. Location: Weston Town House Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6PD Applicant: Ms Suzannah Cook Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees Response TPO Outcomes: 2020/1321/TCA PROPOSAL: T1 Ash - Pollard to a high frame work by removing approx 5m of height and lateral growth. LOCATION: Brewers Arms Weymouth Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6JB PARISH: Evercreech Parish Council TPO not required. 2020/1333/HSE Proposal: First floor rear extension over existing ground floor extension. Location: Staddle Stones Queens Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6JR Parish: Evercreech Parish Council Approval APP/Q3305/X/19/3244040 The appeal is allowed.</p> <p>The meeting then reverted to the agenda order.</p>	
008	<p>Inspections/Reports a) Weston Town Playing Field Report received Discuss repairs needed. LC remind IDVERDE we are awaiting a quote for this. b) Queens Road Playing Field Report received. Response from Playdale re ground defects and play horse @ QRPF. Resolution required Quotes for the repair work Or Playdale repairing under guarantee Resolve: This addressed under Item 009</p>	LC
009	<p>Council Matters a. Cemetery</p>	

<p>Resolution required Proposal to have the cemetery record books photographed and printed: NB: There is one other full record book not included in this quote Quote received 558 Pages @ 35p = £195.30 & 1 USB Stick @ £5.00 Resolve Proposed: LP Seconded: BOL All agreed</p> <p>b. Memorial requests: C B Foster Barham Approved</p> <p>Memorial request additional inscription J K Osborne Approved</p> <p>c. Cllr Expenses Resolution required. Proposal to agree to purchase up to 2 ink cartridges per year for Cllrs printing Parish Council papers. The purchase must be requested through the Clerk who will use the corporate card for payment. The accounts system has a code which will be used for Cllr expenses. Resolve: Proposed: GE Seconded: LP All agreed</p> <p>d. Climate Emergency Grant: Somerset County Council have launched a grant fund for cutting emissions in Somerset. If the new signage dissuades lorries from entering the village emissions will subsequently be lowered. Resolution required: Discuss the possibility of applying for a grant to cover £5,000 towards village signage. Resolve: Apply for the grant. LC & BOL RR</p> <p>e. Village Benches Resolution required: a. We offer to allow a rental/ sponsorship of benches for a total of 5 years at a fee of £100 up front. b. There is one exception to this which is the bench at the market Cross, which I propose that we designate a "chatty bench". To some people, just the smallest interaction with another person can make an enormous impact on their day. Loneliness is a huge problem up and down the country, particularly within the older community. For one reason or another, people can end up feeling isolated - sometimes going days without speaking to another person. 'The Chatty Bench'. A sign on the bench reads 'sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello'. I hope it will help make a positive difference to the community. The council publicises this through its own website and social media</p> <p>Resolve: a. Approve the suggestion to allow the sponsorship of benches as per resolution: Outcome Proposed: GW Seconded: MS All in favour</p> <p>b. Approve the suggestion to allocate 1 bench, as a 'chatty bench' as per resolution: Outcome Proposed: MS</p>	<p>LC RR BOL</p>
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	<p>Seconded: SB All agreed</p> <p>f. Update re the removal and re-siting of The Bier The Bier has been removed to Shepton Mallet Prison. Thank you email sent to Charles Lawson and Andrew Doble.</p> <p>g. Update re Meeting with cricket club and Youth Club re the cricket pavilion. Meeting taking place 07 10 2020</p> <p>h. Consider repairs required at QRPF taken from Annual Report (spreadsheet completed by Cllr Parham) Resolution required: To begin a programme of planned maintenance. Resolve: Get quotes.</p> <p>i. Consider repairs required at Weston Town Skate Park taken from Annual Report Resolution required: To begin a programme of planned maintenance. Resolve: CARRY FORWARD.</p> <p>j. ONE Somerset Sample survey received by Cllrs. NB completed in order to copy survey for Cllr information. The completed survey was not sent. Resolution required. To send a response on behalf of the whole Parish Council (this could be difficult due to differing personal opinions) Or To send individual responses Resolve: Leave to individuals. To send individual responses All agreed.</p> <p>BOL: This came about from the potential reorganization of Somerset County Council. SCC have done their own survey; this is part of their submission. BOL felt it is a piece of marketing, part of the bid to Government.</p> <p>k. Resident email regarding fence and hedge – Shapway Road Resolution required: To respond regarding the private fence. Response not required.</p> <p>To respond regarding the cutting of the hedge. RR will contact resident.</p> <p>l. Resolution required: Overgrown trees/bushes at rear of crick pavilion. Resolve: Request Osborn Trees for their recommendations.</p> <p>Cllrs please go and see the site. At the rear of Shapway Road. All report back at next meeting. Take photos. RR will seek advice from Osborne Trees.</p> <p>m. Cycle Path meeting with Mendip District Council Report received. Any questions?</p>	<p>RR</p> <p>RR</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>No RR will keep Council updated.</p> <p>n. To set up meetings: Finance Committee LC MS SB RR 7.30 21 10 2020 fin meeting via Zoom. LC to set up.</p> <p>o. BT Telephone Kiosk This has been purchased for the amount of £30.00. BT had given the phone box top their partner, Community Heartbeat.</p>	LC
010	<p>To Note:</p> <p>a. Review of Parish Council IT systems This will take place over the coming months.</p> <p>b. £10,000 grant from The Government. The 'wish list' is being compiled and will be discussed in full at a future meeting.</p> <p>c. Tozer Solicitors Note email re work so far on the proposed covenant release re cricket club.</p> <p>d. Clerk distributed data keys to Cllrs for all Parish Council business to be saved on. This will ensure that should a Freedom of Information Act request be received; the Clerk can view the key for relevant information regarding the request. Cllrs signed to say they had received the data key. This could not take place as the meeting was moved to Zoom.</p> <p>20.35 BOL Proposed to enter closed session GW seconded All agreed.</p> <p>Returned to PC meeting 20.55</p>	
011	<p>Agenda Items for next meeting Christmas Tree cost and perhaps school to decorate it. Electricity supply for tree. Solar lights – price. Zebra Crossing SB Signs BOL</p>	
012	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting to be held on 3rd November 2020, 7 pm, via ZOOM</p>	
013	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING Clerk: Lynn Crisp Time: 21.01</p>	