

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held this day 13th April 2020 via Zoom at 7.00pm.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Sarah Breare, Rob Reed (Chair), Barry O’Leary, Lesley Parham, Michael Muncer, Garry Langwith

Also in attendance:

1 member of public

Lynn Crisp

Julie Bolton

Diane Kibblewhite

Jenny Newton

Dave Briars

Bruce Davies

Item No		Action
001	Present: Rob Reed (Chair) Gail Wakeford Roy Williams Lesley Parham Garry Langwith Barry O’Leary Michael Muncer Mark Saunders joined 19:40 Sarah Breare joined 19:45	
002	To adopt minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of April 2020. Note, this meeting did not take place due to COVID 19 restrictions.	
003	Welcome and Report from the Chair. Apologies for meeting on Zoom, this meeting usually takes place in the Village Hall. Meetings during the last year have taken place via Zoom, The Chair thanked Parish Council Staff and Cllrs. Big thanks to Murray Stewart for his previous Chairmanship. Welcome MM and GL as new Cllrs. From the internal audit last year, the Parish Council agreed to the review of systems and to the employment of a Finance Officer. Welcomed Mary Lou Poore to the post of Street Cleaner. Play area Queens Road – well used. Sports field skate park has been closed. Adverse inspection. Money had been put aside for repairs, but they are not viable. It needs replacing, will be canvassing young people’s opinion re the type of replacement. Commenting on planning applications continues. HGV signage funding was not successful. BT Phone box is now operational as a book swap. PC purchased this from BT. Part of QRPF grass will not be mowed in order to support wildlife. Talks are ongoing with the Cricket Club regarding the cricket pavilion. Parish Council meetings will revert to the Village Hall after the 1 st June 2021. Any questions: No questions were forthcoming.	
004	Finance report from Finance Officer – Julie Bolton To summarise for 20/21 the Parish Council: Carried forward from 19/20: £25,569 Expenditure: £52,006.00	

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	<p>Income: £60,986.00 (£86,555 including carry forward) including a precept of £37,957 and £10,000 Covid grant.</p> <p>Main areas of income:</p> <p>We carried forward £25,569 from 2019/20.</p> <p>The precept for 2020/21 was £37,957</p> <p>We received a COVID grant of £10,000 which is earmarked for expenditure in 2021/22 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £5,000 for new village traffic signage - £2,000 for the community fund - £3,000 for repairs to our skate park <p>The cemetery has raised £8,652</p> <p>We received £3,678 in VAT in April 2020</p> <p>2021/22</p> <p>The precept has increased to £43,454</p> <p>There is a carry forward of £34,549 including the £10,000 covid grant.</p> <p>The two loan repayments (Sports Field Loan) of £4,403 will again be due in August 2021 and February 2022 totalling £8,806</p> <p>Evercreech can pride itself on having one of the lowest precepts in Mendip for the size of population.</p> <p>Any questions? Noted: Cemetery income has substantially increased. Plots are being pre-purchased, and relatives are requesting memorials.</p>	
005	<p>County Cllr Cllr Nigel Hewitt-Cooper Invited.</p>	
006	<p>District Cllr Cllr Barry O'Leary Main areas:</p> <p>Rubbish Zoom meeting held re recycling and the new blue bags. More is being re cycled however the services has been inconsistent. Approximately 120 complaints received. Suez (contractors) are addressing the problem, missed collections should be reported via their website. Mostly re collections are arranged.</p> <p>Grants MDC have applied grants to businesses, some are discretionary, some are not. Village Hall, Parish Council and Sports Club received a grant of £10,000 each from the Government COVID 19 recovery schemes. Looking forward to hearing how this will be spent. Businesses have received grants and MDC have run seminars to support businesses. Thanked all business in and around the village, special thanks to the co-op for their support through lockdowns.</p> <p>Toad patrol has happened, also identified speeding issues on rural roads.</p> <p>Vehicle Idling & Environment. No engine idling signs have been placed at co-op and school. Please let Cllr O'Leary know if you have a laptop to recycle for children in need of them.</p> <p>Ex Greencore site Has requested an extension to response.</p>	

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	<p>Further meetings re the re submission will take place. Various surgeries have taken place. Any questions? None.</p>	
007	<p>Invitation to groups to speak: Park Medical Practice Patient Participation Group Dianne Kibblewhite Changes to clinical staff. Have partner and salaried GPs. 2 salaried new GPs. Looking for more salaried GPs. Appointment system – do not currently know when or if it will go back to normal. Feedback welcome. Telephone first appointments, then decision made if appointment is necessary. Vaccination update – offered @ Shape Mendip. They have been brilliant. Enabled us to vaccinate a good proportion of population. Vaccination Hub should continue through the next groups. Patient Participation Group PPG – always looking for new members, welcome to join if registered at Park or Evercreech surgeries. Fund raising takes place. Chair has stepped down looking for a new Chair. Feedback always welcome. Any questions? Q: Appointments are in 10 min blocks; phone appointments first are you saving time? A: No, the phone consultation still take 10 mins, then could be in for Face-to-Face appointment. Q: Can double appointments still take place? A: Please mention to reception team when booking appointment. Q: Is Evercreech Surgery open or still go to Park Surgery? A: It is open. Closed during middle of day, looking at this and this is under review. Will still close Wednesday afternoons. Hoping to open more in the afternoons. Cllr remark: congratulations to team at Shape. Q: What is being done re the rubbish in hedge @ Park Surgery? A: Reluctant to ask anyone to pick it up due to the current situation, is aware of it. Q: Evercreech Surgery – the entrance of forecourt floods, can something be done? A: Will look at that. Telephone triage, please note to reach out to older people. Survey from Swansea University resulted in showing that the process needing to be explained to them. Will ensure this happens. Evercreech Food Saving Group Jenny Newton Lots of information via Facebook. Looking at other means of advertising the food save. Started 2019. Local community group of volunteers saving food from landfill. In partnership with village Co-Op. Rescued food from Tesco when they have too much for their usual outlets. Can share residents' garden produce and in date food. This can be dropped off at 8pm every night, opposite the Co-Op. Distribution from the Village Hall was happening, then CV19 Lockdown happened. Currently food is collected from Co-op and shared in bags, distributed to list of households, volunteers distribute this. Not a food charity as cannot guarantee amounts/types of food available. 88% of wasted food donated. In 2021 £5,777 saved so far. Thanks to Matt (Manager Co-Op) and Grania for their assistance with the food save scheme. 1 week saved £700 worth of food in 2020. Congratulations and thanks were given from Cllrs. Sports Club Dave Briars Income is down. The grant will be kept for now and a decision re spend will take place. Thanks to the Government for the scheme.</p>	

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Couple of break ins and damage done.
 Insurance has increased.
 Electricity survey was required. Positive as we know it's safe and complying with law.
 Bruton are practising football.
 U16 league – not yet known.
 Evercreech Rovers – league cancelled, playing friendlies.
 Rounders starting.
 Any questions?
 None.

Horsehill Meadows Resident Association
 Bruce Davies
 Formed a committee to increase community spirit and ensure the developers finish the development. Some items still outstanding.
 Have a facebook page to pass information etc.
 Have to pay towards upkeep to the developers.
 Government is not currently discussing this.
 Fees were £150 now up to £300 management fees. These fees have no cap.
 Speed Watch is up and running. Individual records are not kept by the Speed Watch Group. On average every hour 200 movements of cars each way,
 To date, no public bodies seem to want to look at speed reduction measures.
 The Greencore traffic plan does not match with this information.
 Questions?
 Please email the Clerk your travel/speed data.
 Q: Does the legal right to purchase freehold apply?
 A: No, if 51% of residents agree they can run it themselves.
 Fleece holding/Lease holding – many of the builders have sold the leases, good income stream for them.
 Speed Watch – extended to 4 sites in Evercreech.
 Please inform Clerk of sites.

Evercreech Explorer Scouts
 Natalie Gunner
 Continued to meet via Zoom. Various speakers nationally and internationally.
 On-line camps took place.
 Activities continue.
 Taking part in DOE awards.
 Please contact gunnerexplore@gmail.com if you or a young person you know, aged 13 ½+ is interested in joining.

Old Stores Studio
 Continued through the pandemic with assistance from various groups. Financial support enabled on-line courses to take place.
 Subsidised courses are available.
 Looking to widen information distribution to residents, not just on line.
 Jack in the Green not taking place this year.

Other groups/businesses were invited to contribute:
 Peter Green
 James Chocolates
 CRS Building Supplies
 St Peters Church - Helen Drever
 History Society
 Youth Club
 Bath & West Showground
 Police
 Village Hall
 Allotment Group
 Show Society
 British Legion
 Evercreech Volunteer Group

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	Open discussion and debate: Vandalism to the allotments has taken place. Reported to Police, will increase police presence. Cllr Williams conveyed thanks to the Clerk, Lynn Crisp and Finance Officer, Julie Bolton for their hard work and efforts during the year. He continued with thanks to Cllr Reed for taking the role of Chair at short notice and for his work on behalf of the Parish. In turn, Cllr Reed thanked all Cllrs for their support	
	Meeting close Lynn Crisp Time: 20.13.	

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