

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 7th September 2021
7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Rob Reed (Chair), Barry O’Leary, Michael Muncer

Also present Lynn Crisp (Clerk) and 3 members of the public, Paul Sealy, Chris Ough – Cricket Club representatives, Kara, Vikki O’Connor, Jaci Elliot – Youth Club representatives. Paul Hardwick (7.41) – resident invited to speak re the Skate Park.

Item No		LEAD
	<p>Open Session Members of the public are invited to speak for 3 minutes. This item does not form part of the minutes of this meeting. Cemetery Rules.</p>	
001	<p>Apologies for Absence received and accepted from: LP MS SB</p>	
002	<p>Declaration of Interests and Dispensation Cllr Wakeford declare interests in Items 007 & 011b. The relevant form was signed.</p>	
003	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 03 08 21 Proposed: GW Seconded RW Chair signed as a true record.</p> <p>Proposal to move to item 011 d, Cricket Club Pavilion feedback by RR, to enable representatives to feed back and leave the meeting if they so wished.</p> <p>RW seconded. Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>Representatives from the Cricket Club and Youth Club were present. Update on Pavilion repairs. Cricket Club update:</p> <p>Representatives met with Mendip District Council Building Control, pre-COVID19, and are aware of the work which requires attention. Building Control do not provide an itinerary of repairs. Building Control will inspect each stage as the work takes place and provide a letter stating the work has been carried out satisfactorily, at the end of the project.</p> <p>The Cricket Club told the meeting that they have committed to spending up to £10,000 on the repairs to the pavilion to make it suitable for use by Youth Club. It should be noted that any reports fees, if required, will be taken from this sum. If further funds are required, perhaps Youth Club could help?</p> <p>Representatives from the Cricket Club felt that they are awaiting the legal side to be completed. Discussions took place regarding solicitors being responsible for the delay. The Parish Council confirmed that their solicitors were not receiving responses from the Cricket Club solicitors.</p> <p>The Parish Council confirmed that the Fields in Trust application has been made and that confirmation is awaited from Land Registry regarding the transfer of</p>	

	<p>land, to complete the application. The Parish Council are informed that there are longer than usual delays at Land Registry due to the pandemic.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked P Sealy to contact the Cricket Club solicitors to move the matter forwards.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked the Cricket Club for an estimated cost of the work to be carried out to the Pavilion.</p> <p>Representatives of Youth Club were asked to confirm that they wish to move into the cricket club pavilion. Representative confirmed that they do. They reported that the current Youth Club building is unsafe to open at this time due to only having one WC and one combined entrance/exit.</p> <p>Chair thanked all representatives for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Resident entered the meeting at 7.41 to take part in agenda item 011a Skate Park.</p> <p>Proposal to move item 011a Skate Park by RR Seconded: GW Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>011 a Paul and Lee offered to join the working party and will be invited to their next meeting. Other names were collected at the Evercreech Show from residents happy to join.</p> <p>Discussions took place.</p> <p>Chair thanked them both for offering their expertise in this matter.</p> <p>a. Facebook survey update. Has been published. Approx 900 households in village, 142 responses so far. Simple survey. Cllr O'Leary read out the results so far from the survey. Will send all responses to date and results to Clerk. Suggestion to apply to Virridor for a grant immediately. Suggestion to apply to NASS for a grant immediately.</p> <p>b. Grants update. All proceeding.</p>	BOL
004	<p>Public Reps: County Cllr – Invitation to speak. Report received prior to meeting, in time for circulation. District Cllr – Invitation to speak. Clerk will cascade report. Question re Greencore Site planning application outcome. Response: Nothing has happened. Will conclude mid- September 2021. Mendip District Council are concerned re the current running of the site.</p>	
011a	<p>Skate Park See above.</p>	
005	<p>Actions List Clerk updated the list.</p>	
006	<p>Finance a. Payments/Receipts Resolution to approve income & expenditure. Resolve: Proposed: GW Seconded: RR</p> <p>Cllr queried the footpaths payment on one of the 3 Counties invoices. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to investigate this cost and report back via email.</p>	CLERK

	<p>b. PC to nominate 2 Cllrs to complete authorisation of meeting BACS payments on 08 09 21, am please.</p> <p>Cllrs: RR LP GW if required.</p> <p>c. Finance Committee Update Finance Officer will update the Parish Council at the October Meeting. Finance meeting arranged for 14th September 2021, agenda published.</p>	
007	<p>a. Planning Application re-submission. This application will be discussed under item 011.b. Application Number: 2021/1567/HSE Proposal: Conversion of integral double garage into kitchen/diner. Erection of single storey flat roof extension to SE corner, first floor extension over existing garage, timber framed double car port, and garden room. Enclose front and rear porches. Installation of PV panels on south facing roof, timber effect cladding to part of property. Creation of boules area with erection of shed, provision of paths, decking area and associated internal alterations Location: Shandor Church Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr N Morris Application Type: Householder Application Decision</p> <p>Application Number: 2021/1887/HSE Proposal: Erection of double garage Location: 5 Church Close Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6HR Applicant: Mr S Bridgeman Application Type: Householder Application Decision: Approved. All agreed.</p> <p>Application Number: 2021/1680/FUL Proposal: Erection of first floor office extension Location: Peter Green (haulage) Ltd Leighton Lane Industrial Estate Leighton Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Applicant: Mr Binks Application Type: Full Application Decision Approve with comment: However, we note that extra offices while bringing extra employment will lead to more traffic. There is inadequate signage for this business at the park and we ask that the owners note this and take steps to address it.</p> <p>We would draw the planner's attention to this issue not just for this application but for business on this trading estate in general. We ask that proper signage is now required.</p> <p>Proposed: RW Seconded: GW</p> <p>Application Number: 2021/1784/FUL Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land for siting of 3no. Holiday Lodges Use Class C3 Location: Maesdown Farm Maesdown Hill Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr P Wiltshire Application Type: Full Application Decision Approved.</p>	
008	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>a. Shed. New doors are required. Will be added to budget for next year.</p> <p>b. Memorial request. Resolve:</p>	

	<p>Approved.</p> <p>c. Hedges planted around graves. 3 plots have been identified with hedging planted.</p> <p>Evercreech Cemetery rules state: Maintenance of grave space. All grave spaces are to be kept in a neat and tidy condition by the owners. In the new section of the cemetery, all grave spaces are to remain turfed. Only Stonemason fitted and approved kerbstones are permitted. No grave mounds are allowed, no other surrounds are permitted save the kerbstones mentioned above.</p> <p>Resolution: To approach owners of plots and request the removal of hedging in accordance with Cemetery rules.</p> <p>Resolve: Agreed.</p>	CLERK
009	<p>Inspection Reports</p> <p>a. Weston Town Skate Park Not required.</p> <p>b. Queens Road Playing Field</p> <p>i. Damaged bin by gate – added to budget next year. Burnt surface – monitoring. Unsecure rope climb – requires fixing. Playdale have been asked to attend.</p> <p>ii. Update on Grant applications for hedging. We are awaiting one final piece of information.</p> <p>iii. Update re arson attack. The police have closed the incident.</p>	
010	<p>Footpaths Officer Report</p> <p>Weymouth Road Footpath feedback Appears fine. Small weeds which do not impact on walking area. Lake footpath, ongoing passed to enforcement officer. 2 weeks overdue for action. 2 faulty gates – Clair Haskins will liaise with farmer to have them replaced. One at Horsehill Meadows, one at Peter Greens. No other issues reported to MM. MM walks the paths regularly.</p>	
011	<p>Council Matters</p> <p>a. Skate Park Invitation given to interested resident to speak at meeting. Discussed earlier in the agenda.</p> <p>b. Application Number: 2021/1567/HSE Complainant invited to the meeting.</p> <p>GW left the meeting as she was named in the complaint's letter, at 7.55. The complainant or their representative were not present at the meeting. The complaint was against the Parish Council not an individual Cllr.</p> <p>The Parish Council followed the complaints procedure.</p> <p>The Parish Council declared that this item should not be deemed confidential and that the press, if present and the public should not be excluded.</p> <p>The Chair responded on behalf of the Parish Council and outlined the grounds of the complaint; that a Cllr may have had undue influence on the Parish Council's decision regarding their response to this planning application.</p> <p>Discussions took place regarding the last Parish Council meeting where it is clearly minuted that an interest form was completed regarding the agenda item and that the Cllr with the interest did not take part in discussions. There was no requirement for the Cllr to leave that meeting.</p>	

<p>Chair read out the Monitoring Officers response which acknowledged that the Parish Council had followed the correct procedure during the August Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>RW reminded Cllrs that he spoke at the last meeting, the decision was recommended by studying the application and he feels that the outcome was correct. He further commented that the Parish Cllrs are volunteers and that he is disappointed that the complainant did not attend this meeting</p> <p>For summing up, the Chair left the room at 8.05</p> <p>Discussions took place and Cllrs present felt that the complaint was not valid and therefore could not be upheld. Correct procedures were followed during the last meeting. The Parish Council were confident that no Cllr had undue influence regarding the application.</p> <p>Chair returned to the meeting at 8.10 and was informed of the decision.</p> <p>Request to write to complainant with the outcome was made.</p> <p>Request to write to named Cllr with the outcome was made.</p> <p>The plans were re submitted following a visit from the Planning Officer:</p> <p>Application re-submission. This application will be discussed under item 011.b. Application Number: 2021/1567/HSE Proposal: Conversion of integral double garage into kitchen/diner. Erection of single storey flat roof extension to SE corner, first floor extension over existing garage, timber framed double car port, and garden room. Enclose front and rear porches. Installation of PV panels on south facing roof, timber effect cladding to part of property. Creation of boules area with erection of shed, provision of paths, decking area and associated internal alterations Location: Shandor Church Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr N Morris Application Type: Householder Application Decision: Approved – the resubmitted plans. Cllrs present agreed.</p> <p>BOL left the meeting at 8.16. GW returned to the meeting at 8.16.</p> <p>c. RFO Hours The Parish Council were asked to consider the RFO reducing their hours to 6 per week from November 2021 and to the removal of grant application writing from the job description. Discussions took place. Cllrs present agreed to the request.</p> <p>d. Cricket Club Pavilion feedback. Cricket Club and Youth Club invited to this meeting. Discussed previously in the agenda.</p> <p>e. Queens Platinum Celebrations Working Group Working group required. Wording for volunteers request to be decided for Facebook and notice boards. This will remain on the actions list.</p> <p>f. Consultation on the Gambling Statement of Gambling Principles 2022-2025 Resolution required: Does the Parish Council wish to respond? Resolve: The Parish Council do not wish to respond.</p> <p>g. The Cedars – yellow no parking lines.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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	<p>Resolution required: Does the Parish Council wish to instruct Traffic Management to begin a consultation regarding this matter? Resolve: The Parish Council decided not to instruct Traffic Management on the grounds that they are not enforceable and the cost.</p> <p>Proposed: RW Seconded: GW Agreed by majority vote. Clerk to inform Highways.</p> <p>h. Evercreech Show Stand Feedback. Discussions took place and it was agreed that the whole show was a success. Chair has written to Cllr thanking them for their time during the show.</p> <p>i. Somerset Bus Partnership Mendip representative request. Resolution required To send Cllr with bus responsibilities contact details as requested. Resolve: The Parish Council asked the Clerk to send Cllr O'Leary's Parish Council email address details.</p> <p>j. Ginko Tree – Queens Road Playing Fields. Resolution required. Cannot relocate on the site. Other options were discussed. Carry forward to October Agenda.</p> <p>k. Future Parish Elections. Response required from Parish Council. Resolve: To hold in 2022 makes financial sense. This will mean that Cllrs will hold office for 3 years. Clerk to inform.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
012	<p>To Note: a. TTRO451520 NASS Festival Bagborough Lane and Redlands Farm Lane to Prestleigh Road and A37 Fosse Way, Shepton Mallet Red = Temporary Road Closure (from 0800 hours on the 23 September 2021 to 1600 hours on the 27th September 2021) Green = Temporary 30mph Speed Limit Redlands Farm Lane (from 0800 hours on the 15th September 2021 to 2000 hours on the 1st October 2021) and Temporary 30mph Speed Limit A37 Fosse Way (from 0800 hours on the 23rd September 2021 to 1600 hours on 27th September 2021).</p>	
013	<p>Agenda Items for next meeting Dog bins. Ginko Tree</p>	
014	<p>Date & Time of next meeting 5th October 2021, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall (subject to change).</p>	
015	<p>Meeting Close 8.32 Lynn Crisp Clerk</p>	