

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 5th October 2021, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Sarah Breare, Rob Reed (Chair), Lesley Parham, Michael Muncer

Also present Lynn Crisp (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Item No		Action
	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. Speed limit through Southwood (A371). Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their efforts during the pandemic. Litter is picked up however weeds are growing in gutters.	
001	Apologies for Absence Received and accepted from: BOL Julie Bolton	
002	Declaration of Interests and Dispensation None declared.	
003	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of: 7 th September 2021 Proposed: RW Seconded: MM Chair signed as a true record.	
004	Public Reps: County Cllr – Invitation to speak. Report issued prior to meeting. The Parish Council expressed their thanks for the report. District Cllr – Invitation to speak. Apologies. Report not yet received.	
005	Actions List Clerk updated the actions list.	
006	Finance a. Payments/Receipts Resolution to approve income & expenditure. Resolve: Approved. Proposed: MS Seconded: LP b. PC to nominate 2 Cllrs to complete authorisation of meeting BACS payments on 6 th October 2021. Cllrs: LP GW c. Finance Committee Update Second quarter reporting to Full Council. Chair of Finance: Successful audit, very clean very different from previous years. ½ way through year we are where we should be financially.	

	<p>Budget 22/23 is being looked at. We are under reserved in some key codes. Possibly look at reviewing some codes i.e. look at traffic signs reserve. Election costs - behind with the reserves. Any other questions. Cllrs had no questions for the Chair of Finance.</p>	
007	<p>a. Planning Application Number: 2021/2040/TCA Proposal: T1 - T2 - Sumac - Fell. T3 - Box Elder - Fell. T4 - Birch - Reduce x 2m Location: Tanglewood High Street Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mrs Burridge Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA Response sent – Refer to Tree Preservation Officer.</p> <p>Application Number: 2021/2135/TCA Proposal: T1 - T4 - Fell. Location: Dunelm Queens Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr White Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA. Response sent – Refer to Tree Preservation Officer.</p> <p>b. Update re 2020/1793/OTS – Ex Greencore Site Planning Application. Cllr O’Leary was not present to update. Nothing has been confirmed officially.</p> <p>c. Consider email from M7 Planning Ltd re presentation of mixed-use planning proposal. Correspondence does not name the proposed site. It could be a site which has previously applied for planning permission. Chair has tried calling them without a response, their website is unobtainable. The company is a housing group from London, Octavia Homes, according to Twitter. Proposal to not organize anything now. Proposed: MM Seconded: MS All agreed</p>	
008	<p>Cemetery 2 memorial requests agreed. Clerk to email them to Cllrs for agreement.</p>	Clerk
009	<p>Inspection Reports a. Weston Town Skate Park Update from Skate Park Working Party: The working party have met, some residents/parents attended. Suggestion has been made to replace the ramps with something solid; possibly concrete, then install ramps in stages. Parents are measuring the site and have suggested contacts. Going to look at further funding. Suggestion for a parent to approach the Co Op to request the skate ramps be included in the community fund.</p> <p>b. Queens Road Playing Field The play equipment has been repaired £195.00 cost to Parish Council. Damaged litter bin. Replacement has been budgeted for next year. The wooden shelter has been inspected and a quotation provide to remove and clear away. To commission removal of wooden shelter as per quotation: Proposed: RR Seconded: MS All agreed.</p>	LP
010	<p>Footpaths Officer Report A cracked concrete post on the footpath has been reported to Mendip District Council on 22 09 21. Awaiting a response.</p> <p>All previous footpath issues are still outstanding, despite MM being in contact with Somerset County Council.</p>	
011	<p>Council Matters a. Dog Bins</p>	

	<p>i. Request for new dog bin. Clerk has contacted relevant department @ Mendip District Council. Please note process of ordering new bin. To begin the process and order bin in next financial year. Proposed: GW Seconder: LP All agreed.</p> <p>ii. Request to move existing dog bin nearer to Horsehill Meadow wooded footpath. Resolve: The Parish Council agreed to leave the bin in situ and not relocate it.</p> <p>b. Village Christmas Tree arrangements for 2021. Resolution required: Date, celebrations, electricity etc. Consider proposal from Old Stores Studio. Resolve:</p> <p>Proposal: The PC agreed to pay Old Stores Studio for electricity used for the tree lights. The PC asked the Clerk to send a donation request form with a request to provide a full breakdown of the £300.00 requested in order to run a workshop on the day. Date: 27th November 2021 6.00 pm due to date clashes with pre-arranged village events. Clerk to inform Old Stores Studio, 3 Counties and Church of the date.</p> <p>Proposed LP Seconded MS All agreed.</p> <p>c. Speed limit reduction on the A371 – Southwood Hamlet. The Clerk was asked to begin the process with Somerset County Council Traffic Management.</p> <p>d. Appoint Simon Pritchard to carry out the Parish Council internal audit 21/22 £163.00. Resolve Agreed.</p> <p>e. HGV access and offer of donation towards cost of traffic signs. Resolve: To ask BOL to update the November meeting especially regarding the HGV signs from the main road. If he is unable to attend, then to please provide a written update. The Parish Council asked the Clerk contact highways regarding progress on the ordered traffic signs, with emphasis on the A371 HGV signs.</p> <p>f. Request from Charlie Bingham Foods to place recruitment banners around the village. The Parish Council considered the matter and concluded that they were unable to facilitate the request. They suggested that the company approach the Bath and West. Clerk to advise the company.</p> <p>g. Ginko Tree – re planting location update. Resolve: Carry forward.</p> <p>h. Queens Road Playing Fields – Update from Parish Council Solicitors. a. Transfer of land – Deed of Release Resolution required: To agree to the Deed of Release Document provided. Proposed: RW Seconded: LP All agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>Resolve: Cllr agreed the Deed of Release document.</p> <p>b. Land registry Delays at the Land Registry offices. The PC have been allocated a reference number, so things are progressing. Duly noted.</p> <p>c. Fields in Trust Cannot be progressed until Land Registry confirm transfer of land. Resolution required: For the Parish Council to agree to the dedication of the site with Fields in Trust. Fields in Trust require this to be noted in minutes. Resolve Proposed RW s Seconded GW All agreed.</p> <p>i. Preparations for Remembrance 2021 Purchase of Tommy statue. Resolve: Proposal to purchase 1 Unknown Tommy Statue this year and 1 Women in War statue next year. Delivery to Cllr Williams address. Proposed GW Seconded LP All agreed, 1 Cllr abstained.</p> <p>Agree to purchase of Parish Council Remembrance wreath. The Parish Council agreed to the purchase upon request from British Legion.</p> <p>j. Shapway Road Hedge Agree to the work going ahead as per quotation: Resolve: Request a second quote. Ask contractor to explain the cost.</p> <p>k. NALC Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation. Do the Parish Council wish to take part? Resolve The Parish Council decided against taking part.</p> <p>l. Set date for Cllr Village walk to inspect assets and note any changes. The Parish Council asset list will be provided. Resolve: Nov 2nd Tuesday 2.00 village hall.</p> <p>m. Grants Update. i. Hedging QRPF Grant applied for. Awaiting outcome. ii. Skate Park. Grant applied for. Awaiting outcome</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
012	<p>To Note:</p> <p>a. In preparation for winter, the Parish Grit bins have been surveyed by The Clerk and the results emailed to County Roads for action.</p> <p>b. Historic photo of Shapway Road hedge.</p> <p>c. Free emergency preparedness training for Somerset residents. Upload to Parish Council website.</p> <p>d. Somerset Association of Local Councils consultation result regarding election dates.</p> <p>e. Newsletter from Wessex Water.</p>	
013	<p>Proposal to enter closed session 8.30 pm RR Seconded: GW Staffing Committee.</p>	
014	<p>Returned to full meeting 8.32.</p>	

	Agenda Items for next meeting £5,000 to £2,000 traffic signs HGV Traffic signs at Prestleigh Point update. Ginko tree Muddy Paws Signage and road user issues. Greencore update Christmas celebrations. Mince pies December meeting	
015	Date & Time of next meeting 2 11 21	
016	Meeting Close 8.35 Lynn Crisp Clerk	