

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 2nd November 2021, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.

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

Also present Lynn Crisp (Clerk), Nigel Hewitt Cooper (Somerset County Cllr) and 6 members of the public.

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.</p> <p>Pecking Mill – road fatality A371. Speaker described the chain of events and the impact upon the family and residents. Pecking Mill – Residents held a meeting and have sent a summary of the meeting to The Clerk. Requests were listed in the summary. Children of the Hamlet of Pecking Mill are vulnerable when accessing the school bus to and from Ansford Academy.</p> <p>Southwood visitor believes the police and or County may paint ‘slow’ in the road. They are awaiting the outcome of this. At Southwood, children must cross the 60-mph road to catch the bus to Ansford Academy, this is extremely dangerous.</p>	
001	<p>Apologies for Absence None received.</p>	
002	<p>Declaration of Interests and Dispensation None declared.</p>	
003	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 05 10 21 Proposed: MS Seconded: MM All agreed. BOL was not present at the last meeting. Chair signed as a true record.</p>	
011	<p>Proposal to bring forward items 11 a to d: Cllrs agreed to the proposal.</p> <p>a. Feedback from County Traffic Management regarding the speed limit through Southwood Hamlet.</p> <p>Chair read the response from County Traffic Management to the meeting:</p> <p>£250 for Radar Monitoring – this is the first stage. £5,000 - £1000,00 for Traffic Regulation Order– second stage. Their response stated that the Parish Council will be responsible for funding this project. Cllr queried why the Parish Council must fund this, it is a Traffic Management issue? County Cllr Nigel Hewitt-Cooper was not aware of this and will make enquiries and feed-back. The meeting noted that a Speed Indicator Device was not required as the speed limit along the stretch of road in question is 60mph.</p> <p>Given the volume of lorries that turn into Southwood Ind Est, Cllrs felt this should be 40 mph for safety of all road users.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the slip road which a Cllr felt should have been implemented when planning at Southwood was granted. BOL advised that it was</p>	NHC

	<p>not a slip road, but a right turn marked in the road. Cllrs asked Cllr Hewitt Cooper to establish when this work is scheduled as it is overdue.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked Cllr Hewitt Cooper to request that Traffic Management fund the whole package of safety requirements along this stretch of road.</p> <p>The meeting noted again that children have no option but to cross a 60-mph road to access the school bus to Ansford Academy.</p> <p>b. Correspondence received from residents regarding the A371 and the junction of Pecking Mill Road.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that signage for this stretch of road has been ordered. The meeting asked Cllr Hewitt Cooper to establish what signs have been ordered for the village, including for this stretch of road, and feed-back. Cllrs assume that The Clerk will be informed when the work will take place. 3 hot spots were previously identified for new signs for the village.</p> <p>Proposal: A371. To extend from the end of the 30-mph limit, Prestleigh Hill, past The Mendip School to beyond Southwood Cottages, a 40-mph limit i.e. to combine the two areas of concern: Pecking Mill Inn and Southwood. RW seconded. Vote: 1 abstain. 7 in favour. Motion carried.</p> <p>Proposal: SB: If Traffic Management insist it is the Parish Council's responsibility to fund the proposed work, then an emergency meeting should be convened, to support in principle, if needs be. Seconded: RR Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>c. HGV Signs request update; notably ones on A371 opposite Bath & West and Leighton Lane. Note correspondence from resident.</p> <p>This was answered in 011 b.</p> <p>d. Request for 30 MPH speed limit outside Evercreech Cemetery. The 30 mph finishes approx. 300 yds before the cemetery and reverts to national speed limit. Would like the 30-mph extended to just beyond the cemetery, both sides. Cllr Hewitt Cooper will investigate and feed-back.</p> <p>e. Greencore Update. BOL reported the planning officer was in contact with the applicant over the future of the application. Discussions took place, and the council awaits the outcome. Discussions took place.</p>	<p>NHC</p> <p>NHC</p> <p>NHC</p> <p>NHC</p>
004	<p>Public Reps: County Cllr – Invitation to speak. Cllr Hewitt Cooper read from his report. This will be cascaded to Cllrs. New Boundary Wards – no update.</p> <p>District Cllr – Invitation to speak. Report received prior to meeting. Support for disabled people – grants available for homes. Grants from Community Fund are being considered. No parking charge in various Mendip car parks for the Christmas Season. Recycle More have improved their service. Government has restricted a 2% increase on Council Tax this does not affect the parish precept.</p>	
005	<p>Actions List Clerk updated the list.</p>	

006	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Payments/Receipts Resolution to approve income & expenditure. Resolve: MS LP All agreed.</p> <p>b. PC to nominate 2 Cllrs to complete authorisation of meeting BACS payments on 03 11 21, morning please.</p> <p>Cllrs: GW LP</p> <p>c. Finance Committee Update</p> <p>i. Discuss the £5,000 ring fenced for Traffic signs from the Covid 19 grant. This will be discussed at a later meeting.</p> <p>ii. Dates for budget/precept meeting: Mendip District Council Precept application deadline: 13th January 2022.</p> <p>24 11 21 7.00 - Preliminary budget meeting/planning for next year/precept.</p> <p>05 01 22 7.00 - Precept and budget finalisation.</p> <p>iii. Parish Council Meeting January 2022 will take place on 11 01 22 due to festive bank holidays.</p> <p>Proposal: Parish Council to agree to the approval of BACS salary payments on 05 01 22 at this meeting. Other payments will be made on 12 01 22. Resolve: Proposed: BOL Seconded: RW Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>Reported that spend against budget is in line with anticipated spend. Asset register needs attention, this is in hand.</p>	
007	<p>a. Planning Applications Application Number: 2021/2141/LBC Proposal: Conversion of barn structure to residential dwelling, Demolition of existing lean-to structures. Conversion of agricultural storage areas to form part of new dwelling. Location: The Barn Stratton Farm High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Applicant: Ms S Smart Application Type: Listed Building Consent Response: Revert to planning officer. Proposed RW Seconded GW All agreed.</p> <p>Use Existing Application Number: 2021/2193/CLE Proposal: Certificate of lawful existing use of caravan for residential purposes Location: The Caravan Manor Farm Winterwell Lane Chesterblade Shepton Mallet Applicant: Mr & Mrs P & C Powell & Gent Application Type: Certificate of use existing. Response: Application is misleading. It states: 'dwelling house' not 'caravan'. The plans appear to show a bungalow, not a caravan. Recommend object and request the application is amended and re submitted. 7 for 1 abstained. Majority vote. Application Number: 2021/2327/VRC Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (plans) of planning approval 2018/2785/FUL (Conversion of existing barn structure to new residential dwelling. Demolition of existing lean-to structures. Conversion of agricultural</p>	

	<p>storage areas to form part of new dwelling) Location: The Barn High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Ms S Smart Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions Response: Revert to planning officer.</p> <p>Application Number: 2021/2230/TPO – Response sent; refer to TPO. Proposal: T4 - Japanese Cherry - Fell. Location: Church Of St Peter Church View Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Revd Peter Sear Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees.</p> <p>Outcomes Outcomes for planning applications are not currently being received.</p>	
008	<p>Cemetery i. Memorial requests. Memorial request granted. ii. Cemetery rule no. 22 - Tablets only are permissible in the cremation area. MS: Proposal to remove this rule: Secoded: LP Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>Cllrs requested that the Clerk also delete the rule referring to artificial flowers.</p> <p>Cllrs expressed thanks to Cllr and Mr. Wakeford and Cllr Williams for constructing the new Tommy Statue in the Cemetery.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
009	<p>Inspection Report Queens Road Playing Field Note any issues. Report was not received this month.</p> <p>Proposal to add the wooden structure outside of the playpark to inspection reports. All agreed.</p> <p>The wooden shelter will be removed mid November 2021.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
010	<p>Footpaths Officer Report No action from County to date.</p>	
011	<p>Council Matters a. Feedback from County Traffic Management regarding the speed limit through Southwood. Previously discussed. b. Correspondence received from residents regarding the A371 and the junction of Pecking Mill Road. Previously discussed. c. HGV Signs request update; notably ones on A371 opposite Bath & West and Leighton Lane. Note correspondence from resident. Previously discussed. d. Request for 30 MPH speed limit outside Evercreech Cemetery. Previously discussed.</p> <p>e. Greencore Update. BOL asked for the following to be taken under advice: The Planning Officer will contact the applicant to advise the application will be refused and invite them to withdraw and re-apply. Discussions took place.</p> <p>f. Skate Park Working Party Update. The working party have met and are awaiting the outcome of the grant application. Cllr asked whether the grant spend could be deferred to later? The reply was this is not possible, no.</p>	

012	<p>g. Parish Council Community grant applications: i. The Old Stores Studio £350.00 Discussions took place. Proposed to grant £250.00 which will include the £30.00 electricity costs. Proposed: BOL Seconded: RW ii. EDIS request if received prior to the meeting. Request not received.</p> <p>h. Christmas 2021 arrangements. PC social. Discussions took place. LP will email date and suggested venues.</p> <p>Refreshments @ December 2021 meeting. Not required.</p> <p>i. Queens Road Playing Fields a. Consider new information regarding costs for cutting hedge. Proposal: As we have spoken to residents with a positive outcome, agree to the one off cut then regular trims. Proposed RR Seconded: LP Vote 7 for 1 abstained motion carried.</p> <p>b. Grant Application update re hedge filling. Due to ongoing requests for information/knowledge that the Parish Council do not have, the Parish Council agreed to withdraw the application. Clerk to advise.</p> <p>c. Ginko Tree update. Clerk to contact Wilf's Wood.</p> <p>j. Muddy Paws field signage and road users. Is the entrance the correct size? It is beyond the 30 MPH and could be dangerous. Can we approach the owners to request a bigger sign and a mirror opposite the entrance? The hedges also need cutting. SB will try to locate the owners of the field.</p> <p>k. Cricket Club - Deed of release V2 with changes.</p> <p>i. PC to agree the revised document. Resolve: Point 2.2. The Parish Council requested an appendix stating that the building must be repaired satisfactorily, and the Cricket Club take full responsibility for this work. The meeting noted that either the building should be demolished or re furnished for Youth Club.</p> <p>Schedule 1 The Covenants 1. Refers to a plan and coloured pink. The Parish Council requested sight of this plan.</p> <p>ii. Agree to condition requested in email from Tozer Solicitors dated 13 10 21; to agree, in writing, the addition of wording to ensure that the Council accepts it takes the ground back as it stands now. Resolve: See i. above. I. Domain name retention. Resolve: To relinquish retention.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	To Note:	Clerk

	<p>a. Due to Bank Holidays over the Festive Period, the Full Council meeting in January will be held on 11 01 22.</p> <p>b. A scheme to improve mobile phone coverage in rural parts of Devon and Somerset is being expanded.</p>	
013	<p>Agenda Items for next meeting Bin behind village hall. LP Memorial Plaque. Deed of Release – Cricket Club. Traffic Management feedback.</p>	
014	<p>Date & Time of next meetings: 24 11 21 7.00 pm – Budget meeting (Subject to change) 07 12 21 7.00 pm. – Full Council Meeting (Subject to change) 05 01 21 – Second budget meeting (Subject to change) 11 01 22 - Full Council Meeting (Subject to change)</p>	
015	<p>Meeting Close 8.51 Lynn Crisp Clerk</p>	

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