

**Evercreech Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
7.00 pm, Rear Room, Evercreech Village Hall.**

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

**Also present Lynn Crisp (Clerk) and 16 members of the public.**

| Item No |  | Action |
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|         | <p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Open Session<br/>This item does not form part of the minutes of this meeting. Members of the public are invited to speak for 3 minutes.<br/>Chesterblade farmer – Planning Applications – 2022 2401 FUL and 2022 2380 FUL. Workspaces for small businesses and embryonic businesses. Need to diversify. Long links to village. Tenants in situ. Less large farming vehicles now. Re purposing for the future of the countryside. Looking for support from the Parish Council. Livestock buildings on other premises are being used for different things.<br/>Resident – wildlife protection work, teaming in partnership with other farms in the area. Have spent their own money on renovating their buildings. Some people have been refused tenancies, waiting for the right artisans.</p> <p>Resident– object to Application 2022 2025 OUT</p> <p>Resident– object to Application 2022 2025 OUT</p> <p>Resident – object to Application 2022 2025 OUT</p> <p>Resident Objection to Planning Applications – 2022 2401 FUL and 2022 2380 FUL – Chesterblade is a small hamlet. Both sites are part of a village development. These sites are all retrospective planning applications. Seeking relevant permissions when already developed. Chesterblade Hill site generates a high volume of traffic.</p> <p>Resident - object to Application 2022 2025 OUT.</p> <p>Resident - object to Application 2022 2025 OUT. Planning discrepancy.</p> |        |
| 001     | <p>a. Apologies for Absence.<br/>Received and accepted from:<br/>Cllr Chinnock – work commitments.</p> <p>b. Co-opted Cllr Vacancies:<br/>The Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies and have received 2 applications.</p> <p>i. Consider applications to join the Parish Council.<br/>Mr P Bradshaw.<br/>Proposed: LP<br/>Seconded: SB<br/>Cllrs agreed unanimously.<br/>Cllr Bradshaw was duly co-opted to the Parish Council, signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, and joined the meeting.</p> <p>Mr M Stewart<br/>Proposed: LP<br/>Seconded: JM</p>  |        |

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|     | <p>Outcome: 5<br/>Abstained: 2</p> <p>Cllr Stewart was duly co-opted to the Parish Council, signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, and joined the meeting.</p> <p>ii. Appoint New Cllrs to committees/working parties if successful.<br/>Request to carry this item forward. Cllrs present agreed.</p> <p>c. Vice Chair<br/>Election of Vice Chair.<br/>Cllr Parham proposed Cllr Wakeford.<br/>Cllr Williams seconded.<br/>Cllrs agreed unanimously for Cllr Wakeford to be appointed Vice Chair.</p>  |  |
| 002 | <p>Declaration of Interests and Dispensation<br/>None declared.</p>   |  |
| 003 | <p>Confirmation of the Minutes<br/>Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022<br/>Proposed: RW<br/>Seconded: GW<br/>Outcome: Agreed.<br/>Confirmation of Meeting 29 11 22<br/>Proposed: RW<br/>Seconded: GW<br/>Outcome: Agreed.</p>   |  |
| 004 | <p>Public Reps invitation to speak.<br/><b>County Cllrs</b><br/>Cllr Claire Sully.<br/>Report to follow.<br/>A371 – carrying on with work started by previous Cllrs, 5 onsite meetings with highways have taken place. From tomorrow monitoring (11 01 23) devices will be installed for data gathering purposes until 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.<br/>Also meeting with the police force.<br/>Meeting with residents re surface water.<br/>Gathering digital evidence.<br/>Signage being reviewed.<br/>Looking at the entire length of the A37 from Shepton Mallet to Castle Carey.</p> <p>Budget update in the report.<br/>Local Community Network is the structure to bring different representatives together. Network group information will be published on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p> <p>The chair thanked Cllr Sully. The chair asked whether Cllr Wiltshire continues as the planning ‘go to person’? The response was that it is being investigated as to how this will be set up.</p> <p><b>District Cllr</b><br/>Cllr Barry O’Leary<br/>Report not received.<br/>Will cease to be Cllr on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.<br/>Mendip District Council (MDC) does not have responsibility for highways.<br/>Glastonbury festival site – seeking permanent planning permission. They are issued a licence for a lifetime, until you ‘screw it up’. They have applied for planning permission, not a change to their licence, for different stages to be more permanent and a camping site.</p> <p>Chesterblade planning is retrospective.</p> <p>Proposed new development:<br/>Outline planning 2022 2025 OUT (land opposite Bridge Close). There is a lack of ecological surveys on the application.<br/>The consultation response deadline has been extended.</p> |  |

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|     | <p>The local plan identifies the Greencore site as employment potential.</p> <p>MDC won't exist after March this year therefore have not set a budget. They are in the black, with a small surplus.</p> <p>Q: Planning; there is usually an 8-week timescale for the response to a planning application. However, this is a contentious one and may tend to drift. Will this go beyond MDC's lifetime? A: Anticipates it won't.<br/>Cllr Sully will keep in close contact with Parish Councils regarding planning.</p> <p>Q: Greencore, after 5 years there is much paperwork, and it is hard to understand. Please ask the Planning Officer what is acceptable to them. We know what is not acceptable. i.e., a baseline for acceptance.</p> <p>Note: the premises have been under private ownership for 4 years and is not currently for sale.</p> <p>A: Declined the offer to ask the Planning Officer what would be acceptable as regards planning. The site is in the local plan, base line is there already as the planning guidelines. No planning officer would respond to the question. Suggested the PC could agree to write to the officer.<br/>Cllr Bradshaw felt the question could be asked.</p> <p>Proposal to move to Item 007 Planning as some residents present attended the meeting specifically for this item.<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: RR<br/>Agreed unanimously.</p>                                     |  |
| 007 | <p>Planning<br/><b>Application Number: 2022/2225/OUT</b><br/>Proposal: Outline Planning Permission for the erection of up to 56 dwellings, up to 400sqm of convenience retail floorspace, ancillary parking, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system and engineering works, with details of access.<br/>Location: Land At 364368 139405 Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset<br/>Applicant: H Taylor<br/>Application Type: Outline Application</p> <p>Outcome: Recommend refusal, with the amended document.<br/>The Parish Council requested The Clerk respond to MDC with the amended document.</p> <p>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: LP<br/>Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr Williams expressed his disappointment with a few residents and how some of their points raised in the open session were put across.</p> <p><b>Application number 2022/2380/FUL</b><br/>Proposal: Retrospective change of use (Sheds A, B, C, and D) from agricultural to dual storage (Class B8) and light industrial workshops (Class E) and use of external service area for 20 No. commercial parking spaces.<br/>Location: Winterwell Yard Winterwell Lane Chesterblade Shepton Mallet Somerset<br/>Applicant: Banks Farm (Chesterblade) Ltd<br/>Application Type: Full Application.</p> <p>The meeting proposed to revert to the Planning Officer.<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: RW<br/>8 Cllrs agreed.</p> |  |

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|     | <p>1 Cllr abstained.<br/>Proposal carried.</p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 2022/2359/HSE<br/>Proposal: Erection of attached garage.<br/>Location: 25 Maesdown Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6LD<br/>Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hardy<br/>Application Type: Householder Application<br/>Approve<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: RW<br/>All agreed.</p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 2022/2389/TCA<br/>Proposal: T1 Beech- Pollard- approx height 25ft, spread 24ft.<br/>Location: 7 Fernleigh Close Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6JA<br/>Applicant: D Fairey<br/>Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA<br/>Response - refer to Tree Officer sent.</p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 2022/2401/FUL<br/>Proposal: Retrospective conversion with associated external alterations (Units 1, 2, 3, 8A, 8C, 8D, 9A, 9B, and 13B from agricultural use to flexible commercial use (Class E) with ancillary kitchen and welfare (Unit 9C) for office/light industrial workers; (ii) proposed change of use (Unit 6B) from agricultural to storage (Class B8); (iii) retention of mobile home for use as a welfare unit for agricultural and workshop workers; (iv) provision of 2 No. sewage treatment package works (1 No. retrospective and 1 No. proposed); and (v) associated parking and service areas.<br/>Location: Chesterblade Hills Chesterblade Road Chesterblade Shepton Mallet Somerset<br/>Applicant: Banks Farm (Chesterblade) Ltd<br/>Application Type: Full Application<br/>The meeting proposed to revert to the Planning Officer.<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: RW<br/>8 Cllrs agreed.<br/>1 Cllr abstained.<br/>Proposal carried.</p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 2022/2403/FUL<br/>Proposal: Demolition of barn and construction of 2no new dwellings<br/>Location: Home Farm Back Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset<br/>Applicant: Mr J Beazer<br/>Application Type: Full Application<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: RW<br/>Outcome: Refusal<br/>The Parish Council requested The Clerk respond to MDC with the reasons.</p> <p>The meeting reverted to the agenda items.</p> |  |
| 005 | <p>Actions List<br/>Clerk updated the list.</p>   |  |
| 006 | <p>Finance:<br/>a. Payments and Receipts<br/>Resolution to approve income and expenditure:<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: LP</p> <p>Total monthly payments: 3,143.65</p>  |  |

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|     | <p>Total monthly income: 39.16<br/>Bank account: 89,194.12</p> <p>b. Parish Council to nominate 2 Cllrs to complete BACS payments:<br/>Cllrs<br/>Payments may be authorised immediately.<br/>LP and GW</p> <p>c. Finance update<br/>Proposal to disband the Finance Committee and bring financial matters to full council.<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: LP<br/>All agreed.</p> <p>RFO has requested the previously agreed budget be signed.<br/>The chair duly signed the budget.</p> <p>The Chair signed the precept form.</p>   |  |
| 008 | <p>Cemetery<br/>a. Update.<br/>The Parish Council have not recognised any claims re grave kerbs subsiding.<br/>b. Approve any memorial requests.<br/>1 request received.<br/>Proposal to agree memorial:<br/>Proposed: GW<br/>Seconded: LP<br/>Approved.</p>  |  |
| 009 | <p>Park Inspection Reports<br/>Queens Road Playing Fields<br/>Broken memorial bench has been removed, plaque will be returned to owner.</p>   |  |
| 010 | <p>Maintenance Working Party feedback.<br/>It has been too wet to fix the new war hero statue.</p>  |  |
| 011 | <p>Council Matters<br/>a. Youth Club/Cricket Club update.<br/>The Parish Council Insurers have asked further questions which have been forwarded to both the Youth Club and Cricket Club.<br/>Update from Cricket Club read out. They aim to have the work complete, and the building handed over to the Youth Club by March 2023.<br/>Update from YC – apologies for delay. There are presently 2 members on the committee which means that there is not a committee. Representative will be starting a recruitment drive for more members.<br/>Representative agreed to email The Clerk with an update prior to each Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>b. Village generator update.<br/>Needs testing. Kept in the rear room of Village Hall. The key to the room is available from the Pharmacy or The Clerk.</p> <p>c. Neal's Way Car Park Lease.<br/>The Parish Council pay £110 rent per year to Somerset County Council who own it. Should the Parish Council be looking to acquire it? Cllr Sully agreed to investigate the matter as a preliminary enquiry.</p> <p>d. Greencore Update.<br/>i. Update from Planning Officer.<br/>The appeal deadline for the company is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.<br/>ii. Consider correspondence from Resident.<br/>The Parish Council asked The Clerk to respond as follows:<br/>Thanking them for their correspondence. It's not something that a Parish Council can get involved with. To be noted that the land is not currently for sale.</p> |  |

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|     | <p>If the resident feels it is a good idea, then contact The Duchy of Cornwall and MDC Planning Office.</p> <p>e. Parish Council Action Plan Update<br/>Add to the Plan:<br/>Village cross<br/>Bus stop on Prestleigh Road needs roof repairs.<br/>Cemetery Lych gate<br/>Christmas tree requirements.</p> <p>f. Finance Committee<br/>Nothing to report. Remove from agenda in future.</p> <p>g. Victoria Square parking.<br/>Carry forward.</p> |  |
| 012 | <p>To note:</p> <p>a. Correspondence received from a resident's insurance company which has been forwarded to the Parish Council insurers.</p> <p>b. A Freedom of Information Act request has also been received.</p> <p>c. Local Council Network update.</p>   |  |
| 013 | <p>Agenda items for next meeting<br/>Victoria Square parking.<br/>Cllrs to committees.<br/>Skate Park update.<br/>Youth Club update.<br/>Village generator.</p>   |  |
| 014 | <p>Date &amp; time of next meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm<br/>(subject to change)</p>  |  |
| 015 | <p>Close of meeting<br/>Name Lynn Crisp<br/>Time 8.31</p>   |  |