

Evercreech Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Evercreech Parish Council held this day 7th March 2023
7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.

PRESENT AT START OF MEETING: Lesley Parham (Chair), Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Rob Reed, Andy Chinnock, Jane Mackness.
County Cllr Sully, District Cllr O’Leary

Also present Lynn Crisp (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Item No		LEAD
	Present	
	<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>Queens Road incident. Young boy facing traffic on a scooter, exiting the park and he was almost hit by a van. Would like something done about it.</p> <p>Evercreech Speed Watch. More research has been done. Need £2 – £3,000 for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Display. PC would have to be responsible for it. The group cannot do this. Members are happy to be the designated person. Email re speeding data and information was requested.</p>	
001	<p>a. Apologies for Absence Received and accepted from Cllr Stewart – prior engagement.</p> <p>b. Co-opted Cllr Vacancies The Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies.</p>	
002	<p>Declaration of Interests and Dispensation LP item 11m. will abstain.</p>	
003	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes: Parish Council Meeting: 7th February 2023</p> <p>Proposed: GW Seconded: RW Outcome: Agreed</p>	
004	<p>Public Reps invitation to speak: County Cllrs – Claire Sully (Somerset County Council) Attended the final MDC District Council meeting to see what needs to be continued, what mustn’t be lost. Great networking and culture observed. This is Cllr O’Leary’s last Parish Meeting: Important moment, been in post many years. Cllr Sully thanked him for helping her to be a better Cllr. He demonstrated he was always there for his community and will be missed. Her gift to him is her thanks. A371 speed limit reduction - Traffic Regulation Order advertised in a couple of weeks then should be able to order the work in April 2023. Stoney Stratton - 2 officers have gone out there. Cllr Sully will give feedback to residents. If the residents want the extension to speed limits, the PC may have to pay approx. £2,000. Bollard, railings, and lights update – Will be ordered in April 2023. Budget approval for Somerset Council has gone through. Cllr Sully has joined the unitary planning board. District Cllr – Barry O’Leary (Mendip District Council MDC) Report will be cascaded. The report will be available on the Parish Council website. His last report will be sent at the end of March.</p>	

	<p>The last full council MDC has taken place, available online. Greencore – Planning Officer will submit comments in due course. The appeal will take place in MDC offices. Monitoring Officer is looking into accusation regarding planning applications.</p> <p>The Chair, on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Cllr O’Leary for his time as a Parish and District Cllr and invited other Cllrs to add their words:</p> <p>Cllr Williams – thanked him for being genuine and for his assistance to the village. Cllr Wakeford – thanks for his support personally when she joined the Council. Cllr Reid – understands the time that is needed to be a District Cllr and thanked him. Cllr Chinnock – thanked him. Cllr Mackay – short time known him, thank you.</p>	
005	<p>Actions List Clerk updated the list.</p>	
006	<p>Finance: a. Payments and Receipts Resolution to approve income and expenditure: Proposed: GW Seconded: RR</p> <p>Total monthly payments: 6,695.08 Total monthly income: 00.00 Bank account: 78,947.16</p> <p>b. Parish Council to nominate 2 Cllrs to complete BACS payments: Cllrs: LP GW</p> <p>Payments may be authorised immediately.</p> <p>c. Finance Update i. Audit date. Date to be confirmed.</p>	
007	<p>Planning 2022/2304/HSE Proposal: Erection of side Dormer window in existing attic Location: West Lodge Weston Town Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr P Robinson Application Type: Householder Application Outcome: approve recommend frosted glass.</p> <p>i. Consultation Notification – Somerset Council Statement of Community Involvement No comment from Parish Council.</p>	
008	<p>Cemetery a. Update i. Lych Gate 2 quotes have been requested; 0 quotes received. The Chair will request a quote from a different company. The clerk will chase the quote requests made. ii. Damage to memorial planting. Noted; confirmed the Parish Council had not instructed the removal of the plants. iii. Agree Cemetery rules. Agreed iv. Tree roots The whole tree will require removal and the path mended to address this matter, if the Council deem it necessary. RW and The Clerk will visit the site. b. Approve any memorial requests: All memorials were agreed.</p>	<p>LP Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/RW</p>

009	Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields Report received.	
010	Maintenance Working Party feedback: Bus stop - 215.00 to repair roof. Proposal to go ahead with the work: Proposed RW Seconded: RR All agreed. Village Cross – no update Village Square railings and bollards – These will be ordered by Somerset Council in April 2023. Bin and rubbish outside Greencore, Queens Road has been removed.	
011	<p>Council Matters</p> <p>a. Skate Park Update The Parish Council is awaiting a date to be agreed to begin consultation. MDC have released 5,000 from the 20,000 grant.</p> <p>b. Youth Club Update The Youth Club has a committee and people willing to volunteer at sessions. They are working towards reopening the existing building whilst awaiting information from the Cricket Club as to when the Cricket Club Building will be handed over. The Parish Council were informed that grants are being applied for.</p> <p>c. Cricket Club building Update To date, despite requests, information has not been forthcoming regarding the renovation. Cllrs instructed The Clerk to invite representatives to the Annual Parish Meeting or the April monthly meeting to update.</p> <p>d. Maintenance Contracts 5 tenders were received. The tenders were scrutinized, and proposal made: Tender 2 was selected as the best for the contract. The Clerk was asked to ensure a 'Men at Work' sign was displayed at the entrance of the Cemetery when work is taking place: Proposed: RW Seconded: LP All agreed.</p> <p>e. Kings Coronation tree planting Mallus crab apple is the tree of choice. It has small roots. It will be planted to the right of Queens Park Playing Fields, Queens Road entrance. Plaque to commemorate The King's Coronation will be arranged by AC.</p> <p>f. Kings Coronation arrangements Update.</p> <p>i. picnic – Residents have not come forward to lead an event. The Parish Council will not be involved but will suggest residents arrange their own celebrations and/or use Queens Road Playing Field if they would like to. The Parish Council felt it was up to residents to collaborate. The Village Hall will be screening the Coronation.</p> <p>ii. memorabilia The Clerk was asked to order bookmarks @1.39 each for the children of Acorns pre-school and Evercreech Primary School.</p> <p>g. Planters on Prestleigh Road The planters require attention and JM offered to lead. LP will forward contact details for the Women's Institute.</p> <p>h. Village Larder Scheme Group update This has been launched and will be ready for use soon. The group will update residents.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>JM</p> <p>AC</p> <p>LP JM</p>

	<p>i. GW meeting feedback SALC Meeting on mental health, extremely informative. SASP grants are available – And. GW AC the contact details.</p> <p>j. Village walkabout – asset update Carry forward.</p> <p>k. Agree Policies Finance Regulations, Staff Grievance, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Records Management, New Cllr Co-option, Master risk assessment, Health & Safety, GDPR, Standing Orders.</p> <p>Proposed: GW Seconded: RW All agreed.</p> <p>l. Request from St Margaret's hospice to upload posters to the Parish Council website. The Parish Council did not agree to the request.</p> <p>m. No Confidence request Motion to request that the Vic-Chair take this item due to the declaration interest from The Chair. Proposed: GW Seconded: RR Motion carried.</p> <p>Frome Town Council has asked the Parish Council for their agreement to a vote of no confidence in David Warburton MP. RR Proposed to not agree as the Parish Council is a non-political group. Seconded: RW Agreed, LP abstained. The Clerk was asked to inform Frome Town Council.</p> <p>n. Citizen's Advice Grant request. A £500.00 grant has been applied for. Cllrs robustly discussed the benefits of the service to residents, whether they should support the request and proposed: To agree to the request of £500.00 Proposed: GW Seconded: LP All agreed.</p> <p>o. Presentation The chair presented RW with a card and a gift (from Cllrs personally, not the Parish Council) to thank him for his 30 years' service.</p>	Clerk
012	To note:	
013	<p>Agenda items for next meeting NAAS – grant update. Speed Indicator Device Plaque Kings Coronation feedback Cemetery tree Annual Park Inspection</p>	
014	<p>Dates & times of next meetings: The Annual Council Meeting will be held prior to the Full Council Meeting: 04 04 23.</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting (local groups invited) date: 25 04 23 Village Hall booked.</p> <p>Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)</p>	
015	Close of meeting.	

	Name: Lynn Crisp Time: 8.32	
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