

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 04 07 23

In Attendance: Lesley Parham (Chair), Andy Chinnock, Roy Williams, Murray Stewart, Cllr Sully (Somerset Council)
2 members of the public.
Lynn Crisp (Clerk)

- | | | Action |
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| i) | Public Open Session
Resident from Pecking Mill corner regarding accident hot spot. Cllr Sully has visited the crash site regularly. Request that resident could join in with Cllr Sully's report. Agreed. | |
| ii) | County Councillor Report
Report received prior to the meeting.
A refuse collection strike could be happening.
NAAS – site visit tomorrow.
Safety at Pecking Mill corner and houses there. Further accidents have occurred. Matters to all of us. Mainly on the A371 towards Shepton. Will be slowing down to 40 MPH. This should help. Should there be a SID there at some point? The temporary one put there seemed to make people pay attention. It is not an option to change the road due to cost.

4 road incidents at the corner this year, numerous numbers of minor ones. Resident's safety is at risk.

Victoria Square parking. Parish Council have received a suggested solution from Highways.

Ex Greencore site update received – phosphates have delayed the appeal, will happen in November 2023.

31 st July Pilton LCN (Local Council Network) first meeting.
Meeting open time
19.22. | |
| 001 | To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))
Gail Wakeford – annual leave
Rob Reed - unwell
Cllr Mackness has resigned from the Parish Council.
The Parish Council currently have 3 co-opted vacancies. | |
| 002 | Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations) | |
| 003 | Cllr Parham declared an interest in item 006, 92023/1045/HSE, 9 Shapway Road planning application. Cllr Parham duly signed the relevant form.
To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))
Full Council Meeting 06 06 23
Closed session meeting 06 06 23
Annual Council Meeting 02 05 23
Agreed, Chair signed as a true record. | |
| 004 | Actions List
Clerk updated the list. | |

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005

Finance

a. To approve the payment schedule for June 2023.

Proposed: RW

Seconded: AC

All agreed.

Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

LP and RR.

b. To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 30th June 2023.

Agreed

c. Total Monthly Payments: £3,403.27

Total Monthly income: £8,323.00

Bank Account Balance: 135,060.38

d. Finance Update

The Finance Officer asked Cllrs to note first quarter spend against budget.

006

Planning

Update re ex Greencore Planning Appeal.

The Parish Council are informed that the postponement of the appeal was due to information regarding phosphates having been changed. The appeal is scheduled to go ahead in November.

Application Number: 2023/1045/HSE

Proposal: Proposed loft conversion to dwelling/bungalow.

Location: 9 Shapway Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6JT

Applicant: Mr Luke Morrison

Application Type: Householder Application

Response: Approve

Proposed: RW

Seconded: MS

Agreed

LP abstained.

Application Number: 2023/1125/CLE

Proposal: Application for an existing lawful development certificate for Erection of a C3 dwellinghouse not in compliance with planning consent 112363/005.

Location: Winterwell Farmhouse Winterwell Lane Chesterblade Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Green

Application Type: Certificate of Use Existing

Response Cllrs asked that the application be referred to the Planning Board.

Proposed: RW

Seconded: LP

Agreed.

007

Cemetery.

a. Update.

There was nothing to report.

b. Approve any memorial requests.

Approved.

008

Park Inspection Reports.

Queens Road Playing Fields Inspection report.

Nothing to note.

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- 009 Maintenance Working Party feedback:
- Trees on grass island – Oxford Street. Cllr Sully agreed to find out who owns the land. **CS**
 - The Street Cleaner has resigned.
 - The Parish Council requested The Clerk arrange for the grass verge outside of the ex-Greencore site to be cut.
 - Village Cross. The architects have sent the contract for repair to tender. The retainer has now been spent. MS kindly offered to seek funding from Historic England when the tenders are received, and the full cost known. **Clerk**
MS
- 010 a Parish Council Staff Handbook.
- i. Agree to purchase a bespoke handbook.
This is a legal requirement – cost £375.00. **Clerk**
Proposed: RW
Seconded: MS
All agreed.
- ii. Agree staff disciplinary policy.
Proposed: RW
Seconded: LP
Agreed.
- 010 b Skate Park feedback.
- The following was proposed:
To agree the updated design, with the following extras:
Design total £75,000
Plus
2 no concrete benches 1,250.00
Painted track marking £1,820.00.
Proposed: LP
Seconded: AC
Agreed.
- AC is looking into potential funding streams.
NASS has kindly donated £6,000 to the project.
- 010 c Nass resident's panel request feedback.
The panel is in place for feedback after the event.
- 010 d Neales Way car park.
Consider reasons for proposed possible acquisition from Somerset Council. **Clerk**
The Clerk was asked to draft a response and undertake a risk assessment.
- 010 e SALC funding opportunities.
Cllrs to feedback from their investigations into the funding streams.
This is still being investigated. Skate Park stream possibility.
Youth Club are undertaking their own fundraising.
- 010 f Victoria Square parking.
Cllrs queried whether planning had been granted for the 2 driveways.
The proposed plan was carefully considered, and changes made.
- 010 g Cllr Sully agreed to take the revised plan back to Highways for their comments. **CS**
Youth Club update.
- The Chair of Youth Club reported:
Work inside the building is coming along.
The Club will re-open in the existing building until the new building is ready for use. Disabled WC has been donated by SB Construction Ltd.
A grant has been gratefully received from Somerset Community Foundation for Youth Club Leader salary.

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- The Clerk was asked to contact the Parish Council insurers to add the building to the insurance policy. **Clerk**
- 010 h Cricket Club update.
- 010 i Nothing to report.
Response from Stoney Stratton Resident regarding the speed restriction signs.
- Residents have asked the Parish Council if they would consider loaning the rest of the funds needed to complete the project. There would be a repayment agreement in place.
Discussions took place.
Proposal: The Parish Council do not agree to the request.
Proposed: RW
Seconded: AC
Agreed
Clerk to respond. **Clerk**
- 010 j Grass verge outside of ex Greencore site.
Covered in agenda item 009.
- 010 k Village Show.
Proposal to take a stand at the show:
Proposed: LP
Seconded: RW
Agreed
Cllrs to be present: LP GW CS and any others if possible.
Clerk to book pitch. **Clerk**
- 010 l Bus Shelter – Prestleigh Road.
Consider offer from Women’s Institute.
Proposal: To agree to the painting of the shelter, 3 inside walls only, with the approval of the design by the Parish Council.
Proposed: LP
Seconded: MS
Agreed.
Clerk to inform the Women’s Institute. **Clerk**
- 011 To note:
a. Application for funding for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been submitted. Outcome will be received by the end of October 2023. Speedwatch Group has been informed.
b. Reminder – Online Code of Conduct Training. 20 07 23 – 18.00 – 20.00
c. Letter and brochure from Somerset Wildlife Trust re Climate Adaptation.
- 014 Agenda items for next meeting:
SID for Pecking Mill corner.
Youth Club
Skate Park
Building insurance
NASS panel feedback
Weeds hedge and verge cutting
- 015 Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 01 08 23, 7.00 pm (subject to change)
- 016 Close of meeting.
Name: Lynn Crisp
Time: 8.24