

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 05 09 23

i)	Public Open Session 3 members of the public were in attendance. Youth Club update. The existing Youth Club building is in the process of being prepared to open; minor repairs, cleaning and decorating. WC being delivered and fitted this week.	Action
ii)	Somerset Councillor Report Main item on Somerset Council's agenda is the financial position. A 3 rd party finance advisor has advised that for now Somerset Council finances are not tipping into the top tier of councils in financial difficulties. All spending is scrutinised and it will be challenging for Somerset Council to complete all requests. Greencore – papers published this week as a planning consultation. These are further papers that the developer is sharing regarding phosphates. The Government has changed rules on phosphates. A resident has mentioned bats on site and Cllr has fed this back to the planning officer. The papers will be looked at and the appeal goes ahead in November. Road safety – A361 speed limit being extended from B&W to Wyke turning. Will be 40 mph. Should be in place in October. Victoria Square – trying to make it less confusing. It will go ahead in this year's budget. Bollards Victoria Square – should be fitted in 5 to 6 weeks. Leighton Lane lorries – resident sending evidence, Cllr is forwarding the evidence to Highways. Building a case for this. Possibly Cllr Rigby, Cllr Sully and Cllr Wakeford may meet with companies in the Industrial Estate. Comment: the sign outside of Manor Farm shows it is an HGV route, has been wrong for 5 or 6 years and needs changing. Local Council Network – Cllr is joint deputy chair with Phillip Ham. Winter Planning – remains under the responsibility of County Roads. Looking at a volunteer gritting scheme for some B roads in Somerset – named Grit and Determination, community self-serving, grit delivered by Somerset Council. Cllr Sully will issue a map of where Somerset Council will grit. Report weeds to Highways and request a sweeper.	
	Meeting open time: 19.25 Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Gail Wakeford, Andy Chinnock, Roy Williams, Rob Reed, Murray Stewart, Somerset Council Cllr Claire Sulley.	
001	To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)) None received	
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) None declared.	
003	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) Meeting 01 08 23 Proposed: RW Seconded: GW Chair signed the minutes	

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004	Actions List Clerk updated the actions list.	
006	Finance a. To approve the payment schedule for the current month. Approved. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments. GW LP b. To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31 st August 2023. c. Total Monthly Payments: 5,002.46 Total Monthly income: 26.48 Bank Account Balance: 132,105.41 d. Finance Update Proposed finance meeting date 17 th October 2023. The rear room village hall has been booked for this, 7.00 pm. e. Note External Auditor report and certificate. Noted with no advisories.	
007	Planning Application Number: 2023/1445/TPO Proposal: T9 - Horse chestnut - reduce two leaders by 3 meters to reduce weight and leverage. T10 - Walnut - reduce leader by 3 metres to reduce weight and leverage and to shape tree. T14 - Copper Beech - reduce 2 large layeracs by approx 25 feet by 3 metres to reduce leverage on non tensile forks. T22 - Horse chestnut - crown reduction of 3 metres all over to prune out dieback and reduce weight. T23 - Horse chestnut - Pollard tree at main tree forks approx 12 feet to prevent total tree failure in car park. T6 - Reduce crown by 3 metres all over. Location: The Glen Nursing Home Shapway Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: The Glen Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees Information only. Application Number: 2023/1475/HSE Proposal: Remove existing single storey roofs. Separate single storey linked buildings, create 2 x detached dwellings. Form second storey extensions over single storey buildings. Construct detached garage to No.1 Westfield Cottage. Location: Westfield Cottages Westbrook Farm Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr Simon Heal Application Type: Householder Application Proposal to approve: GW.	

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	<p>Seconded: RW. Agreed.</p> <p>Application Number: 2023/1481/VRC Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (Plans List) of planning approval 2021/2504/HSE (Erection of a single storey extension) to reduce scheme. Location: Bay Tree Cottage Weston Town Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr Statham Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions Proposal to leave to Planning Officer GW. Seconded: RW. Agreed.</p> <p>Application Number: 2023/1507/LBC Proposal: Repairs to roof and walls following 2022 tree fall Location: The Kennels Tinings Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mrs J Keen Application Type: Listed Building Consent Proposal to approve: GW. Seconded: RW Agreed.</p>	
008	<p>Cemetery a. Update Approve request for funeral Saturday 28th October 2023. Approved.</p> <p>Priority to request quote for digital mapping from Colin Carey of Mendip Land Survey. Proposed: LP Seconded: GW Agreed. b. Approve any memorial requests. Approved.</p>	Clerk
009	<p>Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields Report received.</p>	
010	<p>Village maintenance feedback: a. Village Cross i. Repairs Proposal to commission Minerva Ltd £12,254 Proposed: GW Seconded: LP Agreed Clerk to now apply for a grant from Historic England. ii Church View bollards On order b. Tree inspection – Oxford Street These have been reported to Somerset Council. c. Circular Planter – Prestleigh Road The Clerk was asked to arrange for a weed suppressing membrane to be laid.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>Square wooden planter – to be removed by Women’s Institute next autumn (2024). The request to plant bulbs on the grass verge where the planters are positioned was refused.</p> <p>d. Planters – situated on grass verge by bus stop, Prestleigh Road. As they are rotten/broken, Clerk to ask 3 Counties to remove them.</p> <p>e. Book swap – phone box door repair A quote has been received for £115.00. The Parish Council did not agree to the repair being carried out at this time.</p> <p>f. Village benches Quote received for £690 for the refurbishment of benches. Agreed to add to budget for 2024.</p> <p>g. Lych Gate Agreed to add repair costs to the budget for 2024. It was agreed to reposition the tiles for now.</p> <p>h. Bin situated @ Village Hall A new position in the rear car park has been agreed.</p> <p>i. Street Cleaner update The vacancy has been advertised and both individuals and contractors invited to apply. The Clerk and Chair will meet with the contractor who made contact.</p> <p>j. Trees – Oxford Street See b above.</p> <p>k. Millennium Garden wall – quote and discuss who owns each part. £1,200 quoted. Agreed to add to the budget for 2024. It was not established who owns each part of the wall.</p> <p>l. Community Christmas Tree - permanent fixing arrangements. Due to the fencing around the Village Cross a new site for this needs to be found. Proposal to ask The Church if they would host the tree this year was agreed. Clerk to approach The Church with this request. Permanent fixing arrangement will be looked at next year.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GW RW</p> <p>LP LC</p> <p>Clerk</p>
011 a	<p>Skate Park Feedback</p> <p>i. Graffiti wall Carry forward when skate park complete. Planning working party to find out if planning permission is needed.</p> <p>ii. General. The Chair will email Bendcrete, the supplier, to ask for project start dates. Grant money should be released from ex Mendip District Council for the skate park project soon.</p>	<p>RW GW</p> <p>LP</p>
011 b	<p>NASS post festival feedback 1 complaint received, to turn the music up! No negative reports were received.</p>	
011 c	<p>Weeds, hedges, and verge cutting. Cllr Sully previously advised residents to report weeds to Somerset Council and request a road sweeper vehicle attend the area.</p>	
011 d	<p>Winter grit planning, previously Country Roads Mendip Clerk to survey grit bins.</p>	Clerk
011 e	<p>Local Council Network (LCN) feedback, link to minutes previously sent to Cllrs. Response required relating to the priorities for residents and businesses, as requested. A list has previously been given to Cllr Sully.</p>	
011 f	<p>Ex Greencore site Email received from resident re broken glass. Request to write to the owners requesting the windows are boarded. Revised planning application.</p>	Clerk

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	The Parish Council agreed nothing has changed regarding previous responses because of this revised application. No response to this further application is required.	
011 g	Gambling Policy Consultation No comment	
011 h	Mendip Planning Policy part II Response to consultation regarding earmarked areas for future homebuilding. No comment.	
011 i	Highways update: Stoney Stratton speed restrictions. Response to resident re the matter. Clerk to respond. Victoria Square. Traffic Regulation Order going ahead. Prestleigh Road Speed Indicator Device. Waiting for funding response Pecking Mill Corner. Highways have agreed to flashing slow down sign.	Clerk
011 j	Layby opposite Evercreech House. Noted to leave this matter.	
012	Great Weston Railway's Community Rail and Stakeholder Conference, Tuesday 13 September.	
013	Agenda items for next meeting: Youth Club. Patient Participation Group feedback.	
014	Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 03 10 23, 7.00 pm (subject to change)	
015	Close of meeting: Name: Lynn Crisp Time: 8.30 pm	