

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Evercreech Parish Council Meeting 03 10 23

Cllrs Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Andy Chinnock

Absent: Rob Reed

Members of the public 2

Lynn Crisp Clerk

i) **Public Open Session** **Action**

No members of the public spoke to the meeting.

ii) **County Councillor Report**
(not present)

Meeting open time

7.00 pm

001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA

1972 s85(1))

Cllr Williams – unwell.

New Cllr Application – Mr D Sharp

Proposal to co opt Mr Sharp to the Parish Council:

Proposed: LP

Seconded: GW

All members present vote to co-opt Mr Sharp.

Mr Sharp was duly co-opted to the Parish Council and joined the meeting.

Relevant form was signed.

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 05 09 23

Proposed: GW

Seconded: AC

Agreed

Chair signed as a true record.

004 **Actions List**

Clerk updated the list.

005 **Finance**

a. To approve the payment schedule for September 2023

Proposed: GW

Seconded: AC

Agreed

Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

LP GW

b. To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 30 09 23.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: AC

Date
Signed

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Agreed

c. Total Monthly Payments: £8,728.19

Total Monthly income: £1,010.00

Bank Account Balance: 124,690.00

d. Finance Update

i. Finance Meeting date reminder: 17 10 23 rear room, Evercreech Village Hall.

ii. Asset Register – insurance values.

The meeting asked for this to be added to the budget agenda.

Clerk/RFO

Cllrs asked for the RFO to look into opening a second bank account, attached to the existing one, for reserves purposes.

Clerk

006

Planning:

Ex Greencore Site:

Application Number: 2021/2820/OTS

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission (with all matters reserved except access, appearance, layout and scale) for the demolition of all existing buildings and equipment other than Kemps Mill which will be retained as flexible Class E / F2 floorspace and erection of 120no. residential dwellings and a shop (falling in use class E), together with open space, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, landscaping and related infrastructure and engineering works.

Location: Former Greencore Factory Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6JZ

Applicant: West Estates Development Ltd

Application Type: Outline - Some Matters Reserved

The Parish Council made the decision at their last meeting that they have nothing to add because of this amended application.

Application Number: 2023/1646/FUL

Proposal: Replacement of Septic Tank with Package Treatment Plant

Location: Red Tiles Broad Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Richard Neill

Application Type: Full Application

Response: Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

Agreed

Application Number: 2023/1650/HSE

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to rear

Location: 30 Maesdown Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6LD

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Catton

Application Type: Householder Application

Response: Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

Agreed

Application Number: 2023/1673/HSE

Proposal: Proposed extension and new porch

Location: 1 Enfield Drive Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6LL

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Applicant: Mr and Mrs Dench

Application Type: Householder Application

Response: Approve, decision has been made by planning.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

Agreed

Proposal: Demolish link garage to create 2no. detached dwellings, erection of detached garage and associated works.

Location: 1 And 2 Westfield Cottages Westbrook Farm Lane Evercreech
Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr Simon Heal

Application Type: Full Application

Application Number: 2023/1719/FUL

Response: Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

007

Cemetery

a. Update.

Discuss Digital Map.

Proposed to accept the quote from Mendip Land Surveys, at the agreed cost of £500.00 + VAT to update the digital map. Then, to have the map updated at regular intervals.

Proposed GW

Seconded: LP

All agreed.

b. Approve any memorial requests.

1 memorial bench request.

Approved

1 additional inscription request.

Approved

008

Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields Inspection report.

Will be received this week.

009

Village Maintenance

Village Cross:

The Parish Council are awaiting a response from English Heritage.

The Parish Council are awaiting an invoice for the fencing around the cross.

Circular Planter – Prestleigh Road

Despite being re-composted, the planter remains unplanted. The Parish Council therefore had 2 alternatives to discuss and consider.

1. To employ a contractor to lay weed suppressant, lay gravel and rocks, cost £90.00.
2. For Cllr Wakeford to lay weed suppressant, add 3 low maintenance shrubs and bark chippings. Cllr Chinnock kindly offered to fund this

Proposal:

Option 1 – Gravel and stone

Proposed: LP

Seconded: MS

Vote:

2 for

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3 against
Motion not carried.

Option 2 Bark and shrub

Vote:

3 for

2 against

Motion carried.

Street Cleaning.

There have been no applications for the street cleaner vacancy or from other contractors regarding this matter.

Therefore, the Chair and Clerk met with 3 Counties to talk through the work required:

They can offer street cleaning at 22.50 + VAT per hour, 10 hours per week, and have agreed to a 3-month trial. Their offer will include the removal of litter from the village, enabling the bin situated at the rear of the village hall to be returned to Veolia. 3 Counties agreed to take before and after photos once each area is cleaned on a one-off basis.

Proposal to agree to a trial period of 3 months on the above basis:

Proposed: LP

Seconded: GW

Agreed.

Motion carried.

Grass cutting:

Agreed to 1 extra cut at the cemetery.

Agreed to 1 extra cut to the verge outside of the ex-Greencore site.

Lych Gate

Thanks to Cllr Williams and Wakeford for arranging to temporarily replace the tiles. This remains a budget item for next year.

- 010 a Somerset's City, Town, and Parish Community Resilience Survey.
1. Assess your Council's existing emergency preparedness and response capabilities.
 2. Identify potential areas where additional support and resources may be required.
 3. Foster stronger connections between your Council and the Civil Contingencies Unit.

Resolution required:

The Parish Council will not respond to this survey.

- 010 b Somerset Bus Partnership – Making your views heard.

Resolution required:

The Parish Council will not respond to this survey

- 010 c Park Medical Practice – Patient Participation Group Feedback.

Covid and flu vaccinations are underway.

Haskins is a walk in Centre.

Fully staffed at both surgeries.

A list of specialist staff has been requested.

Supporting the fight against the closure of the Leisure Centre Gym.

- 010 d Parish Grit Bins.

Somerset Council will take on the responsibility of ensuring they are filled this year.

- 010 e Village Community Christmas Tree

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GW

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- The Parish Council awaits the response from the Church.
Confirmed the date for the lighting of the Christmas Tree as 2nd December 2023.
- 010 f Youth Club report
Cllrs received the report.
- 010 g Skate Park
Graffiti wall – we have the recommended distance from the skate park.
The Parish Council asked Cllr Williams to check whether planning permission is required for this. **RW**
The company is looking at a start date.
- 010 h Request to move Parish Council Meeting from 2nd to 9th January 2024. Rear room provisionally booked.
Proposed: LP
Seconded: GW
Agreed.
- 010 i NALC consultation – update model finance policy.
Response required.
The Parish Council will not respond to this survey
- 011 To note:
a. Flooding update from Somerset Council.
b. Slow Ways national walking network.
c. Reminder: The date of your next Local Council Network meeting will be on Wednesday 18th of October 2023.
- 014 Agenda items for next meeting
Sports clubs events (AC)
Traffic Regulation Order for Victoria Square
Christmas get together
- 015 Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 07 11 24 7.00 pm (subject to change)
- 016 Close of meeting:
Name Lynn Crisp
Time 7.57 pm

Date
Signed