

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 05 03 2024

Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart.

2 members of the public.

Lynn Crisp - Clerk

- | | | Action |
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| i) | Public Open Session
Request to bring item 011 - bus representative feedback forward. | |
| ii) | County Councillor Report
Clerk will distribute.
Meeting open time 7.01pm. | |
| 001 | To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))
Somerset Council Cllr Claire Sully – Council commitments. | |
| 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 06 02 24
Chair signed as a true record.
Agreed. | |
| 004 | Actions List
Updated. | |
| 006 | Finance
a. To approve the payment schedule for the current month.

Proposed: GW
Seconded: RW
Agreed.

Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.
LP GW

b. To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to March 2024.

d. Finance Update
The auditor will be booked for the annual internal audit.
RFO to provide report for the annual meeting.

Proposal to bring forward item 11.
RW proposed.
GW seconded.
Agreed.
Resident bus representative (Susan Ehmann, SE) asked if Cllrs had any questions re the notes sent. | |

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None asked.

The key thing is that the village still has a No.1 bus service. SE used the bus to test the 18.00 service that will become 17.30 from April. There was 1 other user on board.

Somerset Bus Partnership asked SE to check maps showing the location of bus stops. The document was outdated, and the amendments were sent.

The bus timetable box at the surgery stop has no front to it. Somerset Council are responsible for this. Laminated copies will be provided for display. New timetable is much more straight forward.

Cllrs thanked Susan for her efforts in this matter and invited her to stay as the Bus Representative for Evercreech Village. SE kindly agreed.

007

Planning

2024/0203/LBC

Proposal: repairs to roof, windows and doors.

Location: The Kennels Tinings Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mrs Julia Keen

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Response: Approve.

Proposed GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

2024/0214/TPO

Proposal: Cedar of Lebanon (T1) - TPO M1031 - Fell

Location: Sherston House High Street Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr Richard Andrews

Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees

Response required:

Object.

Oppose the felling of the tree as it is an important part of the village landscape along with a sister tree in Evercreech House. Feel all that is required is to maintain the tree professionally.

Proposed: MS

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

2024/0240/VRC

Proposal: Application Reference Number: 049012/021 Date of Decision: 20/10/1998

Condition Number(s): 3. Opening hours shall not be carried out on 09.00 - 17.00 Monday to Saturday, 10.00 - 16.00 Sunday and Bank Holiday from the consent 049012/016

Conditions(s) Removal:

Under the new CLASS E, a new restaurant business is trying to establish in which evening and longer opening hours are needed for restaurant business. By removing or varying the restrictions of opening hours, that would enable the business to perform appropriately and would increase the chances of surviving under the difficult retail business environment.

Remove the opening hours restrictions completely or;

Variates the opening hour from 8:00am to 22:00pm 7 days (Monday to Sunday and bank holiday)

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Location: Showroom Unit 1 Evercreech Junction Evercreech Shepton Mallet
Somerset

Applicant: Mr Edmond Lee

Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions
Recommend Approve.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

2024/0252/CLP – notification only

Proposal: Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for works commenced within the three year time limit on planning permission 2018/1933/FUL.

Location: Land Adjacent To Dunford Builders Ltd. Redlands Farm Lane To Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr Matthew Cornish

Application Type: Certificate of Proposed Use/Development

2024/0280/PAA – notification only

Proposal: Convert 2no. barns into 3no. dwellings.

Location: Home Farm Back Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr James Beazer

Application Type: Prior App CoU Agricult. to Residential

Approve

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

008

Cemetery

a. Update

Spreadsheets are now complete and sent to Mendip Land Surveys. We await the final maps and spreadsheets.

b. Approve any memorial requests.

None received.

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Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields

Minor repairs required.

Weston Town Skate Park

Send report to Bendcrete.

Clerk

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Village maintenance feedback:

Dog bin lids – if Cllrs wish to report any broken bin lids, please send a photo to The Clerk of said bin. The Millenium Garden bin has had the lid replace.

Shapway Lane – bin lid needs replacing.

Clerk

The rubbish bin in the Millenium Garden has been vandalised. The Parish

Council asked The Clerk to request a visit from the handyman to assess.

Clerk

WI Planter – Prestleigh Road – WI will remove it next year. They will maintain it this year.

Overgrown vegetation rear of Gartons Mead. RR kindly offered to investigate.

Tree Consultation Course – feedback.

Thanks to Cllr Sharp for attending.

011 a

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – will be held directly before the May monthly meeting, 07 05 24 7.00 pm.

Annual Parish Meeting (not a Parish Council meeting but the Parish Council usually organise it) – a date in April 2024 to be decided.

Book **10th April. 7.00**

Clerk

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i Agree Policies

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- Policies agreed.
ii Evercreech Relief in Need:
Appoint/reappoint trustees.
RW and Ted Porter were re-appointed. .
- 011 c i. Police reports for Evercreech Village
Will begin to be sent again.
ii Request from Police regarding Glastonbury Festival feedback
Response from Parish Council: seemed to be well managed last year.
- 011 d QRPF hedge update
Some residents have cut it to 2 m high although PC had agreed 3m. Next year it will be 2m except for in front of the very end house. The Chair will write to residents.
- 011 e Tree Consultation
Report received. Cllrs thanked DS for attending.
- 011 f A371 – Pecking Mill
Speed restrictions sign works are delayed. Will now take place in the next financial year – Somerset Highways.
- 011 g Skate Park update.
The skate park has been paid for. The Parish has contributed. Line painting has been cancelled.
March 17th 10 – 2 is the official opening.
Artist Ben has a logo to use for advertising.
Have a list of contributors – only the ones who wish to be noted.
No graffiti wall. CRS offered the materials for this. Skaters will need a brush, apparently, to sweep ramps and skateboard wheels. Will ask CRS if they could donate a container to keep it in. **LP**
Sir Michael Eavis will be there to officially open the skatepark, music, cakes, sports club serving tea and coffee, WC use. All welcome.
Andy Chinnock will remain on the skate park working group.
- 011 h No 1 Bus Update – Somerset Bus Partnership
Receive and note information from the Partnership regarding the revised bus timetable.
- 011 i Stoney Stratton Traffic Regulation Order
Has been issued.
- 011 j Proposal to enter closed session. **GW LP**
Proposed GW
Seconded LP
Agreed
- 7.48
- Previously agreed 5% increase. This means the salary does not follow the SCP rates. Spoken with Somerset Association of Local Councils. Going forward the annual increment will be the % the Government recommends. Scales are government based,
- Meeting returned 7.50
- 011 k Parish Council audit arrangements 2024.
Simon Pritchard will be invited to audit the PC accounts.
- 011 l Bus Partnership feedback.
See above.
- 011 m The Filo Project
Noted.
- 011 n i. Correspondence from Highways re devolution of services. **MS**
Noted.
ii. Highways feedback from Cllr Stewart after Highways and Traffic subgroup meeting being held Monday 26th February, 2pm-4pm.

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- 8 Parish Councils were represented. Good meeting.
- New highways contractor Kier Transportation.
- Financial issues re Somerset Council (SC) finances are impacting highways.
- Next year Parishes will be affected.
- Planned maintenance is statutory and cutting grass at junctions – SC will still attend to these.
- After 2025 SC won't support cutting of hedges in villages, respond to blocked drains in villages and will not be removing noxious weeds, in villages.
- Proposals are to either train volunteers, (SC will train) or buy into a Highway Steward £50,000 per year, could have a half yearly basis or share with other Parishes.
- Kier transportation will produce a price list of services. Price list in April, the PC can express an interest.
- Flooding on Prestleigh Road was not to do with attenuation ponds on Horsehill Estate. These ponds are to take water from the estate not run off from fields.
- The flooding was due to run off from the fields. Not the responsibility of highways – landowners' responsibility.

Discussions took place.

One network.com gives live updates re roadworks.

Thanks were given to MS for attending the meeting.

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Cllr Roles and Responsibilities.

LP

Chair reminded Cllrs to please undertake actions on behalf their roles.

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To Note.

Nothing was noted.

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Agenda items for next meeting

Proposed stroke unit at Yeovil District Hospital.

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Date & time of next meeting, 02 04 24 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)

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Close of meeting:

Name: Lynn Crisp

Time: 8.20