

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 04 04 24

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

**6 members of the public.**

**Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

- i) Public Open Session** **ACTION**
- Home Farm planning application – Stoney Stratton. Representing 3 homes using the proposed access road.  
Would like Cllrs to reconsider the approval for the latest application as it is different to previous responses. Neighbors were not consulted re the application. They have written to Mendip (Somerset) Council.  
The resident read their objections to the meeting.
- Anti-social behavior – Millenium Garden.
- Bus update – there will be a stall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10 – 12.30 to share with residents the work and activities of The Somerset Bus Partnership.
- 20 mph zones within the Village – has The Parish Council discussed this?
- Goods vehicles signs@ Stoney Stratton – signs have appeared out of the blue. Most on Local Authority land and in an area where residents are desperately trying to reduce the HGVs in the village. One sign appears to be pointing to the speaker's own driveway.
- ii) County Councillor Report**  
Report will be distributed to Cllrs.
- Meeting open time**  
7.09.
- 001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85(1))  
Cllr Sully – meeting clash.
- 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 03 24  
Chair signed as a true record.  
Proposed: RW  
Seconded: DS
- To receive Co-opted Cllr application.  
a. To vote on appointment.  
Cllrs voted unanimously for Bethan Stanley to join the Parish Council.  
Cllr Stanley joined the meeting. (7.11)  
The relevant form was signed.

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## **Actions List**

Clerk updated the list.

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## **Finance**

a. To approve the payment schedule for March 2024.

Proposed: MS

Seconded: RW

Agreed

Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

GW

LP

b. To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to this month 2024.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

c. Total Monthly Payments: £9,118.50

Total Monthly income: £28,221.69

d. Finance Update

i. Approve the asset register – check sports equipment section is correct.

QRPF £65,000 – replacement value

Skate Park 75,000 – replacement value

Request Finance Officer to amend the document.

**Clerk**

Agree asset register with the above amendments:

Proposed: LP

Seconded: MS

Agreed.

ii. Approve GDPR Audit.

Proposed: RW

Seconded: MS

Agreed

iii. Agree insurance renewal values.

Changes were made to the insurance pre renewal questionnaire. The Clerk will advise the Finance Officer. The Parish Council requested the Finance Officer check the public liability insurance and the excess payable in the event of a claim.

**Clerk**

Cllr Williams left room 7.31.

Cllr Williams returned 7.33

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## **Planning**

**Application Number:** 2024/0252/CLE – **notification only**

**Proposal:** Application for an existing lawful development certificate for works commenced within the three-year time limit on planning permission 2018/1933/FUL.

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NB This application replaces the first application listed above due to a word change: Please see attached revised letters of notification.

The application type was amended from “**Proposed**” to “**Existing**”.

**Application Number:** 2024/0418/TCA

**Proposal:** Hornbeam (T1) - Reduce lower lateral limbs by 2.5m and remove deadwood.

**Location:** Park House High Street Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Stearn

**Application Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA

**Outcome:**

Leave for Tree Preservation Officer

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

**Application Number:** 2024/0452/LBC

**Proposal:** Extension and alterations to existing Listed Building.

**Location:** The Barn High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Ms Smart

**Application Type:** Listed Building Consent

**Outcome:**

Leave for listed building officer:

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

**Application Number:** 2024/0530/TCA

**Proposal:** T1 - Horse Chestnut - Reduction by 2.5 metres all over.

**Location:** Greystones Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mrs Henderson

**Application Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA

**Outcome:**

Leave for Tree Preservation Officer

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

**Application Number:** 2024/0336/VRC

**Proposal:** Application to vary condition 1 (Plans List) and remove condition 2 (Materials - Submission of Schedule and Samples) 3 (Joinery Details - Submission of Details) and 4 (Ducts, Pipes, Flues, Rainwater Goods) of planning approval 2021/2327/VRC

(Application to vary condition 2 (plans) of planning approval 2018/2785/FUL (Conversion of existing barn structure to new

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residential dwelling. Demolition of existing lean-to structures.  
Conversion of agricultural storage areas to form part of new  
dwelling)

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**Applicant:** Ms Smart

**Application Type:** Variation or Removal of Conditions

**Outcome:**

Leave for listed building officer:

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

2023/2349/FUL

**Planning East Committee Notification**

**Proposal:** Change of use to self-contained residential flat.

**Location:** The Flat Above Salon Victoria Square Evercreech Shepton Mallet  
Somerset

**Applicant:** M Phillips

**Application Type:** Full Application

**Application Number:** 2023/2349/FUL

Details of Planning Meeting emailed to Cllrs 25 03 24.

Noted.

2024/0280/PAA – consider letter from residents regarding the Parish Council's  
response to the application.

**Outcome:**

This application was approved unanimously during the March 2024 Parish  
Council meeting.

The resident's letter subsequently sent to the Parish Council was noted.

Neighbours stated that they were not consulted so did not attend the March 2024  
Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council asked The Clerk to raise this with  
Somerset Council Cllr Sully and request a photo of the planning notice.

**Clerk**

2024/0214/TPO – consider advice from resident.

**Outcome:**

Cllrs confirmed that the report (commissioned by the applicant) regarding the  
tree was read closely together with the application for felling the cedar tree. The  
report stated that there is no decay in the limb. The Parish Council felt the tree  
had been badly managed over the years. The report stated that work on the  
crown of the tree could manage the issue.

Noted that the response from the Parish Council is counted as 1 response and  
the Tree Officer would make the final decision. The Parish Council noted the  
positive comment contained in the report that if felled, a tree should be planted in  
its place.

Cllrs reminded members of the public to raise any business via The Clerk and  
not through social media as a trail must be kept for transparency purposes.

Noted that a response on the Somerset Council planning portal from a resident  
was detailed and historic.

Further noted that the Parish Council would not be liable for this tree as it is  
clearly on private land.

The Tree Preservation Officer to date has not published a report and they will  
arrive at their own decision regarding the application.

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**Licenses:**

Bath & West – Young farmers events – notice.

**Outcome:**

No response

Bath & West Commission Festival - notice

**Outcome:**

No response

Local Plan - Consultation re new housing – Mendip East

Cllrs agreed they had no comment to make.

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**Cemetery**

a. Update

The Parish Council asked The Clerk to contact Mendip Land Surveys for an update regarding the digital mapping.

Reminder to Cllrs given that cemetery costs have not been increased for some time and to look at this during budget setting.

b. Approve any memorial requests.

There were no memorial requests received.

008

Park Inspection Reports

The reports were not received prior to the meeting and will be circulated when received.

Queens Road Playing Fields

Broken slide - £431.46 to replace the bottom module.

Proposal: To order the replacement part.

Proposed: GW

**Clerk**

Seconded: LP

Agreed

The Clerk was asked to contact IDVERDE and ask them to inspect the roundabout. Sounds as though bearings may have gone or could be stones thrown underneath.

**Clerk**

Weston Town Skate Park

**LP**

Response from Bencrete re last inspection report.

LP chase.

Annual Park inspections – have been delayed.

**Clerk**

The Clerk will ask for an update.

009

Village maintenance feedback:

Dog bin lid – Shapway Lane

RW will collect and fix.

**RW**

Litter bin – Millenium Gardens - RW will seek out a key to the bin and inform The Clerk.

Feedback re overgrown vegetation Bowns Close/Gartons Mead. Emailed the resident advising them to contact Aster Properties.

Chair thanked RR for overseeing this matter.

010 a

Consider letter from resident re anti-social behaviour @ Millenium Gardens.

The Parish Council cannot purchase and operate CCTV to oversee this.

The Parish Council felt it was a police matter and discussed what as a council they could do.

After due discussions, the Parish Council requested The Clerk asks for a quote to lower the hedge by half. As it is an evergreen hedge, this can take place inside the nesting season.

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Traffic/HGV re direction signs – in Stoney Stratton

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- It would seem that the signs have been put up without Somerset Council's knowledge.  
Discussions took place.  
Proposal: To write to Traffic Management and ask them to approach the company and request that the signs are removed immediately. They should then put in an application for them, as they should have done in the first place. **Clerk**  
Proposed: LP  
Seconded: GW  
Agreed.
- 010 c Local Council Network  
Meeting feedback re Health and well-being communication.  
1. Presentation by Health Connections – talking café, seated movement to music. These are not currently advertised on the Village Hall website. Cllr Stewart asked Cllr Wakeford to liaise with the Village Hall committee regarding the matter and to arrange for them to advertise events on their website. **MS GW**  
2. A link to Health Connections Mendip and The Old Stores Studios (hosts of the FILO project) was requested from the Parish Council Website. Cllr Stewart will provide links and te9999xt for the Parish Council website. **MS Clerk**  
3. Flood awareness – community of safe places directory. Evercreech is not currently in the directory. Cllr Stewart requested that Cllr Wakeford also asks the Village Hall to contact the civil contingency unit to add to the directory and the village hall website. **MS GW**
- 010 d The Chair thanked Cllr Stewart for attending the meeting.  
Skate Park Update  
Insurance: £136.01 for the rest of the year, then and then an additional £585.64 for the next year.  
Noted.  
**Open day feedback.**  
Was a success. Good attendance. Lots of families with small children. There is a write up in the Mendip Times regarding the event.  
Discussions took place.  
Graffiti has appeared over the artwork on the ramps.  
Painted racetrack has been cancelled; funds are not currently available.  
The ramps are being used by the young people in our community.
- 010 e Sandbags  
The decision notice (5<sup>th</sup> March 2024) confirms that (subject to call-in) Somerset Council does not provide sandbags or equivalents to householders and businesses as from 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
  
(Please note: This decision is not yet active. It's subject to a call-in period of five clear working days. It will come into force from 13<sup>th</sup> March)  
  
There is no statutory duty for local authorities (Somerset Council) to provide sandbags in times of heavy rain or flooding to residents or businesses within Somerset Council area. The former district areas (Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and Somerset West and Taunton all differed in terms of provision, distribution, and eligibility criterion. Once Somerset Council was formed in April 2023 there was need for a new, consistent policy.  
Noted
- 010 f The Amulet – Shepton Mallet  
The Parish Council felt this is a good idea but are unable to donate.
- 010 g Closure of The Stroke Ward Yeovil Hospital  
Moving services over to Taunton. People are concerned. Another local service will be lost.

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- 010 h The Secretary of State could be reviewing this.  
Victim Support information  
Parish Council donation application form sent.
- 010 i South Western Ambulance Service  
Bleed kit information.  
Noted that the ambulance service will not monitor these going forward.
- 010 j Mendip Community Transport information  
Parish Council donation application form sent.
- 011 Agenda items for next meeting  
Village hall AGM feedback.  
Greencore decision.  
Allotments.  
Insurance document
- 012 Date & time of next meetings:  
10 04 24 – Annual Parish Meeting – Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm, (subject to change).  
07 05 24 – Annual meeting of the Parish Council. Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)  
Followed by Monthly Parish Council Meeting.
- 013 Close of meeting.  
Name Lynn Crisp  
Time 8.45