

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 04 06 24

**Present:** Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Bethan Stanley

**3 members of the public.**

**Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

**i) Public Open Session**

0 members of the public spoke.

**ii) County Councillor Report**

Cllr Sully not present.

**Meeting open time**

7.01

**001 i. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

Cllr Reed – annual leave.

**ii. Consider co-opted Cllr application.**

Proposal to co-opt Christian Sellar to Evercreech Parish Council

Proposed: LP

Seconded: GW

Outcome: Agreed

Cllr Sellar joined the meeting.

**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))**

Annual General Meeting 07 05 24

Proposed RW

Seconded GW

Chair signed as a true record.

Meeting 07 05 24

Proposed RW

Seconded GW

Chair signed as a true record.

**004 Actions List**

Clerk updated the list.

**005 Finance**

a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for May 2024.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

Agreed

Signed  
Date

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<b>PAYMENT SCHEDULE - JUN24</b>			
IDVERDE	PLAY INSPECTIONS (APR/MAY)	£	80.32
HMRC	PAYE - MTH 3	£	176.20
VISION ICT	EMAIL CHARGES	£	6.00
EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL	INV 18317 & 18374	£	68.00
THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	INV 6633,6634,6635	£	3,024.00
PLAY INSPECTION COMPANY	ANNUAL OUTDOOR INSPECTION	£	216.00
PLAYDALE	SLIDE	£	431.46
STAFF	SALARY & EXPENSES - MTH 3	£	1,110.97
R BARTLETT	LYCH GATE REPAIRS	£	1,020.00
<b>TOTAL BACS MAY APPROVAL</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>6,132.95</b>

Resolution:

b. To REPORT income received in March 2024.

<b>INCOME - APR 24</b>			
<b>Received</b>			
CEMETERY	BURIAL PLOT	£	1,202.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>1,202.00</b>

c. To REPORT payments made via Direct Debit in March 2024.

<b>PAYMENTS FOR REPORT - DIRECT DEBITS - APR24</b>			
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	STORAGE	£	82.33
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£	33.53
Direct Debit (LLOYDS BANK PLC)	SERVICE CHARGE	£	3.00
Direct Debit (NEST)	PENSION	£	33.35
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	PAYROLL	£	50.16
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	PAYROLL	£	50.16
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£	37.98
Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD)	WASTE REMOVAL	£	62.68
<b>TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>353.19</b>

d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.  
GW LP

e. Finance Update

Bank signatories:

Identify and agree the number of councillors who should be on the bank mandate. Further identify if any additional members are needed to satisfy that number. Inform Finance Officer.

Resolution:

Proposal to have 4 signatories and appoint Derek Sharpe as the 4<sup>th</sup> signatory:

LP

Seconded RW

Agreed

f. Correspondence from resident re skate park funding.

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The matter has previously been discussed at meetings and the Parish Council (PC) felt that the initial questions had been answered in full. However, this response appears to have triggered further questions. It was noted that budget decisions were taken at the budget meeting last year and apparently the resident is not happy with the outcome. Further noted that PC meetings can be observed by the public.

Cllrs felt they have answered the initial query regarding the process of agreeing the budget. Funding for the skate park was agreed in 2022, Cllrs were aware that funds needed to be raised. Previously, a Cllr was confident the funds could be raised and has subsequently left the PC. Members of the skatepark working group were confident in raising the required amount but after members left, this subsequently left a gap that the Parish had an obligation to fill.

**LP**

Proposal: to ask the Finance Officer, in conjunction with The Chair, to respond to the residents' latest email with their last and final response on the matter. LP will discuss with the Finance Officer.

Proposed LP

Seconded RW

Agreed.

006

## **Planning**

Greencore appeal update.

At the time of the meeting, no update was available.

007

## **Cemetery**

a. Update

Nothing to report.

b. Approve any memorial requests.

None received.

008

Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields

Consider repairs quotation if received prior to meeting. The quotation was not received.

Consider orbit replacement. Await repairs quotation from maintenance company.

Slide repair was not a quick fix. Thanks to Cllr Williams for repairing the slide.

Skate Park – Weston Town

LP will take photos of any issues.

009

Village maintenance feedback:

Village Cross

Repairs:

Ongoing – BS is speaking with architects.

Will contact The Newt re a donation in due course.

Correspondence from Residents.

The Clerk was asked to respond to resident emails regarding the repair of the monument.

**LP**

RW look at Harras fencing costs and storage.

**RW**

Line painting at the junction of Leighton Lane and A37.

This has been carried out by Somerset Council.

Grass verge outside ex Greencore factory.

RW will approach a local company to possibly move and store the large planters.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to arrange for the verge to be cut as a one off.

010 a

Bus representative feedback.

Invitation to speak by The Chair.

Had a bus stall at the plant sale in the village hall. Good uptake and feedback. Intends to attend other groups to inform of updates.

No 1 bus timetable has had a tweak. No other changes.

**RW  
LC**

Signed  
Date

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No 667 has been amended to assist with transfer times and school children meeting connecting buses.

Will speak at the Doultong parish council meeting and offer her services there.

Chair thanked representative for the update.

010 b Village Hall update

Nothing to report.

010 c Police report

Received.

010 d Ex Cricket Club building feedback

RW will email Cricket Club representative. The representative was not present at the Sports Club meeting so no opportunity of speaking with them.

**RW**

010 e Cllr dispensation training

Clerk to arrange.

**LC**

New Cllr training was advised.

011 To note

Plan it Somerset. Call for sites launched for nature-based solutions to unlock development. Forwarded to Cllrs 22 05 24.

Chairs' awards. Email LP with suggestions.

**ALL**

Somerset Association of Local Council – Good Cllr Guide 2024 distributed to Cllrs 22 05 24.

Local Council Network flooding minutes 13 05 24.

Highways & Transport maintenance for Shepton Local Council Network.

Victoria Square Modifications – request an update from Cllr Sully.

**LC**

Agenda for Somerset Council Constitution – emailed to Cllrs 28 05 24

012 Agenda items for next meeting

Generator testing

Village Cross

013 Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 02 07 24 7.00 pm (subject to change)

014 Close of meeting:

Name Lynn Crisp.

Time 7.58 pm.