

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 06 08 24

Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Christian Sellar
5 members of the public.
Lynn Crisp – Clerk

Action

i) **Public Open Session**

Various members of the public spoke about the repairs to the Village Cross. An offer was made regarding volunteers to repair it. Please would the resident contact The Clerk clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk

ii) **County Cllr Report**

Cllr Reed:

Somerset Waste Partnership – will soon be collecting soft plastics.

Somerset Council will be introducing a young person's bus pass, at a reasonable cost, later in the year.

Meeting open time:

7.12

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

Cllr Stanley – work commitments

Cllr Williams – annual leave

Cllr Claire Sully – diary 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 i. **To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting 02 07 24 and confidential item 02 07 24.** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Proposed: MS

Seconded: RR

The chair signed both sets of minutes as a true record.

ii. Remembering Ian Elliot, former Chair and Cllr of Evercreech Parish Council.

The Chair led a minute's silence.

004 **Actions List**

Clerk updated the list.

005 **Finance**

a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for July 2024.

| BACS PAYMENTS (AUG MEETING APPROVAL) | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| STAFF | SALARY & EXPENSES - MTH 4 | £ 1,241.55 |
| 1 MODERAMEN AUDITING | ADDITIONAL AUDIT INVESTIGATION | £ 168.00 |
| 2 EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL | INV 18416 | £ 20.00 |
| 3 VISION ICT | WEBSITE AND EMAIL HOSTING | £ 666.76 |
| 4 THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING | STREET CLEANING & GRASS CUTTING | £ 2,892.00 |
| 5 SOMERSET COUNCIL | 30MPH SIGNS | £ 1,176.17 |
| 6 EVERCREECH VILLAGE SHOW | PITCH APPLICATION | £ 15.00 |
| TOTAL BACS PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL | | £ 7,464.65 |

Resolution to approve the payment schedule as above:

Proposed: GW

Secunder: CS

All agreed.

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Signed

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b. To REPORT income received in July 2024.

| INCOME (JUNE) | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Received | | |
| VARIOUS | BURIALS | £ 1,315.00 |
| UNITY TRUST BANK | INTEREST | £ 299.03 |
| TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT | | £ 1,614.03 |

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

| DIRECT DEBITS (JUNE) REPORT | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS) | STORAGE | £ 82.33 |
| Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS) | PAYROLL | £ 50.16 |
| Direct Debit (BIFFA WASTE SERVIC) | WASTE | £ 331.97 |
| Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS) | PAYROLL | £ 50.16 |
| Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD) | PLAY INSPECTIONS | £ 87.88 |
| TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT | | £ 602.50 |

d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

GW LP

e. Finance Update

i. To approve the new Finance Regulations.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

All agreed.

ii. To APPROVE the cashbook/BR and NOTE the Q1 Budget Summary.

Proposed: LP

Seconded: DS

All agreed

006 **Planning**

i. Ex Greencore site - APP/Q3305/W/23/3314693

2021/2820/OTS

The planning appeal lodged by the applicant was dismissed by the inspectorate.

Somerset Cllr Claire Sully has arranged for an Environmental Officer to visit the site after complaints regarding seagulls.

ii. Land off Prestleigh road – 2024/0406/OUT

Awaiting decision. Highways looking at this again due to amendments – on the Planning Portal.

iii. Mendip Local Plan Part II Limited Update – Submission Version

Deadline for comments 12 08 24.

Resolution required.

No comments required.

Application Number: 2024/1291/HSE

Proposal: 2 Storey side extension.

Location: 2 Park Farm Cottages Redlands Farm Lane to Prestleigh Road
Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr R Miller

Application Type: Householder Application

Resolution:

Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: LP

Agreed.

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Application Number: 2024/1306/HSE

Proposal: Proposed new roof structure, covering and raising of ridge. Relocate entrance door. Reinstate blocked up rear door and with new doors and windows throughout.

Location: Jasmine Cottage Oxford Street Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Ms D Van De Peer

Application Type: Householder Application

Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: CS

Agreed.

007

Cemetery

a. Update

b. Approve any memorial requests

2 received.

Both memorial requests were approved.

008

Park Inspection Reports

i. Consider quotation from Alvian for park inspections:

45.00 per month for both areas to be inspected.

50.00 contingency (for minor repairs to be carried out in a timely manner).

Resolution required.

Outcome: Carry item forward and ask IDVERDE for costs from April 2025.

Clerk

ii. Queens Road Playing Fields

Inspection report.

To approve new **play park** signage

Resolution required.

Resolve: The cost of £225.00 was agreed and to remove reference to an emergency telephone number on said sign.

Clerk

Proposed: LP

Seconded: MS

All agreed.

To approve new **goal equipment** signage

Resolution required.

Resolve: Cost £286.00 (including removal of trip hazard) was agreed and to remove reference to an emergency telephone number on said sign.

Clerk

Proposed: LP

Seconded: MS

All agreed

iii. Skate Park

Inspection report.

Received.

iv. The Play Company

To commission the annual inspection due April 2025. £270.00 incl VAT.

Resolution required.

Proposed: DS

Seconded GW

All agreed.

Date:
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- 009 Village maintenance feedback:
Generator Testing.
Carry forward.
- Village Cross.
Update regarding ownership.
Cllr Reed confirmed that after many emails between departments at Somerset Council, Highways are responsible for the Village Cross. They will inspect it. The contact at Somerset Council is Andrew Turner. The PC deemed the cross unsafe and has a duty of care, hence the fencing being erected around the cross.
- Cllr Reed can forward the quotes we have already. A resident is keen to quote for the work. The clerk will send Andrew Turner's contact details to them. **Clerk**
- Skate Park
Cllr Parham confirmed Bendcrete has rectified the small issues.
- Bollard – Queens Road Playing Fields
1 padlock has been replaced; another needs to be purchased. **Clerk**
- Cllrs requested it to be recorded in the minutes that individual Cllrs do not respond to comments on social media. All correspondence/questions/comments should be directed through The Clerk.
- 010 a Bus representative feedback
Report received.
- 010 b Village Hall
10-year plan in progress.
Launching a new 200 club, lottery type fund raising.
Taking over the film club activity.
- 010 c Police report
Received.
Discussions took place.
- 010 d Bin and dog waste bin collections 2025
Somerset Council are requesting that Parish Councils take the contract over.
Resolution required.
Dispute regarding the waste bins on the highways belonging to the Parish Council – Cllrs believe they own 2 waste bins: Millennium Gardens and Queens Road Playing Fields.
LP and GW will identify them and photograph the bins.
- A request for a large-scale map of the village was made to mark where the Parish assets are. **CS**
CS will investigate this.
Agenda item.
- 010 e Somerset Council grass cutting.
Information from Somerset Council regarding grass cutting – further information regarding this has been requested.
- 010 f Victoria Square Parking
Resolution required. To confirm the design and respond to final queries from Highways.
Discussions took place. Cllrs felt the bollard would constantly be knocked down due to large vehicles/farm vehicles exiting the junction.
Proposal to remove the bollards from the design at the junction of Shapway Lane:
Proposed: LP
Seconded: CS
All agreed.
- Proposed 30 mins waiting for parking in Victoria Square:

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Proposed: GW
Seconded: CS

Vote:
MS abstained
DS abstained
RR for
LP for

Carried.

- 010 g The Clerk to inform Highways. **Clerk**
The Parish Council are advised that the owners of Winterwell Farm, Chesterblade are now working with Somerset Council Highways/Planning to move forward with approved traffic routing signs.
Resolution required.
Proposed: MS
Seconded: DS
All agreed on the new signage in accordance with advice/proposal from Highways.
- 010 h Clerk to inform Highways. **Clerk**
Overgrown Hedges on private property
Agreed that complainants should approach the householder in the first instance then/or report via fix my street or Somerset Council.
- 011 Clerk to email complainant. **Clerk**
To note
i. Somerset Association Local Councils (SALC) newsletter distributed to Cllrs 17/07/24.
ii. Copy email received from an Action Group to the Duchy of Cornwall re ex Greencore site.
iii. LCN (Local Council Network) meeting minutes forwarded to Cllrs 06/07/24.
iv. A pitch has been booked for the Parish Council stand at the Village Show, 7th September 2024.
v. Council Tax Benefits Reduction scheme, July 2024.
- 012 Agenda items for next meeting
Quotes from Alvian and Idverde for monthly park inspections
Generator testing
Village cross
Village map and assets
- 013 Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 3rd September.7.00 pm (subject to change)
- 014 Close of meeting: 8.10 pm
Name Lynn Crisp

Date:
Signed