

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 03 09 24

**Present:** Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford (Chair),  
**Christian Sellar**  
**2 members of the public.**  
**Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

i)	<b>Public Open Session</b>	<b>Action</b>																								
ii)	<b>County Councillor Report</b> Paper copy shared. Bus to Bridgewater College seems to have been resolved.																									
	<b>Meeting open time 19.02</b>																									
001	<b>To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))</b> Murray Stewart – Away Lesley Parham – Personal Bethan Stanley - Absent																									
002	<b>Declarations of interests.</b> 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	<b>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))</b> Extra Ordinary Meeting: 31 07 24 Proposed: RR Seconded: GW Agreed Meeting 06 08 24 Proposed: CS Seconded: DS Agreed																									
004	<b>Actions List</b> Clerk updated the list.																									
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b. To REPORT income received in August 2024.

INCOME (JULY)			
<b>RECEIVED</b>			
REFUND OF OVERCHARGED FEES		£	43.10
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>43.10</b>

Reported

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

DIRECT DEBITS (JULY) REPORT			
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	STORAGE	£	82.33
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£	38.58
Direct Debit (LLOYDS BANK PLC)	CHARGES	£	3.00
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	PAYROLL	£	50.16
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£	38.28
Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD)	WASTE SERVICES	£	37.08
Direct Debit (LLOYDS BANK PLC)	CHARGES	£	3.00
<b>TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>252.43</b>

Reported

d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

LP and GW

e. Finance Update

006

**Planning**

Land off Prestleigh road – update  
No update at time of publishing agenda.

**Application Number:** 2024/1318/HSE (extn requested as this application missed the agenda for August, response not received).

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing sun room and erection of single storey rear extension. Removal of hedge at the front of the property and minor landscaping changes.

**Location:** Laburnum Weymouth Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Miss Hilary Chittenden

**Application Type:** Householder Application

Approve

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

**Application Number:** 2024/1387/HSE

**Proposal:** Proposed replacement glazing and alterations to garage building to create habitable space.

**Location:** Crossways Cottage Shapway Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mrs D Chilcott

**Application Type:** Householder Application

Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed

**Application Number:** 2024/1388/LBC

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	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed replacement glazing and alterations to garage building to create habitable space.  <b>Location:</b> Crossways Cottage Shapway Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs D Chilcott  <b>Application Type:</b> Listed Building Consent          Leave to listed building office          Proposed: RW          Seconded: GW          Agreed</p>	
007	<p><b>Cemetery</b>          a. Update          b. Approve any memorial requests          Approved.</p>	
008	<p>Park Inspection Reports          IDVERDE will make contact re monthly inspections (2025) when they know more about their contract with Somerset Council.          Queens Road Playing Fields          Skate Park</p>	
009	<p>Village maintenance feedback:          i. Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Alham Catchment flood resilience project          Request to meet in September to discuss flooding.          Resolution required.          Invite to the October meeting @ 6.30 – note different start time.</p> <p>ii. Grass Cutting – St Peter’s Church – request for Somerset Cllr Rob Reed to inform Parish Council of current arrangements.          Attached to council tax is a special expense rate of £2.00 per year. In Evercreech this goes towards the Churchyard grass cutting. This may not be reimbursed as Somerset may keep it. St Peters Church will need to be informed and ascertain the way forward.</p> <p>Proposal to write to the church saying the service is being withdrawn and they need to plan re grass cutting going forward.          Proposed: GW          Seconder: RW          Agreed.</p> <p>iii. Village Cross ownership/repair update.          Discussions have been held with Somerset Council departments. The Parish Council are not responsible for this asset. Somerset Council has requested the information held by the Parish Council regarding this matter.</p> <p>Proposal: for The Clerk to send information held regarding the Village Cross to Somerset Council          Proposed: GW          Seconded: CS          Agreed</p> <p>iv. Village map and assets update.          Cllr Sellars feedback:          Google maps will not be suitable to use.          Have access to the information but Cllrs would need to log on and assess suitability.          System called Parish Online looks favourable – trial for 30 days. Great system, aerial views, asset map etc. Can print maps from it. Costs 126.00 plus VAT per year. All Cllrs can have access.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p>

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	<p>CS will send link to all Cllrs. Proposal to trial this in November: Proposed: GW Seconded: RW Agreed</p> <p>v. Generator testing. The generator is fixed. However, it cannot be run on electricity. Cannot test it with petrol as it cannot be stored with petrol. Village hall wiring is not suitable for the generator.</p> <p>Cllr Williams will meet with Chair of Village Hall Committee and engineer to seek a solution.</p>	RW
010 a	<p>Bus representative Invitation to speak.</p> <p>We need the bus to be regular and on time. There are no back-up buses if one breaks down. When buses are delayed, there is no explanation nor is the company penalised. Residents were encouraged to use the bus, or services will be lost. Bridgwater College's bus has been reinstated. Sexey's School children are affected.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked the representative for her work and are very appreciative.</p>	
010 b	<p>Village Hall The Explorer Scouts have helped re paint the outside of the village hall.</p>	
010 c	<p>Police report Received prior to the meeting.</p>	
010 d	<p>Victoria Square parking. For the Parish Council to clearly mark on the area map provided by Highways where they believe the marked bays will be. Resolution required. Clerk to inform Highways that their map is correct for the alterations.</p>	Clerk
010 e	<p>Arrangements for the Village Show, Parish Council Stand. In hand.</p>	
010 f	<p>Correspondence from Local Council Network/Highways regarding services going forward. Resolution required. Carry forward, not resolved.</p>	
010 g	<p>Ex Cricket Club Building – business rates update. Clerk to email <a href="mailto:mendipbusinessrate@capita.co.uk">mendipbusinessrate@capita.co.uk</a> tell them re change of ownership. Discussions took place. The Parish Council asked The Clerk to write to the Cricket Club Committee and ask for a handover date for the building and to enquire as to whether they have any funds left to put towards decorating.</p>	Clerk
011	<p>To note</p> <p>i. Correspondence has been received re the A371 through Southwood, from residents. Response has been sent advising that Somer Council plan to reduce the speed limit in this financial year.</p> <p>ii. Grit bins - grit requirements have been sent to Somerset Council.</p>	
012	<p>Agenda items for next meeting Generator. YC report and invitation to attend October meeting. SRA (Flood Group) invitation to speak at next meeting. Highways maintenance.</p>	
013	<p>Date &amp; time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 01 October 2024, 6.30 pm (subject to change) NOTE TIME CHANGE.</p>	
014	<p>Close of meeting. 8.50</p>	

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