

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 01 10 2024

Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Bethan Stanley
4 members of the public
Lynn Crisp – Clerk

- i) **Public Open Session** **LEAD**
- ii) **County Councillor Report**
- 001 **Meeting open time**
To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))
Christian Sellar - away
Claire Sully – personal
Rob Reed - absent
- 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 03 09 2024
Proposed: RW
Seconded: GW
Chair signed as a true record
- 004 Agreed.
Actions List
The Clerk updated the actions list.
Highways confirmed via Cllr Reed that speed limit reductions on the A371 will take place during this financial year.
- 005 **Finance**
a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for October 2024.
Resolution:
Proposed: LP
Seconded: MS
All agreed
- b. To REPORT income received in September 2024.
- | INCOME (AUG) | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| RECEIVED | | |
| CEMETERY | PLOTS, MEMORIALS & BURIAL FEES | £ 1,657.08 |
| TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT | | £ 1,657.08 |
- c. To REPORT payments made via Direct Debit/BACS in October 2024.

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BACS PAYMENTS (OCT MEETING APPROVAL)		
STAFF	SALARY & EXPENSES - MTH 7	£ 1,331.91
1 LYNN CRISP	REIMBURSE PADLOCK	£ 33.99
2 EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL	INV 18448	£ 20.00
3 THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	STREET CLEANING & GRASS CUTTING	£ 3,148.80
4 MR P CRANE	GENERATOR REPAIRS	£ 45.00
5 PKF LITTLEJOHN	EXTRNAL AUDIT	£ 504.00
TOTAL BACS PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£ 5,083.70

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

e. i. Finance Update
To Note:

- AGAR Statement 2023/24
- Audit Conclusion Notice 2023/24
- External Auditor Report and Certificate

Noted. Thanks to RFO and Clerk for facilitating the successful external audit this year, were expressed.

ii. Budget setting arrangements.

The Chair is meeting with the RFO tomorrow to discuss setting the budget meeting.

006

Cricket Club (CC) Feedback

Invitation to speak

CC had set aside £200.00 for paint. The Chair told the meeting that they have arranged for a large number of tubs of paint to be donated and delivered to the building and can source further donated supplies.

Who is paying for Building control to sign off building? This was not clear.

The CC felt they previously agreed to carry out the works but not under building control.

Cllrs commented that electrical safety certificates should be provided. CC explained that they would arrange for the new wiring to be certified but could not certify the existing 30-year-old electrics

Plumbing complete. WCs need further work.

Guttering to be done

Couple of strips around the windows to be fitted.

Insulation in loft not updated.

Vent tiles to be fixed.

No disabled access until next year from Glastonbury Festival funds.

Youth Club (YC) are arranging the removal of brambles from the outside of the building.

Herris Fencing – belongs to CC.

Proposal for the CC to give the fencing to the Parish Council and the Parish Council to pay for Building Control inspection:

Proposed: LP

Seconded: RW

Agreed

Some of the fencing to be erected around the Village Cross. CC and Cllr Williams will arrange this. The Clerk to be kept in formed re dates for this to make arrangements for the hired fencing to be removed.

RW

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Cllr Williams and CC will liaise regarding the removal and storage of the fencing.

CC will arrange for all hazardous materials to be removed from the garage on site, gas and pesticides. Currently, CC store equipment needed for stewarding at Glastonbury Festival in the garage.

RW

Date agreed to hand over the building from the CC to the Parish Council:

1st November 2024.

YC to commence decorating/cleaning asap.

Comment was made regarding the running costs of the building. Full council previously discussed this and agreed the matter. YC will be responsible for the running costs of the building. In time, the building could be used for purposes other than YC. Conversations took place.

Cllrs thanked the CC for all their work regarding the refurbishment of the building.

Cllrs also thanked CC for the use of Weston town sports club for YC.

CC representatives (members of the public) left the meeting 7.30 pm.

007

Youth Club Feedback

Invitation to speak

Representatives were unable to attend.

008

Planning

Greencore – No update

Land off Prestleigh road – No update

Land adjacent to Evercreech primary School – No update

Application Number: 2024/1585/HSE

Proposal: Internal and external alterations and extension to south-east elevation

Location: Stratton House Back Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet
Somerset

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hadwin

Application Type: Householder Application

Resolution

Approve

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

Application Number: 2024/1586/LBC

Proposal: Internal and external alterations and extension to south-east elevation

Location: Stratton House Back Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet
Somerset

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hadwin

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Resolution

Leave to Listed Building Officer

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

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Application Number: 2024/1627/LBC

Proposal: Removal of the existing front staircase, partial demolition of the rear wall, erection of a new entrance porch, remodelling of the existing rear extension, and internal alterations.

Location: Stratton Farm High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr and Mrs McCarthy

Application Type: Listed Building Consent Resolution

Leave to Listed Building officer

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

Application Number: 2024/1654/TPO

Proposal: T1 - Irish Yew - Prune approx 1m.

Location: 3 The Cedars Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6LG

Applicant: Mrs Morgan

Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees Resolution

Ensure this is coppiced, not felled. Approving coppicing.

Leave to TPO.

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

Application Number: 2024/1664/TCA

Proposal: T1 - Birch - Fell.

Location: 3 Fernleigh Close Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6JA

Applicant: Mrs Deane

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA Resolution

Leave to TPO

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

009

Cemetery

a. An increase in fees is being proposed in the budget.

b. Approve any memorial requests

1 to approve.

Approved

010

Park Inspection Reports

The inspection reports were not available for this meeting.

Queens Road Playing Fields

Request repair and find out regarding the sign.

Clerk

Skate Park

011

Village maintenance feedback:

Generator – to discuss if the current generator is 'fit for purpose'.

The generator has been returned to Village Hall.

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Solar panels on Village Hall's ability to run the generator; at present we must change manually from mains to solar panels. Village Hall Chair is looking at an automatic switching solution. In November Cllrs should meet to practice switching. Fuel not stored in Village Hall.

ALL

Speed limit reduction – A371.

Clerk

Cllrs asked The Clerk to write to Somerset Cllrs to ascertain a date for the speed reduction to be introduced.

Village Cross

Response from Southwest Heritage.

Noted from response:

Part of our (Southwest Heritage) research into the condition of the Cross included reference to Charles Pooley's 1877 account of *'The Old Stone Crosses of Somerset'*, in which he stated: *"To make room, it was removed to its present site, a vacant piece of ground, or waste . . . Being Church Property, its custody and repairs remain with the churchwardens"*.

Pooley's reference suggested the Cross did not pass from the parochial system of road maintenance to successor highway authorities during the mid to later 19th century, as might the 'waste' land around it, but remained church property.

012 a **Bus representative**

Good response to stand at the Village Show.

May be taking part in the Local Council Networks (LCN) and the bus partnership committee.

LP

The Chair will liaise with LCN re bus rep attending the meetings.

Noted that the buses do not tie in with the times of Wells Cinema.

012 b **Village Hall**

A new community fridge has been installed by Peter Green for the village, in the rear car park.

Cllrs asked GW to suggest at the next Village Hall meeting that a sign be erected showing the site of the community fridge.

GW

012 c **Police report**

Received.

012 d **Highways Maintenance**

Somerset Council (SC) are asking Partish Councils to seek Village volunteers to undertake some aspects of their (SC) current maintenance responsibilities. SC envisage that training via themselves will be available. Insurance, protective equipment and tools (not power or electric tools) will be provided by the Parish Council.

Receive report from Clerk regarding changes proposed by SC,

Receive questions and answers transcribed from City Town and Parish Meeting 18 09 24.

Receive Volunteer Handbook information. Clerk to add to Website.

Receive Volunteer Training Course information. Clerk to add to website.

Clerk

Clerk

Somerset Council will remain responsible for emptying waste and dog waste bins on their land within Evercreech.

Discussions took place.

012 e Training Partner Council – Request from Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) to provide training venues across the County.

Response required.

The Clerk was asked to pass on the Village Hall hire details to SALC.

Clerk

012 f The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) has formed an Advisory Group for its Rural Housing Enablers (RHE) Project – seeking representatives from Parish Councils. Their project lead, has identified Evercreech as one of the relatively short list across Somerset
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Apart from draft Terms of Reference, no other information has been provided regarding this group. Cllrs present were reluctant to join.

012 g Community Health and Wellbeing in conjunction with SALC remote meeting

Time: 18:00

Date: Wednesday 2nd October 2024:

The Clerk can provide the link for interested Cllrs. Funding for projects could be available.

012 h Parish Online – village asset mapping service

Link emailed to Cllrs. <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/services/digital-mapping-software>

Request for Cllrs to view the link and feedback at this meeting.

Cllr commented that it appears to be a suitable system for mapping village assets.

Carry forward.

012 i Asset Register

Set date for Cllr Village Inspection of assets.

Resolution required

Chair will allocate parts of the list to Cllrs for inspection.

By next meeting.

**LP
ALL**

013 To note

Southwest Ambulance Service DFIB contact has left their position. A replacement will be appointed in due course. In the meantime, the Parish Council have an emergency email address and telephone number to contact if required.

014 Agenda items for next meeting

Generator and solar panels.

Outdoor gym costs

Parish Online

Asset Register

Community Christmas Tree – Lighting up the tree – 30th November 2024.

015 Date & time of next meeting:

05 11 24 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)

016 Close of meeting.

Name Lynn Crisp

Time 8.30