

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 05 11 24

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

i)	Public Open Session	Action																		
ii)	County Councillor Report Staff redundancies are happening at Somerset Council. There will be a review of the number of Cllrs in due course. Will reduce to 96 Cllrs.																			
	Meeting open time 7.02 pm																			
001	To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)) Cllr Williams – Unwell Cllr Stanley – Work commitments																			
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). Planning application number 2024 1846 – Cllr Sellar.																			
003	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) Meeting 01 10 24 Proposed: MS Seconded DS Chair signed as a true record.																			
004	Actions List Clerk updated the list																			
005	Finance a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for November 2024. <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1458 1362 1630"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">INCOME (SEPTEMBER REPORT)</th> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3">RECEIVED</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>UNITY TRUST BANK</td> <td>QUARTERLY INTEREST</td> <td>£ 388.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VILLAGE CROSS</td> <td>DONATION</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CEMETERY</td> <td>PLOTS, MEMORIALS & BURIAL FEES</td> <td>£ 761.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT</td> <td>£ 1,199.76</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Resolution: Approved Proposed: CS Seconded: GW b. To REPORT income and payments in October 2024.	INCOME (SEPTEMBER REPORT)			RECEIVED			UNITY TRUST BANK	QUARTERLY INTEREST	£ 388.76	VILLAGE CROSS	DONATION	£ 50.00	CEMETERY	PLOTS, MEMORIALS & BURIAL FEES	£ 761.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT		£ 1,199.76	
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BACS PAYMENTS (NOV MEETING APPROVAL)			
STAFF	SALARY & EXPENSES - MTH 8	£	1,489.96
1 EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL	INV 18456	£	20.00
2 THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	STREET CLEANING & GRASS CUTTING (6996/7004/7006)	£	2,196.00
3 SALC	CLLR TRAINING (1281/1258)	£	75.00
4 SONIA MOORE	DONATION REFUND VILLAGE CROSS	£	50.00
TOTAL BACS PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£	3,830.96
DIRECT DEBITS (SEPTEMBER REPORT)			
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	STORAGE	£	82.33
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£	38.88
Direct Debit (BIFFA)	WASTE SERVICES	£	331.97
Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD)	WASTE SERVICES	£	65.08
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	PAYROLL	£	100.32
Direct Debit (UTB)	CHARGES	£	18.00
Direct Debit (LLOYDS)	CHARGES	£	3.00
TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT		£	639.58
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£	4,470.54
<p>d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments. LP and GW</p> <p>e. Finance Update New Government staff pay scales have been released. To approve the NALC National Salary Award 2023-24 terms and backdated pay. Resolve: Approved. The bank reconciliation was distributed and signed.</p>			
006	<p>Planning Greencore – update This land is included in Mendip Plan Part 2. Land off Prestleigh road – update Highways have stated that consideration should be given to traffic calming measures. They have recorded it is a problem now so should they (Highways) solve the problem now?</p> <p>Proposal to remove the items above from the agenda. Resolve: Agreed.</p> <p>Application Number: 2024/1798/LBC Proposal: Replace wooden 2-pane bathroom window, with a new wooden window, single glazed with 8 panes and an extraction fan. Insert Doulling stone lintel above and below and reset frame. Location: Batts House Victoria Square Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: R Holworthy Application Type: Listed Building Consent Resolution Leave to listed building Proposal: GW Seconded: CS Agreed</p> <p>Application Number: 2024/1846/HSE Proposal: Conversion of Garage to residential annex for dependent relative Location: Creech End Weston Town Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr & Mrs Stoker Application Type: Householder Application CS left the meeting at 7.16 pm Resolution Approve. Noted that there is limited parking on site presently. Proposed: GW Seconded: LP</p>		Clerk

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	<p>Agreed with the above comment. CS returned to the meeting at 7.20 pm.</p> <p>Application Number: 2024/1918/HSE Proposal: Proposed Loft conversion with rear facing Dormer, Front Porch extension and external material alterations including fenestartions Location: Fletchers Meadow Bagborough Lane Pylle Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr Timothy Wilson Application Type: Householder Application Resolution Approved Proposed: GW Seconded: LP Agreed</p>	
007	<p>Cemetery a. Update Approve a no parking on a Wednesday sign on the cemetery gates. The bin cannot be collected if vehicles are parked there. Approved. b. Approve any memorial requests There were no memorial requests to approve.</p>	Clerk
008	<p>Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields (QRPF) Skate Park Play equipment maintenance costs for QRPF will be looked at during budget discussions.</p>	
009	<p>Village maintenance feedback: Village Cross Update re Southwest Heritage (SWH) grant application for repairs. SWH are applying for a grant to cover the cost of repairs. Update from PCC re ownership of Cross. The Church Governors do not take responsibility for The Cross. Generator – update regarding compatibility with solar panels – carry forward. Millenium Gardens – resident correspondence and photographs. Bin and concrete plinths need removing. A Buddleia Tree needs hard pruning. Cllrs asked The Clerk to arrange this.</p>	Clerk Clerk
010 a	<p>Bus representative The Evercreech Bus Rep has agreed to be the bus rep for Shepton and run some more stalls. Will be encouraging people to Christmas shop via bus. The No.1 Bus, 2-hour service being suspended 23rd – 31st December 2024.</p>	
010 b	<p>Village Hall Donation request £50.00 for Bingo prize Proposed LP Second RR All agreed The village hall has taken over the showing of films. Any film showing suggestions, please contact Cllr Wakefield. Suggested a subtitle option for film showings.</p>	
010 c	<p>Police report Received.</p>	
010 d	<p>Business rates for ex cricket club building a. Somerset Council (Mendip) are asking if the Parish Council wishes to apply for 100% business rates relief. Yes b. They are also requesting the date the Parish Council became/becomes responsible for the building. Cllrs asked for this item to be carried forward. Date is not currently known.</p>	

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010 e	Outdoor Gym costs Noted.	
010 f	Parish Online Resolution required. To agree to purchase the software for mapping purposes. Agreed to trial the system. Proposed: GW Seconded: CS Agreed	
010 g	Parish Asset register update Cllrs have checked their sections; The Clerk will update the master spreadsheet.	Clerk
010 h	Community Christmas Tree – lighting, carols, mince pies and mulled wine: Saturday 30 th November, St Peters Church 6.00 pm. Advertised on the Parish Council Website.	
010 i	From Devon and Somerset Fire Service – precept survey: 'We would like to hear from as many people as possible across Devon and Somerset to better understand our residents' views. Please can you complete the online survey '	
011	<p>To note:</p> <p>a. Somerset Parishes Conference 2024 – followed by Somerset Association of Local Councils AGM Date: Wednesday 13th November 2024, 9:30am to 4pm Location: The Canalside Conference Centre, Marsh Lane, Bridgwater TA6 6LQ</p> <p>b. Save the date of the Somerset Day weekend of 10th and 11th May 2025.</p> <p>c. Devon and Somerset Fire Service precept setting survey https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/769bb7ae-a2f9-44ef-a38a-39451587d1f4</p> <p>d. Flood Warden Newsletter – Autumn – circulated 28 10 24 to all Cllrs.</p> <p>e. Somerset Council submitted its Limited Update of Mendip Local Plan Part II for examination on 30th September 2024. Email from Andre Sestini Principal Planning Policy Officer, circulated to Cllrs on 28/10/24.</p> <p>f. Planning Policy (East) has submitted their Shepton Mallet Neighbourhood Plan to Somerset Council. Their consultation will run between Friday 25th October 2024 and Friday 6th December 2024 and representations received outside this period may not be accepted. The submitted documents are available on the Council's Website: www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-in-production-and-made/?q=shepton email from Andre Sestini, Principal Planning Policy Officer, circulated with working links to Cllrs on 28 10 24.</p> <p>Budget Working party meeting 21 11 24 6.30 – 8.30 pm – Rear Room Evercreech Village Hall. Papers have been distributed in advance by the Finance Officer.</p>	
012	Agenda items for next meeting Village Hall solar panels and generator. The date the Parish Council became/becomes responsible for the ex cricket club building.	
013	Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change) 03 12 24	
014	Close of meeting. 7.53. Name Lynn Crisp Time	