

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 14 01 25

**Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed arrived 7.04,  
Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart  
4 members of the public.  
Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

Action

- i) **Public Open Session**  
Members of the public are invited to speak:  
Drains in Evercreech.  
Gullys blocked. Somerset Council (SC) have been to survey but as no flooding will not be fixed.  
Moss on bottom of Cedars path. Cllr Reed said he will investigate this. Resident emailed re the problem, nothing happening.  
Bus Stop signage - road painting needs re doing opposite the Village Hall.
- ii) **Somerset Councillor Report**  
The report was not received prior to the meeting.  
Budget – re-organisation taking place. 100 million £ shortfalls to be addresses. Electoral review ongoing. Number of cllrs being looked at. All party agreement was not been met re Parish borders. Going forward to the Electoral Commission who will now decide.  
**Meeting open time**  
7.15
- 001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))**  
Cllr Sellar – personal  
Cllr Stanley – work commitments  
Cllr Sully – personal
- 002 **Declarations of interests.** Council members declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have on the 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 12 24  
Proposed: RW  
Seconder: DS  
Agreed.  
Chair signed as a true record.
- 004 **Actions List**  
The clerk updated the list.  
03 12 24  
Item 009 – Stoney Stratton flooding:  
Cllr Reed walked the river in question and reported that the gate was located above the water line. There is, however, a fallen tree further down.  
Cllr Reed will continue to monitor.  
Clerk handed Cllr Williams and Reed letters to post to residents regarding the responsibilities of riparian owners.  
The Stoney Stratton residents' group have been advised of the link to Somerset Rivers Authority grants.
- 005 **Finance**

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- a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for January 2024.

Resolution:  
Proposed: LP  
Seconded: GW  
Agreed

- b. To report on income for December 2024.

Reported

- c. To report payments via direct debits for December 2024.

Reported

FINANCE SHEET FOR JAN 25 MEETING - REPORT TO 30 NOV 24		
<b>INCOME (NOVEMBER REPORT)</b>		
<b>RECEIVED</b>		
CEMETERY	VARIOUS	£ 1,488.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£ 1,488.00</b>
<b>BACS PAYMENTS (JAN MEETING APPROVAL)</b>		
STAFF	SALARY & EXPENSES - MTH 10	£ 1,383.42
1 EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL	INV 18491	£ 35.00
2 THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	STREET CLEANING & GRASS CUTTING (7172/73/74/75) REPORT	£ 2,439.60
3 IDVERDE	PLAY INSPECTION	£ 40.16
4 SALC	CLERK TRAINING	£ 35.00
5 OSBORNE TREE SERVICES	TREE WORK	£ 336.00
6 CAB	GRANT	£ 450.00
7 SOMERSET COUNCIL	BUILDING CONTROL FEE - CRICKET CLUB REPORT	£ 300.00
8 THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	INV 7278	£ 1,080.00
<b>TOTAL BACS PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL</b>		<b>£ 6,099.18</b>
<b>DIRECT DEBITS (NOVEMBER) REPORT)</b>		
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	STORAGE	£ 82.33
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£ 37.98
Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD)	WASTE SERVICES	£ 62.68
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	PAYROLL	£ 50.16
Direct Debit (UTB)	CHARGES	£ 6.00
<b>TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£ 239.15</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£ 6,338.33</b>

- d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

GW

LP

- e. Budget/Precept 2025/26

A draft budget of £95,283 was AGREED at the Dec 24 Full Council meeting (Appendix 1), indicating a precept of £87,000, to be APPROVED at Jan 25 Parish Council meeting for submission to Somerset Council no later than 31 Jan 25 (noon).

**Resolution required:**

To approve the budget and precept as noted above:

Proposed: RR

Seconded: LP

The budget and precept were agreed unanimously.

**Planning**

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**Application Number:** 2024/2193/HSE

**Proposal:** Removal of existing conservatory and erection of two storey extension to rear of house and erection of carport

**Location:** Southwood Farm Redlands Farm Lane To Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Jack Taylor

**Application Type:** Householder Application

Resolution:

Proposed Approve

PPs GW

RW

Agreed

**Application Number:** 2024/2256/TCA

**Proposal:** T1 - Lime Tree - Reduce by 2-3mtrs.

**Location:** Shandor Church Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Morris

**Application Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Resolution:

Refer to Tree Officer

Proposed Housing Need Assessment for Rural Exception Site in Cranmore (from a developer).

Resolution is required: to respond (or not) to assessment request.

Cllrs agreed that this is a Cranmore Parish issue, and the proposal was made to not respond:

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RR

All agreed.

007

## **Cemetery**

a. i. Parking sign – Cllr Sellars has kindly agreed to arrange for a sign to be made, at cost. £60 plus VAT, artwork would be £20 plus VAT.

Cllrs agreed to the purchase of the sign and asked The Clerk to go ahead on the basis set out above. **Clerk**

b. ii. War memorial cleaning.

An email was received from a contact offering to clean the memorial, if required.

The clerk was asked to obtain cost. **Clerk**

c. Approve any memorial requests

None received

008

Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields

Concrete plinth in play area. The Chair will ask via Evercreech News if any residents would like to place a memorial bench. If not, the plinth will be removed. **LP**

Skate Park

Path from the car park.

The clerk was asked to investigate this and ask the handyman to fill in gaps with gravel. **Clerk**

009

Village maintenance feedback:

Feedback regarding any issues reported.

Drain checking:

It was reported that the drains have been cleared along Prestleigh Road from the circus field to the bus shelter by Somerset Council.

Cllrs asked the clerk to contact Highways to see when the rest of the village drains are scheduled to be cleared. **Clerk**

010 a

Bus representative

A request from the Evercreech Show Society to place a noticeboard inside the bus shelter.

Proposal: to agree to the request with the caveat that it must be maintained by Evercreech Show Society going forward.

Proposed: LP

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Seconded RW  
Agreed

Decoration of the inside of the bus shelter. The Parish Council wish to see the artwork prior to it being painted.

**Clerk**

There is a proposal to join Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset together re buses and funding.  
Chair thanked representative.

010 b

Village Hall update

A thank you letter has been received from the Village Hall for the donation to the Christmas Bingo.

Next meeting Village Hall meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

Cllr Wakeford was asked to raise the cleaning of the community fridge and out of date food removal – who is responsible?

Cllr Wakeford was also asked to thank the Village Hall bookings clerk for their help with the Parish Council when booking the hall.

010 c

Police report

Received

010 d

Have your say on Somerset Council's budget for 2025/26

Email with a link can be forwarded if required.

Email link to The Chair.

**Clerk**

010 e

Somerset Council refuse and dog bin emptying costs.

Discussions took place. For the next agenda, reducing the number of bins on Parish Council land.

Resolution required:

To commission Somerset Council to empty the bins from April 2025.

Proposed: MS

Seconded: GW

Agreed

The clerk will send the map of assets to LP and GW after meeting with CS at the end of January 2025 to plot the assets on Parish Online.

**Clerk**

010 f

Somerset Local Plan Call for Sites coming soon

This is a 6-week period where landowners, developers, and site promoters can submit to us (Somerset Council) land they want to develop. This process is crucial for gathering information to help develop the Local Plan. Please note, we will not be consulting on specific proposals or encouraging submissions in particular locations during this time. Submitting a site is not a planning application and does not grant planning permission or any other status. Noted.

010 g

Peter Green – email for support from resident re the lights being too bright at night.

The mist amplifies it. Check planning application. RR

Advise them to contact Peter Green and the environmental health dept. in the first instance.

**RR  
Clerk**

010 h

Somerset Rivers Authority - Funding applications for flood defence. Offering grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 for small works to reduce flood risks in Somerset, To find out more, please visit: <https://www.somsetriversauthority.org.uk/grants/>

010 i

Hedge around fields opposite Pecking Mill Inn. Orchard Farm.

Carry forward.

011

To note:

a. Security update re events from Avon & Somerset Police re large events. Emailed to Cllrs.

012

Agenda items for next meeting

Reduction of bins on Parish Council land.

Street Lighting. 3 in Maesdown Road.

40 mph speed limit.

Drains.

Hedge opposite Pecking Mill Inn.

Victoria Square Parking restrictions.

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Date & time of next meeting: 04 02 25 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)

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014 Close of meeting.  
Name: Lynn Crisp  
Time 8.00 pm