

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 01 04 25

**Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Bethan Stanley, Christian Sellar
6 members of the public.
Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

- i) **Public Open Session** Action
1. Resident spoke regarding planning application 2025/0368/FUL.
 2. Nigel Salmon, Planning Consultant, planning application 2025/0354/FUL.
 3. Resident spoke regarding a planning application they will be submitting in the future.
- ii) **Somerset Councillor Report**
The report received this afternoon will be forwarded to Cllrs.
Cllr Reed confirmed that he has been in contact with the portfolio holder regarding Neales Way Car Park and should have more information next month.
- Meeting open time**
7.06
- 001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85(1))
None received.
- 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 04 03 25
Proposed: RW
Seconded: DS
Agreed.
Chair signed as a true record.
- 004 **Actions List**
The Clerk updated the list.
- 005 **Finance**
a. To approve finance payments and income for April 2024

FINANCE SHEET FOR APR 25 MEETING - REPORT TO 28 FEB 25		
INCOME (FEBRUARY REPORT)		
RECEIVED		
VARIOUS	BURIALS/MEMORIALS	£ 214.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT		£ 214.00
BACS PAYMENTS (APR MEETING APPROVAL)		
STAFF	SALARY, PENSION & EXPENSES - MTH 1	£ 1,435.25
EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL	INV 18554 HALL HIRE	£ 20.00

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THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	INV 7368, 7395 MG, CEM MAINT & STREET CLEAN	£ 1,032.00
IDVERDE	INV 10935757 PLAY INSPECTION	£ 40.16
TOTAL BACS PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£ 2,527.41
DIRECT DEBITS (FEBRUARY REPORT)		
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	STORAGE	£ 82.33
Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD)	WASTE SERVICES	£ 81.91
Direct Debit (UTB)	CHARGES	£ 6.00
Direct Debit (PUBLIC WORKS LOANS)	LOAN REPAYMENT	£ 4,402.81
TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT		£ 4,573.05
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 7,100.46

REGULAR PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL - APR 25 to MAR 26			
PAYMENT TYPE	DETAIL	FREQUENCY	AMOUNT
STANDING ORDER	STAFF SALARIES	MONTHLY	£ 1,000.00
STANDING ORDER	IDVERDE PLAY INSPECTIONS	MONTHLY	£ 40.16
DIRECT DEBIT	ICO	ANNUALLY	£ 35.00
DIRECT DEBIT	BIFFA WASTE CHARGE	QUARTERLY	£ 370.50
DIRECT DEBIT	BT INTERNET CHARGE	MONTHLY	VARIOUS
DIRECT DEBIT	LLOYDS CREDIT CARD MONTHLY FEE	MONTHLY	£ 3.00
DIRECT DEBIT	PAYROLL FEE	MONTHLY	£ 50.16
DIRECT DEBIT	PWLB LOAN REPAYMENT	BI-ANNUALLY	£ 4,402.81
DIRECT DEBIT	CLEAR SPACE STORAGE	MONTHLY	£ 82.33
DIRECT DEBIT	VEOLIA WASTE REMOVAL	MONTHLY	VARIOUS
DIRECT DEBIT	NEST PENSION PAYMENT	MONTHLY	VARIOUS

Resolution:
Proposed: LP
Seconded: BS
Agreed

NEW STANDING ORDER FOR APPROVAL – IDVERDE £40.16 MONTHLY
Rejected due to contract being cancelled.

b. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.
LP and GW

c. Finance Update

i. Procedure for expenditure on projects

Ensure a written statement is produced

Proposed MS: For the RFO to be present at discussions of future large projects to give advice.

Seconded: CS

Agreed

ii. Agree Finance Regulations

Agreed

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iii. Agree Standing Orders

Agreed

iv. Agree Code of Conduct

Agreed

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Planning

To comply with transparency regarding the planning outcome, The Clerk left the meeting at 7.21 and returned at 7.30

Application Number: 2025/0368/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of a self build dwelling.

Location: Santolina Enfield Drive Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr Shaun Brake

Application Type: Full Application

Resolution: Refuse - Loss of privacy/overlooking with regards to two existing properties.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed

Application Number: 2025/0254/HSE

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension, alterations and landscaping.

Location: The Barn High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr Newton

Application Type: Householder Application

Resolution: Leave to listed building officer

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed.

Application Number: 2025/0255/LBC

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension, alterations and landscaping.

Location: The Barn High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr Newton

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Resolution: Leave to listed building officer

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed.

Application Number: 2025/0354/FUL

Proposal: Proposed part-demolition and construction of single and Two storey extension and erection of garage/car port

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

Applicant: Mr Jack Taylor

Application Type: Full Application

Resolution: Approve

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

1 Abstained RR

Application Number: 2025/0375/FUL

Proposal: Erection of E(g) and / or B8 employment building with or without ancillary trade counter, associated parking, access and landscaping

Location: Land At 363866 136917 Evercreech Junction Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

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Applicant: Southwood Secure Storage Ltd

Application Type: Full Application

Resolution: Approve

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

Application Number: 2023/0614/VRC

Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning approval 2021/0832/FUL (Erection of dwelling following partial demolition of existing building) to new drawings. (updated drawings 14.06)

Location: The Long Barn Maesdown Hill Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr And Mrs S Stanley

Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions

Resolution: Approve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Agreed

Stoke St Mary Parish Council has written to invite other Parish Councils to a Zoom/Teams meeting in April to listen to speaker Jim Claydon who presented the case at the recent planning enquiry in Ruishton (Brookfields Nursery). Expressions of interest are invited. No expressions of interest were made.

007

Cemetery

a. Update

War Memorial Cleaning. The Clerk to request a quote.

The Parish Council asked The Clerk to write to the resident who kindly transferred cemetery details to a spreadsheet and convey their thanks.

b. Approve any memorial requests

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Cllrs approved the request.

Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields

a. Concrete plinth in play park

b. Quote to remove concrete bin at the entrance on Queens Road.

Skate Park

Consider email from IDVERDE regarding the inspection of parks from 31st May 2025.

Cllrs requested that The Clerk contact Alvian to commission them to inspect the play parks from May 2025.

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Village maintenance:

a. Bin collection quotation from Somerset Council.

To commission Somerset Council for bin collection as per their quote of £2433.60

Proposed: LP

Seconded: GW

Agreed.

Clerk

b. Neales Way Car Park – Cllrs to consider risk assessment, add to it if necessary and study photographs of the condition of the tarmac/drains.

Noted.

c. Village Cross, Church View.

SW Heritage has applied for a grant from the St Andrews Conservation Trust, to be considered in May 2025. SW Heritage has also applied to Historic England for its heritage at risk funding, to be considered in early April 2025.

Noted.

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d. Drain Clearing response from Somerset Council: it looks like the village drains are not due to be cleaned until 2027 as the gullies are on a 4-year clean.

Blocked drains can be reported via <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/drains-and-gullies/>

e. Millenium Gardens – see email and photo from resident regarding boundary wall.
CS will investigate and inform The Clerk.

CS

f. Resident reported missing road sign at Leighton Close. It has now been reported via Fix my Street by The Clerk.

g. Bus shelter artwork update.

This has not yet started.

010 a

Bus representative

No change to SW Coaches' timetable.

No. 1 bus can now enter Castle Cary rail station.

Sunday Markets, Castle Cary Food Festival and other local events cannot be reached by bus on a Sunday.

010 b

Village Hall

Thanks were received from the Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council being a supporter of the Hall. They are hopefully now on the map with ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), the champion of village halls across the UK, and a unique addition for the Mendip area, the nearest entry being Westbury (Wilts) and Wedmore.

AGM has taken place.

Film nights are going well.

New fire exit lighting has been installed.

Doors being repainted.

010 c

Police report

Not received.

010 d

VE80 Celebrations Monday 5th May 2025.

Preparations are underway.

Plea for volunteers on the day at Queens Road Playing Fields, from 10.00

LP proposed to allow dogs on leads for the day for the event

Seconded: BS

Agreed

LP proposed to apply for a Temporary Events Notice for live music on the day at the cost of 21.00.

Seconded: GW

Agreed.

010 e

Youth Club/ex Cricket Club building update

Deed of release of transfer – the process has begun.

Fund raising is taking place and grants are being applied for.

010 f

Policies to approve:

Cllr Co option

GDPR

Grant/Donations

Health and Safety

Social Media

Staff Grievance

Approved

010 g

Parish briefing:

Simpler Recycling

Soft plastics not until 2027.

Noted.

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- 010 h Lake and footpath SM 11/8 - adjacent to the showground and the A371.
It is the only route from the village to Bath and West Showground
It has been rerouted; steps have been removed.
The matter has been raised before but nothing has moved with the issue at Mendip District Council/ Somerset County Council, so will raise with Somerset Council. **CS**
Discussions took place.
- 010 i Hedges opposite Pecking Mill Inn
To monitor height/view from the A371 at monthly meetings.
- 010 j Consider email from a resident re council tax bill and respond.
The chair will respond in due course. **LP**
- 011 To note:
a. Somerset Prepared Newsletter circulated to Cllrs 05 03 25.
b. Make space for nature in church yards and burial grounds – press release circulated to Cllrs 05 03 25.
c. Somerset Council (Various Roads, District of Mendip) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions) Order 2025 – (Glastonbury Festival) 05 03 25.
d. POPPY OF HONOUR GOING ON TOUR:
Now you can come along and see the Memorial before it is put into its final resting place at Maidenbrook Country Park. We would be delighted to see you and tell you about the story behind this project. Various dates published. West Monkton Parish Council are leading on the project.
e. Copy of follow up email sent to Somerset Cllr re drainage in Stoney Stratton.
f. Somerset Prepared newsletter circulated to Cllrs 24 03 25.
- 012 Agenda items for next meeting
Hedge opposite Pecking Mill Inn.
Neales Way Car Park.
40 MPH signs.
Lake and footpath SM 11/8.
- 013 Date & time of next meeting:
06 05 25 Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Monthly Meeting.
Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)
- 014 Close of meeting. 8.27
Name
Time