

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 19 08 25

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

- i) **Public Open Session** **Action**  
Resident: Floral arrangements in the village, purchased and looked after by volunteers.  
Requesting a grant to reimburse volunteers who have purchased the plants. They are raising funds for next year at other events. Village hall pays for their plants. Areas include The Cedars, Church, Bakers.  
Lilac Cottage, Pecking Mill Planning Application.  
Existing extension is out of keeping with the original cottage.  
Question re A371 safety group – Lack of traffic management when New Wine left the Bath and West. Also, the new BP fuel station @ Cannards Grave, exiting can cause problems.  
Arrows at the roundabout at the top of Presleigh Hill can cause problems.  
Cllr Reed will take these matters to the relevant working groups in Somerset County and report back.
- ii) **Somerset Councillor Report**  
Received prior to meeting  
**Meeting open time**  
7.09
- 001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85(1))  
Cllr Stewart – away.
- 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 01 07 25  
Chair signed as a true record
- 004 **Actions List**  
The list was updated.
- 005 **Finance**

a. To APPROVE the monthly receipts and payments:

<b>JUNE 25 Receipts for REPORT</b>			
<b>Received</b>		<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Various	Burials/Memorials	£ 62.00
2	UTB	Q1 Interest	£ 662.35
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 724.35</b>

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<b><u>AUGUST 25 Payment Schedule</u></b>			
<b>Inv.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Evercreech Village Hall	INV 18635 & 18650 Hall Hire	£ 50.00
2	Three Counties Landscaping	INV 7805 MG, Cem Maint & Street Clean	£ 1,926.00
3	Alvian	INV 1230 Play Inspection	£ 54.00
4	SWAST	DEFIB	£ 540.00
5	RM Stonework	Play park work	£ 425.00
6	SPFA	Annual Subscription	£ 15.00
7	Vision ICT	Email & Website hosting	£ 666.76
8	Tozers	Legal work - Cricket Club	£ 415.20
9	PKF Littlejohn	Annual external audit fee	£ 378.00
10	C Sellar	Reimburse - Land searches	£ 14.00
<b><u>PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</u></b>			
	Staff	Salaries and expenses	£ 627.13
<b><u>Month Payments TOTAL</u></b>		<b><u>Aug-25</u></b>	<b><u>£ 5,111.09</u></b>

Resolution:

Proposed: LP

Seconded: GW

All agreed

b. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

GW and LP

c. Finance Update

**i. Q1 summary report**

Note and approve.

Resolution

Proposed: LP

Seconded: RW

Agreed

ii. Locum Clerk donation to Happy Landing in lieu of payment £50.00

Resolution:

Agreed.

**Planning**

**Application Number:** 2025/1139/CLE

**Proposal:** Application for a existing lawful development certificate for Change of use of garage formerly associated with 2 Westfield Cottages to a single dwellinghouse.

**Location:** Paddock View 2 Westfield Cottages Westbrook Farm Lane  
Evercreech Shepton Mallet

**Applicant:** Mr S Heal

**Application Type:** Certificate of Use Existing

Resolution:

Approved

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

**Application Number:** 2025/1220/HSE

**Proposal:** Conversion of outbuildings for guest bedrooms and amenity space.

**Location:** Smalldown Farm Small Down Lane Westcombe Shepton Mallet  
Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr B Ashford Russell

**Application Type:** Householder Application

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Resolution:

Could not find application on Somerset Council Planning Portal.

No comment.

**Application Number:** 2025/1287/HSE

**Proposal:** Extensions and alterations to existing dwellinghouse and erection of outbuilding (ancillary use).

**Location:** Lilac Cottage Weymouth Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet  
Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Waters

**Application Type:** Householder Application

Resolution:

Approved

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

**Application Number:** 2025/1305/CLE

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use for the extension of garden.

**Location:** Corner House Shapway Lane Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet  
Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Bramwell & Tamsyn Brightey & Lofts-Brightey

**Application Type:** Certificate of Use Existing

Resolution:

Approved

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

**Application Number:** 2025/1383/CLE

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for the commencement of development approved under 103065/001.

**Location:** Manor Farm Winterwell Lane Chesterblade Shepton Mallet  
Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Peter Powell

**Application Type:** Certificate of Use Existing

Resolution:

Approved

Proposed: RW

Seconded: GW

Agreed

**Application No:**

**SCC/3854/2021**

Proposal:

Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (noise mitigation) and 4 (night time noise limit) in respect of planning permission reference 2017/3147/CNT (section 73 application to amend condition 2[approved plans and specification], 3 [noise mitigation] and 5 [dust control] in respect of planning permission 2013/2083 for the construction of an Anaerobic Digestion plant)"

Location:

Unit 22  
Evercreech Junction  
Shepton Mallet  
Somerset  
BA4 6NA  
GRID REF 363604 137025

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Response: Object - Reason: Noise dust and lighting will still affect the residents of Southwood. The filter lane clause should be kept and up to date traffic monitoring exercises should be undertaken asap, at peak times.

Proposed: GW

Seconded: BS

6 for

1 abstain

## **Licence application:**

**SunM Chinese Restaurant, No 1, The Showroom, Evercreech Junction, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 6NA**

Supply of Alcohol: (on the premises) Monday to Sunday 12:00pm until 10:30pm.

Hours premises are open to the public: Monday to Sunday 12:00pm until 10:30pm

No objections from Cllrs.

## **Cemetery**

a. Update

Cemetery Gates maintenance:

Cllrs agreed to keep the gate permanently open and chain the gate back to the wall.

Re the uneven path. Cllrs requested a sign stating 'This path is unsuitable for vehicles, use at your own risk, A4 size, landscape. Cllr Sellar kindly agreed to arrange the sign.

Headstones topple test

Cllrs agreed to set up a working party to check the headstones and will arrange a date between themselves. Ensure photos are taken of any that require laying down.

Working Party LP RW BS CS

War memorial:

Grants from War Memorial trust would probably not be successful.

Budget the cost for next year

BS will pass on details of cleaning companies for quotation purposes to The Clerk.

b. Approve any memorial requests

None received.

Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields – New padlocks have been removed from the entrance from Neales Way car park. Discussions took place. RW agreed to investigate this matter. A solution needs to be found.

RW will look at this.

Maintenance update – small fire reported

Replace 2 x bins - Clerk

Skate Park

The company to be contacted regarding the inspection report.

Village maintenance feedback:

Tree Survey – begin the process with Osbourne Trees.

Grass verge outside of the ex-Greencore site, Cllrs to agree to the ground's maintenance company cutting this:

Resolution required: Agreed

Neales Way Car Park update

Awaiting response to questions: When does the lease expire? Is purchasing the car park viable?

LCN (Local Council Network) Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot Update  
Noted

RW

CS/LC

LP RW  
BS CS

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Grass verges x 2 on the border of The Cedars – outside of Stripy Close ask the grounds company to add to their schedule, twice per year.

Clerk

Proposed LP

Seconded CS

Agreed

Village Cross Update – Work will start in September 2025.

010 a

Bus representative

Better Buses for Somerset and the Enhanced Partnership + Support Team explaining why Somerset Bus Partnership no longer supports the group.

They have not stopped supporting. A report was published 18 months ago. A meeting will be taking place regarding a resolution.

Noted that there is bus inequality with bus services within Somerset.

Noted that Somerset Bus Partnership is a volunteer group.

No 1 bus – no changes to timetable which does not assist school children.

Newly painted bus shelter looks good.

Proposal for a noticeboard in the shelter to be supplied and fitted by

Proposed: LP

Seconded: RW

Agreed.

The bus representative will inform the resident.

010 b

Village Hall

The Clerk previously reported that the Parish Council noticeboard on the village hall no longer locks and would like it replaced. Reported that this is being looked at.

The outside clock will be replaced.

010 c

Helicopter air traffic during Glastonbury Festival 2025

Noted the increase in air traffic this year.

The flight path appeared to have been changed this year.

Civil Aviation Authority are responsible for air traffic and flight paths.

010 d

Deed of Release – resolution required:

To agree with the document as presented and to agree with the updated map provided. Chair to sign the document between meetings.

Resolve:

Proposed: LP

Seconded BS

All agreed

Clerk

010 e

Proposal to amend the Staffing Sub Committee to Staffing Committee

Resolve

Proposed: GW

Seconded: BS

Agreed

Agree Staffing Terms of Reference:

Resolve

Agreed

010 f

Youth Club (YC) update

a. Consider outline proposal from an educational establishment to rent the YC building.

Clerk

Resolve:

Ask for written proposal.

b. YC would like to hold a car boot sale around the building. No dogs.

Resolve

Agreed

c. Peppercorn lease agreement between Parish Council and YC

Resolve

To begin the lease process via Tozers Solicitors.

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Proposed: BS

Seconded: CS

Agreed

d. Use of Queens Road Playing Fields for more events using the building as a community hub.

Proposed: LP

Seconded: BS

Agreed.

010 g Speed and giving way @ Weston Town (beneath the old viaduct)

Give way lines have been re painted by Highways.

010 h Road Safety – A371 \Pecking Mill Corner

Cllr Sellar has written to Somerset Cllr Sully requesting this matter be discussed via the appropriate Somerset Council Department.

010 i Playing Pitch Strategy, Built Sports Facilities Strategy and Open Space Assessment.

Somerset Council assessment, information and evidence gathering

Noted.

010 j 8.38 Proposal to enter closed session – Staffing

Proposed: LP

Seconded: GW

Agreed

Meeting returned 8.45

011 Correspondence forwarded to Cllrs

Plan it Somerset (Council) takes action to tackle planning application backlog

SALC - Community Health & Wellbeing Programme Newsletter August 2025

Flood Wessex Lunch & Learn Recordings & Materials - Flash Flooding & PFR

Local Council Network - Parish Information Sheet - Development July 2025 - Council takes action to reduce backlogs in Development Management

Planning Enforcement in Somerset – Cllr Diogo Rodrigues

CloudyIT Digital Learning Series – Training opportunity

SALC Newsletter

Somerset Council - Dog control measures active in Somerset East

Somerset Council - Parish Briefing Note - Volunteer Highway Maintenance

Somerset Council - Mendip Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Updates

Somerset Rivers Authority: Annual Report 2024-25

Somerset Council - Parish Preparedness Survey

012 Agenda items for next meeting

Village Plants costs.

Bus Rep expenses.

Local Council Network meetings – attending meetings.

Christmas arrangements – DFIB and tree

013 Date & time of next meeting, 02 09 25 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)

Date for your diary – Annual Parish Meeting (Residents and Businesses invited **13<sup>th</sup> May**

**2026 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.**

014 Close of meeting.

Name: Lynn Crisp

Time: 8.50