

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 02 09 25

Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Rob Reed – 7.08, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Christian Sellar

3 members of the public.

Lynn Crisp – Clerk

| i) | Public Open Session Q: to Somerset Cllr, when will the parking restrictions in Victoria Square be enforced? | Action | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ii) | Somerset Councillor Report Received prior to meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Meeting open time 7.00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)) Cllr Stanley – work commitments Cllr Sharpe – personal Cllr Reed will arrive late. 7.08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 19 08 25 Confidential item 19 08 25 Chair signed as a true record. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 004 | Actions List Clerk updated the actions list | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 005 | Finance a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for September 2025 <div><div><div>September 25 Payment Schedule</div><table><tr><th>Inv.</th><th>Payee</th><th>Particulars</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Alvan</td><td>INV 1252 Play Inspection</td><td>£ 54.00</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>RM Stonework</td><td>Stonework - Inv tbc</td><td>£ 575.00</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Happy Landings</td><td>Donation</td><td>£ 50.00</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>L Crisp</td><td>Reimburse Padlock - REPORT</td><td>£ 67.78</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Staff</td><td>Salaries and expenses</td><td>£ 891.48</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Month Payments TOTAL</td><td>£ 1,638.26</td></tr></table></div><div>Proposed: RW Seconded: LP Agreed</div><div>Resolution:</div></div> b. To REPORT income received in <div><div><div>July 25 Receipts for REPORT</div><table><tr><th>Received</th><th>Particulars</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Various</td><td>£ 781.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TOTAL</td><td>£ 781.00</td></tr></table></div><div>c. To REPORT payments made via Direct Debit in</div></div> | Inv. | Payee | Particulars | Amount | 1 | Alvan | INV 1252 Play Inspection | £ 54.00 | 2 | RM Stonework | Stonework - Inv tbc | £ 575.00 | 3 | Happy Landings | Donation | £ 50.00 | 4 | L Crisp | Reimburse Padlock - REPORT | £ 67.78 | PAYMENTS FOR REPORT | | | | | Staff | Salaries and expenses | £ 891.48 | Month Payments TOTAL | | | £ 1,638.26 | Received | Particulars | Amount | 1 | Various | £ 781.00 | TOTAL | | £ 781.00 | |
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| 006 | <p>Planning Application Number: 2025/1479/TPO Proposal: T15 - Copper Beech Tree - Reduction of northern side x 1.5-2m to reduce weight towards bungalow. (M1084). Location: The Glen Nursing Home Shapway Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mrs Terri ann Weatherall Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees Revert to Tree Officer.</p> <p>We have been advised that Somerset Planning may not grant extensions for response. If extension not granted, The Clerk would email the applications to Cllrs to see if they need an extraordinary meeting to respond.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 007 | <p>Cemetery a. Update Cemetery Gates Recommend – to lift the gate and pack up (washer with a slot).</p> <p>Tree roots on road: Funeral Directors reported to Cllr Sellar that they cannot drive the hearse along the road. Proposal: dig the tarmac, cut the tree root back then add gravel. Proposed CS Seconded: LP Agreed</p> <p>b. Approve any memorial requests</p> | GW CS RW | | | | | | | | |
| 008 | <p>Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields Car park bollards padlocks are still in place @ Neals Way entrance. Quotation to enlarge the matting at the goal mouth has been requested. Add request for quote to fill in concrete slab in play park. Skate Park Bendcrete – watch and wait regarding the hairline cracks. 20 yr warranty.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | <p>Village maintenance feedback: Grit Bins – Somerset Council will fill the bins, if necessary, with grit.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 010 a | <p>Bus representative Catch the bus month in September. Encouraging all to use the buses. Having a pitch at the Show on Saturday 6th September 2025. Joint with Strawberry Line. A371 – Wyke to Castle Cary Station, will that be a 40 MPH? RR will take to the A371 Safety Group Bus Representative expenses.</p> | RR | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>Cllrs thanks Susan for her voluntary work on behalf of the buses.</p> <p>Cllr Williams proposed that the Parish Council cover some expenses that this work incurs. Seconded: LP Agreed</p> <p>What do we need to put this in place? LC RFO</p> | Clerk /RFO |
| 010 b | <p>Village Hall Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 010 c | <p>Local Council Network (LCN) Parish Cllr attendance MS attended the Highways meeting. Pilton Parish Council contacted Kier to empty the drains. Pilton Parish Council sourced another contractor who was cheaper. MS will find out their contact details. Evercreech is due for drain maintenance in 2027. Clerk explained that we are still awaiting a site map of drain locations from LCN. The Chair explained she was to resign from the LCN with immediate effect. Cllrs agreed and thanked The Chair for her work to date.</p> | MS |
| 010 d | <p>Christmas arrangements – DFIB and tree Cllrs agreed that the placing of the tree in the Churchyard works very well. DFIB - arrange training for the Christmas Fair. 29th November 2025 9.30 set up.</p> | Clerk |
| 010 e | <p>Village Plants costs. To pay up to 200.00 this year upon receiving receipts. Proposed LP Seconded GW Agreed</p> <p>Budget 200.00 for next year and advise they need to keep receipts.</p> | Clerk |
| 010 f | <p>Bollards on corner of Queens Road Communication from resident – noted. A response was drafted.</p> | Clerk |
| 010 g | <p>Parking on double yellow lines outside of Heathercreech Bakery The Chair will speak to the owners regarding this matter.</p> | LP |
| 010 h | <p>Transfer of Deed regarding the Cricket Club Building Second Cllr signatory required. GW agreed to sign the document.</p> | |
| 011 | <p>To note/information forwarded to Cllrs: Temporary Road Closure: Station Road To Turnpike Cottage, Castle Cary and Ansford Reference: SS77/0425 - SD001167 2 – 4 September 2025 Temporary Road Closure: tto613883E - High Street, Evercreech 8 - 11 September 2025 Training events x 2 Notification from Cllr Sully re Concerns for Somerset Community Hospitals Changes Notice of parish briefing and Q&A Sessions on the Local Transport Plan Consultation - 20th August @6pm & 9th September @ 4pm Open Q&A Session & Flood Resilience Discussion – Thursday, 21 August (Online) 12:30 pm -13:30 pm</p> | |
| 012 | <p>Agenda items for next meeting New Finance Regulations Drains/gullys need clearing Bakers Parking</p> | |
| 013 | Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 01 10 25 7.00 pm (subject to change) | |
| 014 | <p>Close of meeting: Name Lynn Crisp Time 7:55</p> | |