

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 03 02 26

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

- |     |   | Action |
|-----|---|--------|
| i)  | <b>Public Open Session</b><br>Streetlights out - Prestleigh Road. It is still being decided between Somerset Council and another company who is responsible for repairing them. See agenda item 013.<br>Will the Cypress Tree in the cemetery be felled? No.  |        |
| ii) | <b>Somerset Councillor Report</b><br>Received prior to meeting.<br>Flooding – Cllr Reed met with concerned resident.<br><b>Meeting open time</b><br>7.03  |        |
| 001 | <b>To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))</b><br>None  |        |
| 002 | <b>Declarations of interests.</b> 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)<br><br>None declared.<br><br>A one-minute silence was observed in memory of former Mendip District Council and Parish Councillor, Peter Bradshaw |        |
| 003 | <b>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))</b><br>Meeting 06 01 26<br>Chair signed as a true record.  |        |
| 004 | <b>Actions List</b><br>Clerk updated the list   |        |

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## Finance

a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for February 2026

<b>February 26 Payment Schedule</b>			
<b>Inv.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Alvian	INV tbc Play Inspection	£ 54.00
2	Evercreech Village Hall	Inv 18746	£ 20.00
3	Three Counties Landscaping	Village Maint Jan26 Inv 8335, 8336, 9008	£ 1,428.00
4	SALC	ClIr Training Inv 2573 & 2602	£ 50.00
5	Somerset Council	Q3 Dog bin emptying Inv 32012943	£ 405.60
<b>PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</b>			
	Staff	Salaries and expenses	£ 717.99
6	L Crisp	Reimburse Laptop	£ 699.00
<b>Month Payments TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 3,374.59</b>

Resolution:

Proposed: LP

Seconded: BS

Agreed

b. To REPORT income received in December 2025

<b>Dec 2 ; Receipts for REPORT</b>			
<b>Received</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
1	UTB	Q3 Interest	£ 523.38
2	Various	Burials and Memorials	£ 877.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 1,400.38</b>

	<p>c. Nominate 2 ClIrs to authorise BACS payments. LP GW</p> <p>e. Finance Update Receive and note Quarter 3 Summary report. Received and noted.</p>	
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006	<p><b>Planning</b>  <b>Application Number:</b> 2025/2301/CLP  <b>Proposal:</b> Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for strengthening roof structure. (LBC).  <b>Location:</b> The Cottage Church View Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset  <b>Applicant:</b> R Murphy  <b>Application Type:</b> Certificate of Proposed Use/Development Notification only.                      The Parish Council would have liked to comment on this and do not understand why it is notification only.</p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 2026/0036/TCA  <b>Proposal:</b> T1 - Ash - Fell to allow surrounding trees to grow.  <b>Location:</b> The Vicarage Church Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset  <b>Applicant:</b> Revd Drever  <b>Application Type:</b> Works/Felling Trees in a CA                      Resolution:                      Refer to Tree Preservation Officer.</p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 2026/0047/AGB  <b>Proposal:</b> Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed building.  <b>Location:</b> Land At 365874 And 139916 Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset  <b>Applicant:</b> Lesley Beazer  <b>Application Type:</b> Agricultural Notification Proposed Build Notification only                      The Parish Council would have liked to comment on this and do not understand why it is notification only.</p> <p>RR to enquire as to why applications are being sent from Somerset Planning for notification only.</p> <p>Housing &amp; Employment Land Availability Assessment – Somerset Council.                      Information circulated to Cllrs.                      Noted.</p>	RR
007	<p><b>Bus Representative</b>                      Leaflets given regarding the pilot scheme; Glastonbury to Cary Station bus link. Noted this service will not include the village of Evercreech. The bus will stop at the Bath and West Showground and Southwood.                      Attended the Local Council Network recently. Shepton Community Car Scheme - meeting moved to February.                      Co-Chairs of Somerset Bus Partnership will stand down this year.                      Chair thanked the Bus Representative.</p>	

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008	<p><b>Cemetery</b>  a. Update  Memorials topple testing.  Proposal to commission the work  Resolution required:  Proposal from LP: to commission this work for Spring 2027. Cost is currently £2.00 per memorial x 412 memorials.  Seconded: GW  Agreed</p> <p>War Memorial Cleaning  Awaiting contact from Ellis and Co – Clerk will re contact</p> <p>b. Approve any memorial requests  1 to approve.  Approved.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
009	<p>Park Inspection Reports – received prior to the meeting.  Queens Road Playing Fields</p> <p>Skate Park  Bin at skate park – needs removing and replacing.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
010	<p>Village maintenance feedback:  <b>Stoney Stratton</b> – RR reported that the matter of maintaining the brook has been taken up with Somerset Council. Somerset Rivers Authority funding will be applied for by Somerset Council.</p> <p>a. Rubble fly tipped in Tinings Lane  Has been reported.  RR will report the blocked ditch in the same area to Somerset Council.</p> <p><b>Evercreech Village</b>  The Cedars - entrance flower bed:  Rubble removal – if the rubble is bagged and left on the verge, Cllrs will remove.  Removal of foliage/cuttings – Volunteers may use the cemetery bin.  Proposal - a donation of £70.00 for plants etc.  Proposed: LP  Seconded: GW  Agreed  Thanks were given to volunteers and to Cllr Sharpe for arranging this.</p> <p>Gullies  Discussions took place  Resolution required:  Cllrs have identified various drains appearing to need attention and will report via the Report It Somerset website.  <a href="https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/">https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/</a></p>	<b>RR</b>

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	All issues with roads should be reported directly via this link. Residents and Cllrs can report directly.	
011 a	<p>Village Hall Notice boards have not yet been refurbished. Patient Participation Group (Park and Evercreech GP practices). Fully staffed. NHS App &amp; Health Check information; Advice regarding the app together with health checks are available on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 1.00 – 2.30 pm, Park Medical Practice. Residents must be registered at either GP surgery to attend. The practice asked for feedback regarding their services to be shared via <b>their</b> website.</p>	
012 b	<p>Mill. Gardens Reports on anti-social behavior. The behaviour was outlined and discussions took place. Reports have been shared with the police. The Parish Council is waiting for a police officer specialising in re landscaping advice to Parish Councils, to make contact. The officer will be invited to a Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that a third of the village maintenance budget is taken up by maintaining the gardens.</p> <p>The meeting fully discussed various options regarding the matter, and the following proposal was made:</p> <p>Haras fence around the seating area for 3 months (until May 26</p> <p>Monitor behaviour, then perhaps look at re landscaping/moving the seating. Proposed: CS Seconded: LP Agreed. CS RW and 3 Counties will liaise to carry this out. Statement on the website. Monitor the situation.</p>	
012 c	<p>Public Safety Protection Orders (PSPO)/Dogs on Leads The Somerset Council meeting video was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs to discuss. Currently covered: Queens Road play park, play park at Westbrook/Leighton Lane. Other areas to be added? NB evidence will be required to be added to the list. Any addition needs to be evidence based to enable them Somerset Council to justify what areas should be included. When asked what evidence would be needed, the response was to take part in the consultation and provide photos. New development playparks will automatically be included in the dog fouling element. No amends can be made after the consultation closes, for 3 years. Noted and nothing to add.</p>	

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012 d	<p>Proposed solar development on land at Rodmore Farm, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6DW. Initial introduction letter from a company considering a suitable site for a solar proposal in our area. Noted and will discuss in full when planning application received.</p>	
012 e	<p>Footpaths: Rodmore Farm Kissing gate will be repaired Looking into the redirection of the public path.</p> <p>Steps – Nutbush area, Weston Town We have been advised that they are now repaired.</p> <p>Path along the stream in Stoney Stratton. The issue is that it belongs to the landowner, although it is a public footpath. It's uneven but walkable/accessible.</p>	
012 f	<p>Youth Club update – request to hire building from REACH. Clerk was asked to take this further. Proposal for the Parish Council to sign the amended peppercorn lease: Proposed: DS Seconded BS Agreed Chair signed the lease.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
012 g	<p>Fields in Trust Nothing to report, in hand</p>	
012 h	<p>Ex Greencore Factory Site – Update regarding health and safety: The matter of the lack of security and the owner's response to Cllr concerns has been reported to the Health and Safety executive.</p>	
012 i	<p>Staffing Proposal to enter closed session <b>8.00 pm</b> Members of the public left the meeting. Proposed: LP Seconded: GW Clerk and RFO met their annual review targets for last year. 1 SCP increase awarded. Cllr Wakeford explained the difference between SCP points and the Government annual increments. <b>The meeting returned at 8.09 pm</b></p>	
013	<p>To note/forwarded: Streetlights not working – Prestleigh Road feedback: Our term maintenance contractor will be attending site this week to carry out further investigations and confirm if the SWA cable can be isolated from the National Grid network, as they are unable to carry out any works on it whilst it's still connected. Once this has been established and the cable confirmed with National Grid as isolated, they will be able to work on the SWA cable to locate the no incoming electricity supply fault further. Various storm damage assistance emails. Somerset Prepared Jan/Feb 2026 Newsletter.</p>	

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	<p>Love Your Countryside: New Awards celebrate great things happening in Somerset's countryside Meet the first World Book Day Augmented Reality character live. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan engagement survey Flood Warden Lunch and Learn Sessions 2026 Wessex Water Community Drop in- Shepton Mallet – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Shepton Library Temporary Road Closure: ttro514888E - Bruton Road, Evercreech - Various training opportunities Precept setting email from Cllr Sully.</p>	
014	<p>Agenda items for next meeting Greencore HSE response Mill.Gdns Street Lights Planning response from RR re notification only.</p>	
015	<p>Date &amp; time of next meeting, 03 03 26 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change) Note Parish Meeting details: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 6 – 9pm, Evercreech Village Hall – Residents welcome.</p>	
016	<p>Close of meeting: Name Lynn Crisp Time 8.15</p>	