

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 03 03 26

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

i) **Public Open Session** Action

Resident: Streetlights Prestleigh Road. Somerset Cllr Sully is asking questions as to why the repairs are taking so long. 3 months not working is unacceptable.

Resident: Possibility of opening a café on Queens Road Playing Fields. Having spoken to residents, the feeling is it would be a good idea. This is an agenda item for this meeting.

ii) **Somerset Councillor Report**

Apologies received from Cllr Reed.

Report received prior to the meeting.

Meeting open time

7.06 pm

001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

Bethan Stanley – work commitment

Rob Reed – work commitment

Received and accepted.

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 03 02 26

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

Chair signed as a true record.

004 **Actions List**

Clerk updated the list.

005 **Finance**

a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for March 2026

| March 26 Payment Schedule | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Inv. | Payee | Particulars | Amount |
| 1 | Alvian | INV tbc Play Inspection | £ 54.00 |
| 2 | Evercreech Village Hall | Inv 18765 | £ 24.00 |
| 3 | Three Counties Landscaping | Village Maint Feb26 Inv 9049, 9055, 9058 | £ 1,272.00 |
| 4 | SALC | Cllr Training Inv 2635 | £ 25.00 |
| 5 | Parish Online | 40UB020-0003 | £ 151.20 |
| PAYMENTS FOR REPORT | | | |
| | Staff | Salaries and expenses | £ 622.26 |
| Month Payments TOTAL | | | £ 2,148.46 |

Resolution:

Proposed: CS

Seconded: LP

Agreed

b. To REPORT income received in

| January 26 Receipts for REPORT | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Received | Particulars | Amount |
| 1 | UTB | Q3 Interest | £ - |
| 1 | Various | Burials and Memorials | £ 492.00 |
| TOTAL | | | £ 492.00 |

Reported

To approve regular payments March 26 – March 27

Signed
Date

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REGULAR PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL - MAR 26 to MAR 27

| PAYMENT TYPE | DETAIL | FREQUENCY | AMOUNT |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| STANDING ORDER | STAFF SALARIES | MONTHLY | £ 960.00 |
| STANDING ORDER | ALVIAN PLAY | MONTHLY | £ 54.00 |
| 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: DI

Agreed

c. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.

LP GW

d. Finance Update

i. Approve the asset register

Proposed: LP

Seconded: DS

Agreed

ii. Approve the risk assessment

Proposed: LP

Seconded: DI

Agreed

iii. Approve policies: Code of conduct, Complaints, Email contact, Privacy, Equality, Media, Model Publication Scheme, Preparations for the death of a Senior Figure, Privacy Notice, Public Participation in Meetings, Records Management, Safeguarding Policy, Standing Orders

Complaints - change district council to Somerset Council

Prep for marking the death - remove HRH from Duke of York entry

RW proposed to approve the policies with the above noted amendments

Seconded: MS

Agreed

e. Finance Officer Banking audit

To note

Noted

006

Planning

Application Number: 2026/0097/FUL

Proposal: Formation of emergency access

Location: Land Centred Coordinates 363948 136417 Evercreech Junction
Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: D Nash

Application Type: Full Application

Resolution: Approved

Application Number: 2026/0182/HSE

Proposal: Single storey extension, internal alterations & extend existing garage.

Location: Windover 8 The Cedars Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Signed
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Applicant: Mr & Mrs Rossiter

Application Type: Householder Application

Resolution: Approved

Application Number: 2026/0211/LBC

Proposal: Installation of Fibre Optic broadband which requires a small cable to be run into the property.

Location: Barley Mow High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: Mr William Ladenburg

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Resolution: Approve

Proposal: Horse Chestnut (T1) - Reduce by 2 metres all over and removal of deadwood (M1084).

Location: The Glen Nursing Home Shapway Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

Applicant: The Glen Nursing Home

Application Type: Works/Felling of TPO Trees

Application Number: 2026/0285/TPO

Resolution: Refer to Tree Officer

Somerset Council Planning Scheme of Delegation – Cllrs previously asked Cllr Reed to enquire as to why some planning applications are for notification only. Response was forwarded to Cllrs.

007

Cemetery

a. Update

Request for a cremation memorial only plot to be placed nearer the footpath.

Approved

b. Approve any memorial requests

1 to approve

Approved

Note cemetery fees

Noted

008

Park Inspection Reports

The reports were not received in time for this meeting.

Queens Road Playing Fields

i. Email regarding access from the footpath on Shapway Road

The path is part of highways, not privately owned as previously informed.

The entrance is not official access. The boundary belongs to the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote to open access to the park, widen the access already in place from the path to the park at the rear of the Youth Club building.

Discussions took place.

Clerk

ii. Email regarding a new café on the playing fields.

Café working party to be convened: LP CS DI + resident

LP proposed: In principle would the Parish Council agree to having a café in the park?

Seconded: MS

Agreed unanimously.

Skate Park

Nothing to report.

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Village maintenance feedback:

Signed
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Streetlights – Prestleigh Road – Somerset Cllr Sully is asking questions as to why the repairs are taking so long.

Mill. Gardens

The fence around the seating area has been erected. Within 24 hours this was vandalised. Re-erected and so far, no anti-social behavior has been reported. Police responses were discussed.

Clerk

PCSO beat surgery 10.00 @ Village Hall 16th March – upload details to the website.

Litter – Leighton Lane Industrial Estate.

DI reported that Peter Green Ltd will start the litter picks around the entrance to the industrial estate on Leighton Lane. The Clerk was asked to email them thanking them for reinstating the regular litter picking by their team.

Noted that Eurilait did not respond to the request to keep litter to a minimum in the area.

Cllrs thanked Cllr Issit for attending to this matter.

Nutbush footpath, Weston Town. The Parish Council have been notified that the work is now complete. A handrail has been fitted alongside the steps.

Other footpaths – Rodmore Farm – gate is fixed.

Footpath around the lake to Bath & West. Bridge has been ordered and the footpath will be reinstated by Somerset Council. Cllrs thanked Cllr Sellars for dealing with this matter and reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

Quote from Somerset Council for emptying dog waste bins – response required

The number of bins quoted is incorrect, Clerk to advise the correct number.

Clerk

Environmental Improvements – Evercreech Water Recycling Centre - The work will start from **March 2026** and continue until **late June 2026**.

The project will take place entirely within the existing site off Pecking Mill Road, although there may be some occasional increased traffic, including some heavy goods vehicle deliveries - along Pecking Mill Road, Leighton Lane and the A371 at times during weekdays.

010 a Bus representative

Community car scheme meeting is next week.

010 b Village Hall

Village Hall external clock

The committee are raising funds for a new clock. There is a suggestion for an illuminated clock, a little larger than the original one.

The PC would prefer not to have an illuminated clock. GW will advise the committee.

GW

Notice board will be refurbished soon.

GW has registered the generator and the Greencore pictures with the village hall insurance.

010 c The Health and Safety Executive's reply regarding the former Greencore location:

Cllrs are extremely disappointed with the response.

Potential meeting with planners regarding the site:

Now in the 8th year of being derelict.

Discussions took place regarding possible phases.

Phase 1 getting the site cleared (demolished), thus allowing current owners to sell the site.

Phase 2 a new planning application as to what will be built there e.g. a new planning application from the new owners.

The first step involves consulting with the planning department to determine an appropriate course of action.

**RR/
Clerk**

RW GW LP - RR to arrange the meeting please. Clerk will email details to Cllr Reed requesting the meeting be set up.

010 d Fields in Trust application

Form has been submitted and acknowledged.

010 e Grant requests:

Crime stoppers SW – grant request form sent to them 29 01 26 – no response.

Air ambulance – grant request form sent to them 25 02 26 – no response.

Agreed to wait for the grant forms to be received then consider the matters.

011 To note/forwarded

- Mendip Central Community Cars Partnership – meeting 10th March

Signed
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- Somerset FREE Business Support Ending
- Training opportunities
- SALC - Community Health & Wellbeing Programme Newsletter February 2026
- Various road closures
- Litter-pickers at the ready! Make your #GBSpringClean pledge today! – 13 – 29 March 2026
- An introduction to the Local Council Award Scheme (with NALC) – FREEEVENT
- Community Conversations event with Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
- The virus is called RSV which stands for Respiratory Syncytial Virus.
- RSV: The little-known jab that could keep over 75's out of hospital this winter.
- Various stakeholder flooding updates
- Shepton LCN Meeting Notes 26th January
- Support for community warmer greener homes
- Press Release - Residents Invited to shape the future of social care in Somerset
- FW: Flood Warden Update

012 Agenda items for next meeting:

Greencore

Park Café

Fields in Trust

Youth Club

013 Date & time of next meeting, Evercreech Village Hall, 07 04 26 7.00 pm (subject to change)

014 Close of meeting:

Name: Lynn Crisp

Time: 8.03