

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 07 04 26

**Present: Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford (Acting Chair), Murray Stewart, Christian Sellar, Daryl Issit**  
**5 Members of the public. Somerset Council Cllr C Sully, PCSO**  
**Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

- i) **Public Open Session** Action  
Sincere thanks were expressed for the recent installation of fencing in the Millenium Gardens. This has helped immensely with the anti-social behavior previously experienced. Streetlights on Prestleigh Road appear to have stopped working, despite having been fixed. Somerset Cllrs noted this.
- ii) **Somerset Cllr Report**  
Any questions from Annual report received. No questions were asked.  
Council finances – closing the budget gap. The worst case scenario of bankruptcy has been avoided.  
Roads and potholes – record number of defects on Somerset roads. Have increased the teams repairing the roads. Data is available regarding repairs by area.  
Flooding – please report issues to Somerset Cllr. Some dredging has taken place in Somerset.  
The first council houses opened in a generation in Minehead and Bridgwater.  
Somerset Rivers Authority is paid for by council tax and is the only one in the country.  
Travel – Strawberry line has been invested in.  
Bus travel – thanks given to the active Parish Council bus representative.  
Chair thanked Cllr Sully.  
Cllr Reed:  
Plea for Foster Carers was made. Contact Somerset Council in the first instance.  
River in Stoney Stratton – This will be attended to in 2 sections: a tree planting scheme above the village and in Stoney Stratton, the river will be cleared. Grants are available.  
Neils Way Car Park – Somerset Council cannot decide until the car park review is complete. Would we consider an extra-long lease? Agenda item for May meeting.
- Meeting open time**  
7.17 pm  
Note that all papers to be signed will be agreed at this meeting and signed at the May meeting, due to the Parish Council printer not currently being operational.
- 001 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**  
GW proposed LP for Chair  
RW Seconded  
Agreed unanimously  
LP will be informed via email and the form will be signed at the next meeting.
- 002 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**  
RW proposed GW for Vice Chair  
DI seconded  
Agreed unanimously  
GW will sign the form at the next meeting
- 003 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))**  
Lesley Parham - Personal  
Bethan Stanley - Resigned
- 004 **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.

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005 **To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))**  
Meeting March 2026  
Approved, they will be signed at the next meeting  
Proposed: DS  
Seconded DI  
Agreed

006 **Actions List**  
The Clerk updated the actions list

007 **Roles and Responsibilities 2026 -27**

**Staffing Committee**

Gail Wakeford  
Lesley Parham  
Roy Williams

**Planning Working Party**

Gail Wakeford  
Roy Williams  
Daryl Issit

**Local Council Network Working Group (LCN)**

Murray Stewart, Rob Reed

**Cemetery** – Roy Williams, Lynn Crisp

**Maintenance Working Party**

Derek Sharp  
Roy Williams

**Emergency Plan (replaces Flood Warden post)**

All Cllrs responsible.

**Bus Representative**

Resident

**Grants – overseeing.**

Lesley Parham

**Parish Council representatives:**

**Sports Club** - Roy Williams, Rob Reed

**Youth Club** – Lesley Parham

**Village Hall** – Gail Wakeford

**Allotments** – Gail Wakeford

**Evercreech Relief in Need** – Edward Porter (Non-Cllr) Roy Williams

**Parish Paths Liaison Officer** – Christian Seller

**Patient Participation Group** – Park and Evercreech Surgeries – Gail Wakeford

**DFib** – Lynn Crisp

**Bank authorisation**

Lesley Parham  
Gail Wakeford  
Derek Sharp

008 **Finance**

a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for April 2026

<b>March 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 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
<b>PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</b>			
	Staff	Salaries and expenses	£ 622.26
<b>Month Payments TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 2,148.46</b>

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

## REGULAR PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL - MAR 26 to MAR 27

<b>PAYMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
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: Approved

RW proposed

DS seconded

b. To REPORT income received

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c. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments.  
GW LP

d. Finance Update

i. Auditor – Simon Pritchard

ii. Finance Officer resignation

Post has been advertised and interviews will take place shortly.

iii. Hourly rate and hire agreement for Youth Club building – possible hiring potential

REACH Education

£25.00 per hour

Proposed CS

Seconded RW

Agreed

iv. Street Cleaning hourly rate has increase by 2.00 per hour.

### 7.24 Chair suspended the meeting to ask the PCSO to speak:

Criminal damage 1 report

Misc crime against society 1

Public order 2

Sexual offences 1

Theft 3

Vehicle offences 2

Violence against a person 7

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Data is in retrospect.

Concerned regarding young people entering the ex Greencore factory due to lack of security.

Discussions took place.

Chair Reconvened the meeting 7.41

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## **Planning**

**Application Number:** 2026/0366/TPO

T1 - (303455)- Taxus baccata, (Yew) - crown lift to 2.5 meters over footpath

T2 - (302456)- Taxus baccata, (Yew)- crown lift to 2.5 meters over footpath- crown reduction of highway by 1-2 meters, 1x extended branch reduction to south west.

T5 - (303459)- Fagus sylvatica (beech) tidy up pruning cuts back to suitable pruning point.

T6 - (302460)- Fagus sylvatica (beech) remove ivy & tidy up pruning cuts back to a suitable pruning point.

T7 - (303461)- Fagus Sylvatica (beech) tidy up pruning cuts back to a suitable pruning point.

T10 - (303464)- Taxus Baccata Fastigiata, (Yew)- crown lift 3-4 meters over parking area.

T12 - (303466)- Taxus baccata (Yew), crown lift 2.5 meters to allow for mowing.

T14 - (303468)- Pinus sylvestris (scotts pine), extended branch reduction - first & second order branch reduction up to 2 meters.

T15 - (303469)- Prunus spp (flowering cherry), crown lift to 2.5 meters.

T16 - (303470)- Malus sylvestris (apple), remove epicormic growth (water shoot).

**Location:** Church Of St Peter Church View Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Mancini

**Application Type:** Works/Felling of TPO Trees

Resolution

Revert to TPO

**Application Number:** 2026/0417/VRC

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) of Planning Consent 2025/1287/HSE

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

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Waters

**Application Type:** Variation or Removal of Conditions

Resolution: Approve

Proposed: GW

RW

Agreed

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## **Cemetery**

a. Update

Nothing to report

b. Approve any memorial requests

None received

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Park Inspection Reports

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- Queens Road Playing Fields  
Skate Park  
Reports received.
- 012 Village maintenance feedback:  
Streetlights @ Presleigh Road partially working – meeting was told they were not working last night. Somerset Cllrs will investigate this. **RR**
- To fix new bins in Weston Town Playing Fields and Mill. Gardens:  
£760.00  
Cllrs felt this was unaffordable and declined the quote.
- Cllr Sellar agreed to collect the new dog waste bin and fix and remove existing one. **CS**
- Cllr Williams will arrange for the new rubbish bin to be installed in Weston Town. **RW**
- Discussions took place regarding the path at the rear of the new Youth Club building.  
Cllr Sellar will seek a quote to look at extending the entrance to the path on Queens Road Playing Fields. **CS**
- 013 a Bus representative  
Not present.
- 013 b Youth Club former club house  
Discussions took place.
- Proposal: to write to YC Committee asking if they could empty the shipping container and shed and remove the structures. Cllrs are concerned that these are a safety issue. **Clerk**  
Proposed: GW  
CS seconded  
Agreed.
- i. Utilities @ new Youth Club building  
The Sports Club reported that the Cricket Club are still paying water rates and electricity costs. Clerk to write to Youth Club Committee and ask them to contact the ex-Cricket Club regarding the matter. **Clerk**
- 013 c Park Café update  
Work in progress.
- 013 d Village Hall  
AGM has taken place. 2,000 better off than the year before.  
The value of the Hall is 1.3 mil for insurance purposes.  
Hire rate is not being increased.  
1,700 raised for the clock so far. They will present their reasons, to Cllrs, for an illuminated clock at a later date.
- 0103e Parish Paths update  
The lake opposite the Bath and West – paths will be reinstated by Somerset Council.
- 013 f Fields in Trust  
Resolution required:  
Proposal: To place Queens Road Playing Fields in trust, with Fields in Trust  
Proposed: GW  
Seconded: RW  
Outcome: Agreed
- 013 g Ex Greencore site meeting with Planning Department update:  
Taking place tomorrow 08 04 26.  
Parish Council's main objective regarding this meeting is site security.  
Cllrs cannot comment at the meeting on 08 04 26 on any plans the owners may or may not wish to present.  
West Estates will be asked to submit plans via the normal channels and an extraordinary meeting could be convened.

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- Noted that Cllrs wanted/requested a meeting with the owners and Somerset Council planning to discuss site security and clearing the site.  
Discussions took place.
- 013 h Finger post signs  
Cllrs felt we have 4 of these. **Clerk**  
Add the matter to the 5-year action plan.
- 013 i Grant/sponsorship request – Evercreech Show  
Discussions took place.  
£750.00  
Proposed: RW  
Seconded: DI  
Agreed
- 013 j Parish Council email issues/new website design  
PC emails were down/unavailable for at least 7 days recently.  
Currently pay 744.76 per annum for emails and webhosting and domain name.  
Proposal: Investigate other companies and find a better supplier. CS DI review and come back to PC. The Clerk will arrange and attend the first working party meeting. **Clerk**  
Proposed: GW  
Seconded: DS  
Agreed
- 013 k Evercreech Relief In Need  
Request to fill vacancy  
DI was nominated and accepted the post. Clerk will write to the group and ask them to make contact. **Clerk**
- 014 To note/forwarded  
Parish On line newsletter no 65  
Various road closures  
Somerset Prepared March/April 2026 newsletter  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England – stakeholder questionnaire feedback  
Various training opportunities  
Weekly Parish Newsletter from Somerset Council x 2  
Somerset Association of Local Councils roadshow dates  
Devon and Somerset Fire community risk management plan survey response  
Somerset Association of Local Councils newsletter  
Somerset Residents Health and Wellbeing Survey 2026 - NOW LIVE!  
Somerset Council — Mendip South Division: Three-Month Road Safety Defect Summary
- 015 Agenda items for next meeting  
Neils way car park lease.  
Greencore  
New standing order to be agreed for Alvia
- 016 Date & time of next meeting, 05 05 26 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)  
Annual Parish Meeting, all residents warmly welcome to attend: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Evercreech Village Hall 6.30 pm.
- 017 Close of meeting: 8.39  
Name  
Time