

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting

Held in Evercreech Village Hall

Present: Derek Sharp, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford (Chair), Murray Stewart, Christian Sellar, Daryl Issit

2 members of the public.

Lynn Crisp – Clerk

i)	Public Open Session 3 streetlights are still not working on Prestleigh Road.	Action																																				
ii)	Somerset Councillor Report Has been distributed.																																					
001	Meeting open time 19.02																																					
002	To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)) None received. Cllr Parham has resigned from the Parish Council. Cllrs wished Cllr Parham well and thanked her for the dedication shown to the Council and the Parish. RR absent																																					
003	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.																																					
004	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) Meeting 05 05 26 Proposed: MS Seconded: CS Agreed Chair signed as a true record.																																					
005	Actions List Clerk updated the list.																																					
006	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for May 2026</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">June 26 Payment Schedule</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Inv.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Particulars</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Evercreech Village Hall</td> <td>Inv 18833</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 66.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Three Counties Landscaping</td> <td>Village Maint Inv 9206,9272,9290,9291,9292</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 3,412.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Lynn Crisp</td> <td>Reimburse refreshments APM</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 80.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>SPFA</td> <td>Subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td>AJG Community Schemes</td> <td>Annual Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 2,234.48</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salaries and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 1,029.10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	June 26 Payment Schedule				Inv.	Payee	Particulars	Amount	1	Evercreech Village Hall	Inv 18833	£ 66.00	2	Three Counties Landscaping	Village Maint Inv 9206,9272,9290,9291,9292	£ 3,412.80	3	Lynn Crisp	Reimburse refreshments APM	£ 80.30	4	SPFA	Subscription	£ 15.00	5	AJG Community Schemes	Annual Insurance	£ 2,234.48	PAYMENTS FOR REPORT					Staff	Salaries and expenses	£ 1,029.10	
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Month Payments TOTAL		£ 6,837.68
<p>Resolution: Approved Proposed: RW Seconded: DI</p> <p>b. To REPORT income received in May 2026</p>		
April 25 Receipts for REPORT		
	Received	Particulars
1	Various	Burials and Memorials
		£ 927.00
2	Somerset Council	Precept (50%)
		£ 45,028.50
TOTAL		£ 45,955.50
<p>c. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments. DS GW Cllr required to be added as signatory to Bank Account. Cllr Issit will be added in due course.</p> <p>e. Finance Update Responsible Finance Officer Vacancy Have offered the role to one of the candidates. 6 hours per week subject to change. Will require training. Will not be attending meetings, a Cllr queried this.</p>		
007	<p>Planning Application Number: 2026/0894/HSE Proposal: Erection of a single-storey extension and attached outbuilding as garden store room Location: The Barn High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr Newton Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Approve Proposed: RW Seconded: CS</p> <p>Application Number: 2026/0895/LBC Proposal: Erection of a single-storey extension and attached outbuilding. Repairs & alterations to existing stone boundary walls & associated landscaping to include new mixed driveway/courtyard Location: The Barn High Street Stoney Stratton Shepton Mallet Somerset Applicant: Mr Newton Application Type: Listed Building Consent Application Number: 2024/0406/OUT Proposal: Refer to listed building officer Proposed: RW</p>	

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Seconded: DI
Agreed

Appeal Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved apart for access, for the erection of up to 40no. dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system and engineering works, with vehicular access off Prestleigh Road.
Appeal Location: Land At 364558 139409 Prestleigh Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset
Appellant: Rubix Strategic Limited.

Before discussing the matter, Cllr Wakeford reminded councillors that the Parish Council had previously objected and asked whether this position still stood. Councillors confirmed that it did, and the Council proceeded as follows:

Proposal: to object/refuse and write to the inspectorate as outlined in their appeal letter.
Proposed: RW
Seconded: DI
Agreed by a show of hand unanimously.
Resolved

Cllr Wakeford handed out a draft letter to be sent to the planning inspector and asked for any amendments. Cllrs did not request any amendments.
Cllrs were then asked if they agree with the objection and the wording of the draft. Cllrs agreed.

Proposal to object and submit the draft letter to the inspector
Proposed: RW
Seconded: DI
Agreed unanimously.
Resolved

Proposal: For Cllr Wakeford to speak at the appeal meeting on behalf of the Parish Council
Proposed: CS
Seconded MS
Agreed unanimously
Resolved

Suggested draft letter to local MP from Cllr Sully received regarding planning matters in Somerset. Do the Parish Council wish to write to the MP regarding planning matters/changes at Somerset Council, as per the letter sent by Pilton Parish Council?

Discussions took place.

The proposal was made to not write to the MP

Proposed: RW
Seconded: GW
Agreed
Resolved

Correspondence from CPRE (The Countryside Charity Somerset) – Cllrs did not wish to enter into correspondence with the group at this time.

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	RW offered to take interested Cllrs to view the proximity of the pig farm to the proposed development.	
008	<p>Cemetery a. Update War memorial Cllr Williams has looked at the memorial with Cllr Issit – suggested only the plaques and the copper wreaths need cleaning as the lichen on the memorial looks in keeping with surroundings. Quotes for the above will be requested. b. Approve any memorial requests 2 received. Both memorials were approved.</p>	Clerk
009	<p>Park Inspection Reports Queens Road Playing Fields Replace steel bar on fence Skate Park</p>	Clerk
010	<p>Village maintenance feedback: Proposal to look for a Village Handyman to undertake Village Maintenance Carry forward Work required – Queens Road Playing Fields: Existing path from 5 bar gate – under consideration due to the future improvements of the playing fields. Outside of new building including steps, painting and gutters – ask R Bartlett for quote/advice. The widening of path entrance from Shapway Road. Carry forward. Broken wooden gym equipment has been removed from Weston Town Sports Fields. Flower trough by viaduct – Weston Town – DI/RW will arrange to have bark placed around the area.</p>	Clerk RW DI
011 a	<p>Bus representative Response from Cllr Reed to Connectivity Plan Consultation – received. Somerset Bus Partnership AGM – 25 06 26 6:45 via Zoom. Online questionnaire was completed. Round Table event with colleges and transport providers was attended. School transport issues were discussed at that meeting, transport of post 16-year-olds, Evercreech has a bus to Strode College but no other colleges. At that meeting various suggestions were made to resolve the matter. Discussions took place. National transport grants currently available are not being seen in this area.</p>	
011 b	<p>Village Hall Coffee morning for funds towards the new clock is planned.</p>	
011 c	<p>Patient Participation Group Meeting is planned.</p>	
011 d	<p>Footpaths Somerset Council budget approval is awaited for the reinstating of the path at the lake on land opposite the Bath and West Showground.</p>	
011 e	<p>Parish Council logo 2 designs provided Resolution required Cllrs preferred this logo:</p>	


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	 <p>Cllrs thanked Cllr Sellar for designing and leading on this matter.</p>	
011 f	<p>Website update Work has started regarding the website being rebuilt. CS and Clerk will arrange the pages etc. Email will be up and running prior to new website. Training will take place.</p>	
011 g	<p>Youth Club Update List of outstanding renovation work – reported that most of the work has now been completed. Update regarding removal of container and ex Youth Club building: The container should be emptied on Friday. Cllr Williams felt that The Sports Club are still interested in obtaining the container. Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to Youth Club committee as follows: To ask when the emptying and removal of old youth club building will take place. To ask for a response by 7th July 2026 and if not forthcoming, rent payments will need to be discussed. Going forward, Cllrs would like copies of Youth Club Committee meeting minutes. Hire of building: Cllrs were asked to comment and agree on the two documents received regarding this matter: Agree building hire agreement Resolution required Proposed DS Seconded MS Agreed Agree building hire conditions Proposed DS Seconded MS Agreed</p>	Clerk
011 h	<p>Neal's Way Car Park update Response from Evercreech Primary School: Their support was noted for keeping the car park for the wider community.</p>	
011 i	<p>Stoney Stratton War Memorial Deed of Covenant request from Group. Cllrs asked the Clerk to seek legal advice from Tozer Solicitors.</p>	Clerk
012	<p>To note/forwarded Somerset Connectivity and Integrated Transport Strategy (SCITS) information. Invitation to an online City, Town and Parish Briefing which will provide an update on the Local Plan - 10th June @4pm UPDATE on Fusion Leisure Facilities, Frome Somerset Association of Local Councils – Newsletter & various training opportunities</p>	

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	Wessex Water drop in session - Shepton Mallet Library, 2 Market Place, Shepton Mallet BA4 5AZ on Friday 19 th June at 10-12	
013	<p>Agenda items for next meeting</p> <p>War memorial cleaning.</p> <p>Proposal to look for a Village Handyman to undertake Village Maintenance c/forward.</p> <p>Work required – Queens Road Playing Fields: Existing path from 5 bar gate – under consideration due to the future improvements of the playing fields.</p> <p>Outside of new building including steps – have the building inspected.</p> <p>Widening of path entrance from Shapway Road. c/forward.</p> <p>B&W showground traffic restrictions - they should be enforced along Prestleigh Road.</p> <p>BP garage traffic on the A37 at Cannards Grave. in and out.</p> <p>Youth Club response.</p>	
014	Date & time of next meeting, 07 07 26 Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)	
015	<p>Close of meeting:</p> <p>Name Lynn Crisp</p> <p>Time 8.25</p>	

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