

## CHURCHSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES/ACTION NOTES

<b>Name of meeting:</b>	Churchstanton Parish Council Meeting
<b>Date meeting held:</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Virtual Meeting via Zoom
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. Ken Pearson, Cllr. Andrew Crabb , Cllr. Raadiyah Rifath, Cllr. Ian Foxwell, Cllr. Helen Humble, Cllr. Dan Prettejohn
<b>In attendance</b>	County Councillor John Thorne, District Councillor Ross Henley, Sally Burrows
<b>Chair</b>	Cllr. Ian Firth
<b>Clerk</b>	Julie Wardle
<b><u>Public Participation Time</u></b>	

<b>Reports from County / District Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch &amp; Police</b>	<p><b><u>County Councillor John Thorne</u></b> provided a written report, a copy of which is available on the parish council website or by contacting the parish clerk.</p> <p><b><u>District Councillor Ross Henley</u></b></p> <p><u>Fly Tipping</u> – During the current lockdown there has been a spate of fly tipping, particularly on the ‘cut through’ road from the Holman Clavel. Cllr. Henley has been talking to the District Council regarding the possibility of having cameras positioned in the area to catch any offenders.</p> <p><u>Dog Fouling</u> – Cllr. Henley has been in discussion with the District Council regarding the problem with dog fouling in Churchinford in order to secure the parish some support from a district officer.</p> <p><u>Council Housing</u> – Cllr. Henley had recently walked around the council housing areas in Churchinford with the new Estates Officer and looked at several current concerns.</p> <p>Newberrys Patch – Car Parking</p> <p>Gillards Mead – Paving</p> <p>Garages – Availability for renting</p> <p>Houses – Outstanding issues with the houses that require urgent attention.</p> <p><u>Lockdown Grants</u> - Continue to be distributed to many local businesses.</p> <p><u>SW&amp;T Budget</u> – No cuts in jobs or services. Cllr. Henley is proposing a tree planting budget and a Community Enhancement Fund from which parishes can bid for funding to support; the enhancement of play equipment, litter issues, estate issues as well as community initiatives to improve your local area.</p> <p><u>Hummingbird</u> – Cllr. Henley is supporting the home with their signage issues.</p> <p><u>Pre-school</u> – Cllr. Henley is supporting the pre-school in their efforts to obtain regular Covid tests for the staff.</p> <p><u>Covid-19</u> - Cllr. Henley raised his concerns regarding several reports of people travelling to the area for walks.</p> <p><b><u>PCSO</u></b> – The parish council had received a brief newsletter but were frustrated by the lack of action and attention to concerns in our parish in particular fly tipping.</p> <p><b><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u></b> – The parish clerk receives regular reports from Avon &amp; Somerset Police when incidents have been reported in the area. These are all now posted on the parish council facebook page.</p>
<b>1. To resolve to exclude members of the press or public</b>	None
<b>2. Apologies</b>	None
<b>3. Declaration of Interest</b>	None

NB: Those present at this meeting should be aware that their names will be listed in the notes of the meeting which may be released to members of the public on request.

**Approval/amendment of minutes of previous meeting –**

<b>4. Approval and sign off draft minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of CPC Meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020 - <b>Approved</b>
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Agenda Item	DISCUSSION AND NEW ACTIONS	Action by Whom	Action Date																										
5. Covid-19 - Update	No further update from The Blackdown Practice. A link has been placed on the parish council webpage and also posted on facebook which will provide updated figures as well as the covid status in our area.																												
6. Action Review Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>The Quarry</b> – The OSMG is starting to receive quotes for this work and the project is starting to move forwards.</li><li>– <b>Defibrillator</b> – No further update</li><li>– <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – No further update</li><li>– <b>Dog Fouling</b> – There are many rumours as to who may be responsible for the dog fouling in Churchinford but unfortunately there are no names. A small group in the parish will be conducting a ‘look out’ in order to try and identify the culprit at which point the parish council will take the relevant action.</li><li>– <b>Climate Emergency Community Fund</b> – No further update.</li><li>• Climate Change – Cllr. Humble had been approached by a parishioner who may be interested in establishing a group within the parish who could focus on climate projects. <b>ID Badges for Councillors</b> – Photographs are required from all councillors and the clerk to progress this.</li></ul>																												
7. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Balance of Accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021</b><table><tr><td>Current Account</td><td>1838.64</td></tr><tr><td>Deposit Account</td><td>18838.53</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b><u>20677.17</u></b></td></tr><tr><td>Restricted Funds</td><td>9307.08</td></tr><tr><td>Unrestricted Funds</td><td>11370.09</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b><u>20677.17</u></b></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><b>Income (included in figures above)</b></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><b>Payments for approval (not included in figures above)</b></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Parish Clerk Fees – January 21</td><td>314.90</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><b>BALANCE Remaining</b></td><td><b><u>20362.27</u></b></td></tr></table></li></ul>	Current Account	1838.64	Deposit Account	18838.53	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>20677.17</u></b>	Restricted Funds	9307.08	Unrestricted Funds	11370.09	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>20677.17</u></b>			<b>Income (included in figures above)</b>				<b>Payments for approval (not included in figures above)</b>		Parish Clerk Fees – January 21	314.90			<b>BALANCE Remaining</b>	<b><u>20362.27</u></b>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approval of payments – All payments listed above were approved for payment.</b></li> <li>• <b>Parish Council Projects / Plans for the next financial year include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Development of the quarry into a recreational asset for the community.</li> <li>– Post Covid Parish Event</li> <li>– Community Grants to support those in the parish experiencing hardship (further information to follow)</li> <li>– Defibrillator training for the parish</li> <li>– Ongoing weekly dog bin collection</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>8. Planning Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>10/20/0022</b> Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) and Condition No. 04 (roof light details) of application 10/20/0005 at Willow Lodge, Pay Wood, Stapley</li> </ul> <p><b>The parish council do not support this application as it is essentially seeking planning permission for something that has previously been refused with good grounding. The parish council continue to take the view that the dormer windows are incongruous, and the change of roof angle is not in keeping with the design and aesthetics of the building.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>10/21/0001</b> - Formation of 2 No. dormer windows and erection of a shed in the garden at Bracken Lodge, Stapley Road, Stapley (retention of works already undertaken)</li> </ul> <p><b>The parish council support the application for the dormer windows. The parish council also support the application for the shed but on the basis that it used for domestic storage only.</b></p>		
<b>9. Local Plan Review 2040 - Response to Consultation</b>	Ongoing - nothing to report at present		
<b>10. Highways / PPLO / Outdoor Space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognising that SW&amp;T and Somerset Wildlife Trust (SWT) are working together on a trial project to improve road verges, hedges and open spaces in their ownership, Churchstanton Parish Council resolves to work with them to; protect wildflower and wildlife habitats that already exist in this Community; agrees to improve the grass-cutting regimes of SW&amp;T in the Parish to locally assist in this Trial and undertakes to consult with the Community to move this Project forwards to ensure, as SWT say, 'we can restore nature at scale ... and happens to be our best hope of storing carbon to mitigate against the effects of the global climate crisis.'</li> </ul> <p>The parish council propose to set up a parish greening committee to look into grass cutting/planting/greening initiatives in the parish. Cllr. Pearson will take this forwards.</p>		

<b>11. Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informative for Parish; a bulletin or similar informing the Parish of the council's 2021 goals justifying the increase in precept.</li> </ul> <p>Information in relation to the parish council projects and goals for 2021-2022 financial year were published in the parish council article in the February edition of the CBO News. These will also be included in the minutes of this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High speed Broadband for the Parish; the parish is suffering from extremes of internet connectivity which has come to light during Covid-19 with many working from home. There are various incentives available for consideration which includes raising monies and applying for grants/vouchers. I propose to the parish that I will be doing the legwork and contacting authorities such as County Councillor and MP with regards to this. What I'd like is the backing of the parish in support of these letters so there is authority behind it. Please note there is no monetary request being made here, simply a request for support in writing.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. Rifath has been in touch with a number of people, including County Councillor John Thorne regarding the ongoing concerns with broadband provision in the more rural areas within in our parish. There are currently several pockets of action and information available. The parish council agreed to actively support Cllr. Rifath with collating information from all sources and endeavour to seek action with this matter.</p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/fast.rural.broadband/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/fast.rural.broadband/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/superfast-broadband-programme-state-aid-evaluation-report-2020?fbclid=IwAR03dKcfffjIQQCzRj-bj-rMor8IBzAOmDgblVHv16gExFpq5n-znpORedzY">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/superfast-broadband-programme-state-aid-evaluation-report-2020?fbclid=IwAR03dKcfffjIQQCzRj-bj-rMor8IBzAOmDgblVHv16gExFpq5n-znpORedzY</a></p>		
<b>12. Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stogursey Parish Council – S106 Change of Policy</li> </ul> <p>The parish council agreed to write to Stogursey Parish Council to support the notion to try and redirect S106 funding to better community based activities.</p>		
<b>13. Items of Future Business for the next Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Software</li> </ul>		
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021</b>		