

CHURCHSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES/ACTION NOTES

Name of meeting:	Churchstanton Parish Council Meeting
Date meeting held:	Wednesday 12 th February, 2020
Meeting location:	Churchinford Village Hall
Present:	Cllr. Ken Pearson, Cllr. Andrew Crabb, Cllr. Ian Foxwell, Cllr. Helen Humble, Cllr. Dan Prettejohn
In attendance	Raadiyah Rifath, District Councillor Ross Henley, Ann Papworth, Ron Hall, Mr & Mrs Baker
Chair	Cllr. Ian Firth
Clerk	Julie Wardle
<u>Public Participation Time</u>	Mr Baker raised concerns regarding an amendment to planning application ref: 10/19/0030. Unfortunately the Parish Council are unable at this stage to make any further comments to SW&T planning team regarding this application as the consultation period closed on 31 st January, 2020. Ann Papworth made the Parish Council aware of the concerns of her and her husband regarding the recent amendments made in planning application 10/20/0002 at Fairfield Stables
Reports from County / District Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch & Police	<p><u>County Councillor – John Thorne</u> Whilst Councillor Thorne was unable to attend he did send a written report to the Parish Clerk. A copy of the full report is available on the Parish Council website or by contacting the Parish Clerk.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Ross Henley</u></p> <p>Cllr Henley is proposing several new policies to the District Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW&T District Council to become an accredited living wage employer • SW&T District Council to provide enhanced provision to staff with neonatal problems, for example additional leave provision if required. • SW&T District Council to provide support for people with autism and hidden disabilities when completing employment applications. Unfortunately some of these applicants are put off applying due to the difficulties they face with the application process. <p>SW&T Budget – There will be a £5 increase in District tax in order to support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More tree planting • Environmental Strategies • Park & Ride • Traffic reduction & air quality <p>Vintage Rally Cars in Stapley – Cllr Henley had been contacted by residents in Stapley who had raised concerns regarding a vintage car rally that had taken place in the village. Residents were concerned that there had been no prior notice of the event and that it was poorly marshalled. Cllr. Henley will be requesting copies of the relevant safety documents and notifications from the organisers.</p> <p>Grit Bins – Cllr Henley had reported to Highways that two grit bins, one in Stapley and one on Newburys Patch were both still empty.</p> <p>Hummingbird Care – Cllr Henley was supporting a request from Hummingbird Care to provide new signage and lighting outside the residential home on Royston Road.</p> <p>Fly Tipping (just outside of Parish) – Cllr Henley had reported this to SW&T in order that they make take the relevant action.</p> <p>Blagdon Crossroads – Cllr Henley will chase progress on any planned improvements to this junction.</p>
1. To resolve to exclude members of the press or public	None
2. Apologies	County Cllr. John Thorne
3. Declaration of Interest	Cllr. Prettejohn declared an interest in item 10. Assets of Community Value. One of the applications relates to The York Inn, Churchinford Cllr. Crabbe declared an interest in planning application no. 10/20/0002, Fairfield Stables. Cllr. Crabbe is a neighbour of the applicant.

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 –

4. Approval and sign off draft minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of CPC Meeting held on 8 th January, 2020 - Approved
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Agenda Item	DISCUSSION AND NEW ACTIONS	Action By Whom	Action Date																										
5. Action Review Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defibrillator – The contract to purchase the telephone box in Churchinford had now been signed and submitted. The Parish Council are now awaiting the removal of the telephone equipment inside prior to the installation of a defibrillator.• The Quarry – As soon as the weather improves, the previously approved consultant will be engaged to complete a management plan of the site. The Scouts have held another successful event at The Quarry in addition have completed a further litter pick of the area.• Neighbourhood Plan – The Public Consultation will now take place at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April.• Dog Bins – Following agreement with OSMG regarding the exact location of the two new dog bins, One of which will be installed on the Community Field and the other next to the Parish noticeboard in the centre of the village, the Parish Clerk will now meet with the relevant party at SW&T to progress this as soon as possible. There have been a large number of complaints recently from residents in Churchinford regarding the amount of dog fouling both on the Community Field and in general around the village.• Casual Vacancy – A notice had been placed on the Parish website as well as on noticeboards and in the Community Shop / Village Hall with regard to the current Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council. Pending the outcome of the notice period and provided an election is not required, the Parish Council will be hoping to co-opt an additional Parish Councillor at our next meeting on 11th March, 2020	JW	11/03/2020																										
6. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance of Accounts as at 31st January, 2020 <table><tr><td>Current Account</td><td>£3,833.62</td></tr><tr><td>Deposit Account</td><td>£19,868.65</td></tr><tr><td><u>TOTAL</u></td><td><u>£23,702.27</u></td></tr><tr><td>Uncleared Payments</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Restricted Funds</td><td>£3,940.08</td></tr><tr><td>Unrestricted Funds</td><td>£19,762.19</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Income (included in figures above)</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Payments for approval</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Clerks Fees & Expenses (January 2020)</td><td>£192.72</td></tr><tr><td>Hire of Village Hall 2020</td><td>£235.00</td></tr><tr><td><u>BALANCE Remaining</u></td><td><u>£23,274.55</u></td></tr></table> <p>An additional payment of £1.00 for the transfer of ownership of the telephone kiosk in Churchinford was presented for approval.</p>	Current Account	£3,833.62	Deposit Account	£19,868.65	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£23,702.27</u>	Uncleared Payments		Restricted Funds	£3,940.08	Unrestricted Funds	£19,762.19			Income (included in figures above)	£0.00			Payments for approval		Clerks Fees & Expenses (January 2020)	£192.72	Hire of Village Hall 2020	£235.00	<u>BALANCE Remaining</u>	<u>£23,274.55</u>		
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	<p><u>All payments (above) were approved for immediate payment</u></p> <p><u>Precept</u> – The Precept return had been sent to SW&T following the previous meeting of the Parish Council on 8th January, 2020. SW&T have acknowledged receipt of this.</p> <p><u>Quarterly Review of Accounts</u> – Cllr. Pearson had completed a quarterly review of the Parish Council accounts with no matters of concern arising.</p> <p><u>Churchstanton Community Fund</u> – An advertisement for the next round of applications to the Churchstanton Community Fund will be placed in the March edition of the CBO. The current balance of available funds is £2,751. Applications can be made using the online application on the CCF website: https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/churchstanton</p>	JW	11/03/2020
7. Planning Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/20/0002 - Variation of Condition No. 05 of application 10/16/0028 to vary the wording to include 15 breeding bitches, 3 stud dogs and puppies at Fairfield Stables, Moor Lane, Churchinford <p>Cllr. Pearson had visited this site previously and informed the Parish Council of his concerns regarding this amended application. With these concerns in mind and in consideration of the representation made by Mr & Mrs Papworth, Cllr Pearson proposed the following response / comments be sent to SW&T Planning Team:</p> <p>The Parish Council object to this application. If the Planning Team are minded to approve this application to increase the number of dogs, then the Parish Council request that conditions are agreed in order to limit the area in which the dogs are kennelled to the North of the site, within the Pole Barn and no other areas.</p> <p>The Parish Council fully supported this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/20/0001/T - Application to carry out management works to one Beech tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Churchstanton No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1999 at Ford House, Churchinford (TD832) <p>The Parish Council referred this application back to the Planning Team as it was not necessary for the Parish Council to comment.</p>		
8. VE Day Celebrations	<p>Discussion took place regarding planned VE Day Celebrations in Churchinford which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea Dance • Street Party • Bands • Children's Party <p>A budget contribution Of £1,500 from the Parish Council towards the celebrations was proposed and unanimously approved by the Parish Council.</p>		
9. Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Speed in the Parish – Two members of the community had expressed an interest in supporting a Community Speedwatch Group in the Parish. The Clerk will investigate if we are able proceed with only two volunteers or if there is a possibility of combining with a neighbouring parish who already have an established team. 	JW	11/03/2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication – The Parish Council had been sent a copy of a letter sent by a neighbouring parish to the Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport, Councillor John Woodman regarding: the crossroads at the top of Corfe Hill, the crossroads at the top of Blagdon Hill and the Holman Clavel Road (between the top of Blagdon Hill and the second crossroads above the Holman Clavel Inn, including the two crossroads). 		
10. Assets of Community Value (ACV)	<p>Two nominations for Assets of Community Value (ACV) had been completed by the Chair, Cllr. Firth and were presented to the Parish Council for their consideration / approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The York Inn • Derelict Barn to the front of the Village Hall <p>Following discussion, both nominations were supported and approved for submission by the Parish Council. (Cllr Prettejohn made a declaration of interest regarding this agenda item at the start of the meeting and abstained from the vote)</p>		
11. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackdown Hills Parish Network (BHPN) General Meeting – Thursday 27th February, 2020 • Fit for My Future – Community Health & Care Services in Somerset • Collaboration between District Councils (Chairman only) • Somerset Playing Fields Association (SPFA) - Chairmans Cup 		
12. Items of Future Business for the next Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Litter Pick – to be announced • Parish Grant • Climate Emergency • Website Accessibility 		
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 11th March, 2020		