

CHURCHSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES/ACTION NOTES

Name of meeting:	Churchstanton Parish Council Meeting
Date meeting held:	Wednesday 9 th March 2022
Meeting location:	Churchinford Village Hall
Present:	Cllr. Ian Foxwell, Cllr. K Pearson, Cllr. Paul Carter, Cllr. Scott Nicholls
In attendance	District Councillor Sarah Wakefield
Chair	Cllr. Ian Firth
Clerk	Julie Wardle
<u>Public Participation Time</u>	District Councillor Sarah Wakefield attended the meeting to introduce herself. Together with Councillor Ross Henley, Sarah will be standing for election to the new Council in May.
Reports from County / District Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch & Police	<p><u>County Councillor John Thorne</u> - Councillor Thorne had provided the parish council with a monthly update of information and actions over the previous month. The whole report is available on the parish council website or by contacting the parish clerk.</p> <p><u>District Councillor Ross Henley</u> -</p> <p>Planning Applications – Ross has been involved in assisting with several planning applications in the parish</p> <p>Fly tipping – is a very big problem in the parish. As soon as one incident is cleared another incident occurs elsewhere.</p> <p>Storm Eunice – Ross commented on the excellent work that Western Power had done, working around the clock to help restore power to those who lost it during Storm Eunice.</p> <p>Village Market – Ross had attended the recent village market and commented on how good it was to have the market back in operation again, it had been greatly missed.</p> <p>SW&T District Council -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have been named as the No.1 authority for promoting climate change. - Funding is coming for electric charging points. - In order to reduce the number of paper copies of bills and related administration costs, SW&T are offering a £150 rebate to those who pay their council tax by direct debit. - Communication regarding road closures remains poor. <p>Councillor Carter asked Ross about the potential development around the racecourse. Taylor Wimpey have purchased this land. The Liberal Democrats are strongly against this development.</p> <p>Both Ross and Sarah are working with the Liberal Democrats to protect and preserve the County Farms Estate.</p>
1. To resolve to exclude members of the press or public	None
2. Apologies	Cllr. Raadiyah Rifath, County Councillor John Thorne
3. Declaration of Interest	Cllr. Ian Firth informed the Parish Council that he had been approached by the neighbour of planning application 10/22/0002 on a professional matter.

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 –

<p>4. Approval and sign off draft minutes of previous meeting</p>	<p>Minutes of CPC Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 - Approved subject to the addition to agenda item 6. Planning - to include 'Cllr. Firth left the room'.</p>
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Agenda Item	DISCUSSION AND NEW ACTIONS	Action by Whom	Action Date																										
<p>5. Finance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of Accounts as at 28th February 2022 <table border="1" data-bbox="595 405 1368 1075"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1397.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">34012.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>35410.51</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income (included in figures above)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments for approval</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SALC Councillor Essentials Training Part 1 (Cllr. Carter)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SALC Councillor Essentials Training Part 2 (Cllr. Carter)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk Fees – February 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">269.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub-total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>35090.81</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minus Reserved Funds</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Quarry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">666.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climate Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BALANCE Remaining</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>14424.81</u></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of payments - All payments were Approved • National Salary Award – Confirmation of the National Salary Award backdated to 1st April 2021 has been received. The back dated and increase in pay will be reflected in the March invoice for the parish clerk. • The Spring window for applications to the Churchstanton Community Fund will be 1st – 30th April 2022 with approval for applications received taking place at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Details of this fund can be found on the Somerset Community Foundation website. • Councillor Pearson will contact Nigel Griffiths for an update on the progress of the Otterhead Lakes Trust Project. 	Current Account	1397.91	Deposit Account	34012.60	Total	<u>35410.51</u>	Income (included in figures above)		Payments for approval		SALC Councillor Essentials Training Part 1 (Cllr. Carter)	25.00	SALC Councillor Essentials Training Part 2 (Cllr. Carter)	25.00	Parish Clerk Fees – February 2022	269.70	Sub-total	<u>35090.81</u>	Minus Reserved Funds		The Quarry	666.00	Climate Grant	20000.00	BALANCE Remaining	<u>14424.81</u>		
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6. Planning	<p>10/22/0002 – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated works on land at Arthayes Farm, Churchstanton.</p> <p>The parish council support this application subject to the use of Churt, the requirement to complete landscaping and that the property is a tied house.</p>		
7. Climate Change	<p>Following attendance on a recent course, Cllr. Pearson has been appointed as a Citizen Science Investigator (CSI). As part of this role Cllr. Pearson will carry out water quality sampling. Samples taken at various locations will be sent to the West Country Rivers Trust who will then send the results within a statutory document to the Environment Agency.</p>		
8. Parish Event – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	<p>An action group has now formed to progress the initial plans for the weekend of celebrations in the parish for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>The following events will take place in the parish on the following dates:</p> <p>Thursday 2nd May – Family sports & picnic at the Community Field followed by lighting of the Beacon and music outside The York Inn</p> <p>Friday 3rd May – Live music & hog roast outside The York Inn from mid afternoon to late evening</p> <p>Sunday 5th May – Street party with food, parade & dancing</p>		
9. Highways / PPLO Update / Outdoor Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Quarry</u> – The OSMG have received a quote for £500 + vat for urgent treework required at the quarry. The parish council approved this payment from the remaining allocated budget, ring fenced for this project. • <u>Community Speedwatch</u> – This is progressing further with the required police checks being completed for the volunteers wishing to get involved. Cllr. Carter has been made aware of a police speed data collection exercise which had taken place in 2020. The parish council have asked if we can obtain this data in order to support their application for funds from the Road Safety Grant for Speed Indicator Devices in Churchinford. • The OSMG have revised their Constitution in order to meet the relevant criteria required for their application for a £10,000 grant from the Heritage Fund. The revised Constitution was unanimously approved 		
10. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to Question Time Style Broadcast – The Environment in the South West • Meeting of Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Board – 17th March 2022 – Cllr. Pearson to attend on behalf of CPC. • SW&T Mobile Outreach Bus – The bus will be in the village hall car park on Thursday 19th May. More information will follow for circulation. 		
11. Items of Future Business for the next Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Parish Meeting 	JW	13/04/22
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 13th April 2022		