

CHURCHSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES/ACTION NOTES

Name of meeting:	Churchstanton Parish Council Meeting
Date meeting held:	Wednesday 11 th January 2023
Meeting location:	Churchinford Village Hall
Present:	Cllr. Ian Foxwell, Cllr. Ken Pearson, Cllr. Paul Carter, Cllr. Raadiyah Rifath, Cllr. Tristan Phillips, Cllr. Andrew Crabb
In attendance	County Councillor Ross Henley, Ruth Marshallsay (Community Larder), Stephan Lehner (Blackdown Hills Repair Café) Vanessa De Haan, Nancy De Haan, Joey De Haan
Chair	Cllr. Ian Firth
Clerk	Cllr. Ian Firth
<u>Public Participation Time</u>	<p><u>Ruth Marshallsay</u> attended on behalf of Liz Feehan to enquire about future ongoing funding from the Parish Council towards the Community Larder. Cllr. Firth confirmed that there would be funding within the 2023-24 budget towards the larder but at this stage he was unable to confirm how much. The larder requires a heater in order to keep the provisions within it dry. The facility is now being used regularly by the community. Cllr. Firth thanked everyone involved with the provision of this facility.</p> <p><u>Stephan Lehner</u> (Blackdown Hills Repair Café) attended the meeting to provide further information and data on the work of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café and their request for funding from the Parish Council. Further discussion will take place under item 7, Climate Change.</p> <p><u>Nancy & Joey DeHaan</u> attended to provide the Parish Council with an update on their litter picking activities for their DofE awards. They have had 9 one-hour sessions of litter picking to date. There is a lot more litter than expected and a noticeable increase following the weekly recycling collection. The Parish Council thanked Nancy and Joey for their hard work doing this in our community.</p> <p>Cllr. Firth reminded everyone of the ability to use the 'Fix My Street' link on the Parish Council website to report any Fly Tipping.</p> <p><u>Joe Knowles</u> – The OSMG have received two grants for The Quarry. £1,000 from the Churchstanton Community Fund and another of £3,000 from The Blackdown Hills Country Fund. This will help with entrances, gates and security as well as a safety barrier to prevent high vehicles such as caravans accessing the site. The OSMG would like to meet with members of the Parish Council on site as soon as possible to discuss the next stage of the plan for this development.</p> <p>There is a _</p> <p><u>Q.</u> Approximately 40 people have booked to attend, 13 of which are experienced hedge layers. Promises to be a really successful day. Joe asked for confirmation that the Parish Council insurance would cover volunteers taking part in the activities. Cllr. Firth confirmed that it would but that people should bring and use their own tools. A risk assessment has been carried out for the event and a first aider will be present all day.</p>

Reports from County Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch & Police	<p><u>County Councillor Ross Henley</u> –</p> <p>Streetlighting - Ross is intending to complete a consultation exercise using Facebook to gather views on streetlighting in the village and feed the results back to Somerset County Council.</p> <p>Fly Tipping – Ross continues to report these issues and reiterated the usefulness of the ‘Fix My Street’ link on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Bus Service – Ross was pleased to advise that he had learned that all bus services until the 31st of March will be a maximum two pounds per single journey and he is keen to encourage the council to continue that initiative after the 31st of March and was in favour of any initiatives that encourage the use of public transport.</p> <p>Local Community Networks (LCN's) - Local Community networks are being set up when the District Councils are abolished. They are an opportunity for County Councils, Parish Councils and other local organisations to get together to discuss local issues. They are proposing that the geographical area and Local Community Network that Churchstanton Parish will be within will be called Chard and The Blackdowns. The LCN will be made up of 20 parishes including <u>all</u> parishes within the Blackdown Hills. They will be set up with effect from 1st April and it is envisaged that the first meetings will take place in June or July. Ross continued to explain the purpose of the LCN within the new Unitary Council.</p>
1. To resolve to exclude members of the press or public	None
2. Apologies	Julie Wardle (Clerk)
3. Declaration of Interest	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 –

4. Approval and sign off draft minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of Meeting of CPC held on Wednesday 14 th December 2022 - Approved
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Agenda Item	DISCUSSION AND NEW ACTIONS		Action by Whom	Action Date
5. Finance	• Balance of Accounts as at 31 st December 2022			
	Current Account	1436.74		
	Deposit Account	34216.31		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>35653.05</u>		
	<u>Income</u> (included in figures above)			
	<u>Payments for approval</u>			
	Parish Clerk Fees – Dec 2022	270.25		

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6. Planning Applications	None										
7. Climate Change	<p><u>Blackdown Hills Repair Café</u> – Following his previous attendance at the December meeting of the Parish Council, as requested, Stephan Lehner attended to discuss further his request for a grant and provide additional information regarding the legal set up of the organisation. Stephan explained that the café came under the auspices of the Blackdown Transition Group who had a Constitution and a Committee. With regard to sustainability of the café, Stephan explained that there were many people involved including from the younger generation with whom the sharing of skills was key.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed in principle to make a grant donation to the Blackdown Hills Repair Café and will discuss how much at their next meeting as part of the formal agenda.</p>										
8. Highways / PPLO Update / Outdoor Space	<p><u>The Quarry</u> – See report from Joe Knowles above.</p> <p><u>Community Speedwatch / Speed Data</u> – On behalf of Julie who was unwell, Stuart Wardle had met with the SCC Traffic Management Team to look at and agree the positioning of two Speed Indicator Devices, one on Taunton Road and one on Honiton Road. The next stage of this will be for the Parish Council to choose which devices that they wish to purchase and submit these for approval to SCC as well.</p> <p>There had been no further Community Speedwatch sessions recently.</p>										
9. Policy Review	<u>Model Standing Orders</u> – Reviewed and Approved										
10. Correspondence	SW&T Chairman’s Award – The Parish Council’s nomination for Dan Prettejohn to receive this award has been approved and Dan has been informed and invited to a ceremony in February to receive his award. Councillor Ian Firth will attend the presentation evening with Dan to represent the Parish Council.										
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 8th February 2023										