

CHURCHSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES/ACTION NOTES

Name of meeting:	Churchstanton Parish Council Meeting
Date meeting held:	Wednesday 12 th July 2023
Meeting location:	Churchinford Village Hall
Present:	Cllr. Pearson, Cllr. Phillips
In attendance	Gideon Amos
Chair	Cllr.Firth
Clerk	Julie Wardle
<u>Public Participation Time</u>	
Reports from County Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch & Police	<u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> The Parish Clerk is now receiving regular reports via the Neighbourhood Watch from Avon and Somerset Police. Those relevant to our community will be posted on Facebook.
1. To resolve to exclude members of the press or public	None
2. Apologies	Cllr. Carter, County Councillor Ross Henley, County Councillor Sarah Wakefield
3. Declaration of Interest	Cllr. Firth declared an interest in agenda item 8 - planning application no. 10/23/0008. He has been involved with the design of this application and acted as the applicant's agent.

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 the meeting of CPC held on Wednesday 14 th June 2023 - Approved
5. Election of Vice-chair	Due to apologies received from two Councillors and the meeting only just quorate, it was agreed to move this item to the next meeting agenda.
6. Casual Vacancies / Co-option	Following the resignation of Cllr. Rifath and Cllr.Crabb for personal reasons, there are now two casual vacancies to be filled.

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION AND NEW ACTIONS	Action by Whom	Action Date																														
7. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance of Accounts as at 30th June 2023 <table border="1" data-bbox="591 284 1585 922"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>3258.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td>39366.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td><u>42,625.35</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>Parish Clerk (June 2023)</td> <td>312.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scoraig Wind Electric (Climate Emergency Fund)</td> <td>5373.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCC – Dog Bins Quarter 1</td> <td>228.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Playing Fields Association – Annual Subscription</td> <td>15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Larder</td> <td>52.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub-total</td> <td><u>36642.89</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minus Reserved Funds</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climate Emergency Fund (Net remaining)</td> <td>12031.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OSMG Grant Funding (Net remaining)</td> <td>685.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BALANCE Remaining</td> <td><u>23926.89</u></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Payments - Approved 	Current Account	3258.42	Deposit Account	39366.93	Total	<u>42,625.35</u>	Income (included in figures above)		Payments for approval		Parish Clerk (June 2023)	312.56	Scoraig Wind Electric (Climate Emergency Fund)	5373.60	SCC – Dog Bins Quarter 1	228.70	Somerset Playing Fields Association – Annual Subscription	15.00	Community Larder	52.60	Sub-total	<u>36642.89</u>	Minus Reserved Funds		Climate Emergency Fund (Net remaining)	12031.00	OSMG Grant Funding (Net remaining)	685.00	BALANCE Remaining	<u>23926.89</u>		
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8. Planning Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10/23/0011/LB - Replacement of obsolete gas convection heaters with air source heat pumps in B Block, TA Block and TB Block Churchstanton County School, Willand Road, Churchstanton In light of the current Climate Emergency the parish council support this application - 10/23/0008 - Construction of first floor with dormer at Little Friars, Brimley Road, Churchstanton Due to the declaration of interest by Cllr. Firth the parish council were inquorate for this application and therefore unable to comment. - 10/23/0012 - Erection of stable block and formation of extension to yard area at Westercombe Farm, Downlands Lane, Churchstanton The Parish Council support this application 																																
9. Climate Change	<p>A recent meeting of ‘Churchstanton in 2030’ had been well supported.</p> <p>Climate is more prominent and a higher priority for the new unitary Somerset County Council.</p>																																
10. Highways / PPLO Update / Outdoor Space	<p><u>The Quarry</u> – New benches and a trestle table have been made by Andrew Crabb. There are a number of dumped tyres on site that require clearance.</p>																																

	<p><u>Community Speedwatch</u> – Progress of Road Safety Grant Application & Purchase of Speed Indicator Devices – The MOU has now been completed. New posts will be installed to fix the new devices to.</p> <p><u>PPLO</u> – The clerk will advertise the vacancy for a PPLO on Facebook.</p> <p><u>Litter/Fly Tipping</u> – A local resident had been witnessed throwing litter from their car. The Parish Council encourage everyone to respect and look after our local environment.</p> <p><u>Knackers Hole</u> – Cllr. Firth confirmed that the Devon/Somerset boundary on Knackers Hole is on the northside.</p>		
11. Policy Review	<p><u>Grant Awarding Policy</u> – Reviewed and approved. For information regarding this, contact the Parish Clerk.</p>		
12. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman’s Award – A nomination for the community shop has been sent to Somerset County Council by the Parish Council. The nomination was made by Nick Strange. • Blackdown Support Group – Invitation to AGM on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7:30pm – The clerk will attend on behalf of the Parish Council. 		
13. Items of Future Business for the next Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Vice-chair • Casual Vacancies • 20mph Speed Limit • Mary Parsons Gift Charity 		
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 13th September 2023		