### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

### 10th May 2023

Present: Councillors T Mason, T Kelly, D McCarthy, E Parker, C Settle and M Shaw.

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23/5A	To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year.  It was resolved to appoint Councillor Terry Mason as the Chairman of the Parish  Council for 2023-24. Councillor Mason signed the declaration of office.
23/5B	To elect a Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.  It was resolved to appoint Councillor Claire Settle as the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for 2023-24. Councillor Settle signed the declaration of office.
23/5C	To receive any apologies for non-attendance.  All Councillors were present at the meeting.
	County Councillor B. Filmer was not able to attend the meeting.
23/5D	To receive declarations of interest.  There were no declarations of interest received.
23/5E	To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2023 previously circulated.  It was resolved to approve the minutes. The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record.
23/5F	To receive the Internal Auditor's report.  The internal auditors report was noted.
23/5G	To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return 2022-2023).  It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return 2022-2023).
23/5H	To approve the Accounting Statement (Section 2 of the Annual Return for 2022-2023). It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statement (Section 2 of the Annual Return 2022-2023).
23/51	To approve the Certificate of Exemption (part 2 of the AGAR 2022/23).  It was resolved to approve the Certificate of Exemption (part 2 of the AGAR 2022/23).

23/5J To appoint Richard Young as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2023-24.

It was resolved to approve Richard Young as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2023-24.

23/5K To consider the members of the Staffing Committee.

It was resolved that Councillors T Mason, D McCarthy, E Parker and M Shaw would comprise the staffing committee.

23/5L To receive the County Councillors report.

There was no report, as no County Councillor was present at the meeting.

23/5M To retrospectively approve three payments (two invoices for Heartstart, and £125 for Compton Bishop Coronation Street Party)

It was resolved to approve these payments retrospectively.

23/5N To approve the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount
Mrs Dean	Donation towards Coronation celebrations	£125
Heartstart	Defibrillator accessories	£38 and £187.50

The payments were approved.

23/50 To consider the following Planning applications:

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/23/00004/EC	Caravan, Newland Farm, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2JL	Caravan, Newland Farm, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, BS26 2JL.
		It was resolved that the
		Parish Council would not comment on this planning application.

23/5P To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Decision
Granted
Granted
Withdrawn

21/22/00029	Winash, Bourton Lane, Cross, BS26 2EP	Granted
21/23/00002	Land East of Turnpike Road, Lower Weare.	Granted
21/23/00003	Rackley House, Rackley Lane, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HJ	Granted
21/23/00005	Land To The West Of, The Barn, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26	Granted

The planning decisions were noted.

Prior to the next agenda item the Chairman suspended standing orders and a member of the public spoke regarding the proposed footpath in Coffin Lane.

- 23/5Q To request County Councillor Filmer to support the request for deer warning signs on Webbington Road.
  - It was resolved to request that County Councillor Filmer supports the request for deer warning signs on Webbington Road. The Chairman will make the request to County Councillor Filmer.
- 23/5R To discuss hedge cutting at Kennel Lane.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should pay the cost of the cutting of one of the hedges in Kennel Lane.

- 23/5S To consider an offer from Mike Rolfe to continue to coordinate the Maintenance Group.
  It was resolved that Mike Rolfe should continue to coordinate the Maintenance Group.
- 23/5T To agree the wording of letter to be sent to SCC Rights of Way Officer in support of inclusion of Footpaths, shown on the 1903 OS map on the definitive map.
  It was resolved that the letter previously circulated to all Councillors should be sent by the Chairman.
- 23/5U To request an update from Somerset Council Rights of Way regarding the anticipated delay before a replacement foot bridge is provided.
  It was resolved to request an update from the Somerset Council Rights of Way officer. The Chairman will make this request.
- 23/5V To discuss the Zurich Insurance Quotation.
  It was resolved to accept the insurance quotation.
- 23/5W To receive Councillor reports.

A request has been made to the Webbington Hotel that a sign informing people that they have a defibrillator should be installed at the entrance to their car park. The Chairman will send a letter to the hotel asking them to cut their hedges which face the Webbington Road.

The Community Speedwatch team has been operating in the parish. Contact has been made with the appropriate Avon and Somerset officer regarding the funding for a speed indication

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There have been problems with Lloyds Bank regarding the updating of the contact details they hold for the Parish Council accounts. The Chairman is progressing this.

A pay as you go SIM card has been purchased for a Parish Council mobile phone.

The Coronation concert in the quarry was a great success.

23/5X Items for next agenda.

To review the Parish Council's grant awarding policy.

Contact has been made with the website advertising 'Park for the Night' for camper vans in the layby on Webbington Road and they have been requested their website be updated to state that people stay only one night only, and take away their rubbish. No reply has been received. This should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Work is progressing regarding the management plan for the Springfield Wildlife Site.

Councillors Kelly and Shaw will be consulting with members of the public regarding the plan.

The draft of the plan should be available prior to the next Parish Council meeting and the approval of the plan should be added to the agenda.

To consider the upkeep of the bus shelters in the parish.

To request that Somerset Council carry out more regular grass cutting in the parish.

Next Parish Council Meeting 14th June 2023.

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