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Minutes

Minutes of the video conferenced meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **November 16th, 2020** at 7pm.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Hipwell, Shaw, White, Wilkie and Vining. Also in attendance were District Cllr Godwin Pearson and the Parish Clerk, Mrs H Marshall. There were no members of the public present.

142/20 Apologies: Cllr Winsor, personal commitment. County Cllr Filmer also gave his apologies.

143/20 Declarations of Interest None.

144/20 Minutes of the Video Conferenced Parish Council Meeting held on Monday October 19th, 2020: Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

145/20 County Councillor's report submitted prior to the meeting. Matters discussed included: Arrangements for highways to jet the drains on Church Lane which are now all running free; a Coronavirus update including the importance of the hands face space message; the Covid 19 survey (deadline closed); a reminder about the 15th January 2021 primary school applications deadline, the Clerk is to post a reminder on the facebook page; last years extended Winter Gritting service will be maintained in 2020/21; the Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy will be presented to Full County Council on 18th November for endorsement; One Somerset: all council leaders in Somerset have been invited to submit their business cases for Local Government Reform with final supporting submissions to MHCLG by 9th December. The Secretary of State is expected to decide in early summer 2021.

146/20 Local government reform: Stronger Somerset and One Somerset. The Clerk is to add the details of both proposal's websites to the Council website and facebook.

147/20 Planning application 20/03/00013 was discussed including: public and consultee responses; impact on employment; economic diversification; impact on tourism; amended access; proximity to Badgworth junction; emissions and residential dwellings; security and lighting; view from the Mendips; mitigation of contamination; numbers of vehicles; vehicles movements.

Resolution: Recommend objection on the following basis: lack of information on the number and volume of vehicles proposed for storage at the site, and number of movements generated; visibility from the Mendips; potential contamination of land and any mitigation or waste disposal; lack of information on proposed lighting and security; lack of regulation of opening times; lack of detail on the employment opportunities; lack of information on how the application supports tourism; concerns that the booking system would not be enforceable; safety of the access, as there may not be room for 2 vehicles to pass at the entrance, and the impact of any queuing; traffic impacts on residential properties.

148/20 Highways: Kingsway A complaint from a member of the public regarding the condition of the road was discussed. The Clerk is to write to highways and ask for the road condition to be

investigated. **Bridge on Biddisham Lane:** The Clerk is to follow up previous concerns about the condition of the bridge and contact highways to ask them what action will be taken.

149/20 Community matters: Gritbins: The damaged bin adjacent to Kirklea Farm, Badgworth, has been moved to a wider section of the bank and will be serviceable for the winter. The grit bin on Church Lane will be turned around when it is lighter but is still accessible. **Somerset Climate**

Emergency Fund: The application from the Biddisham Hall Committee has been submitted.

Badgworth Schoolrooms are working on their submission. The Clerk advised that due to the submission date the application should ideally be ready before Christmas.

150/20 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field Jubilee Field: Cllr Body inspected the field, and no problems were reported. The brambles have been cut back and a resident had thanked the Council for arranging this. The hedges at both fields had been cut. There were no issues raised by the inspection at the Memorial Field.

151/20 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

151/20 Meeting Dates: The dates for the coming year were confirmed.

152/20 Planning: The Planning Report was reviewed; it was noted that there is a new application: 03/20/00016, The Cottage, Church Lane, Badgworth, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2QP, Change of use of existing building and land from store/workshop to a residential annexe.

153/20 Correspondence: All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. The Banking Switch offers were discussed. No decision has been made yet. The Council decided not to respond to the surveys on Climate Change and Standards in Public Life.

154/20 Finance

- i. The November financial statement, having been circulated, was approved as a true record.
- ii. The request for a grant from St John the Baptist Church was discussed. **Resolution:** To grant £80.46
- iii. **Resolution:** The Payments Schedule was approved:
DD Clerks Salary and Mileage £635.23
Clerks Expenses November £34.39
West Country Groundcare Ltd £1080.00
- iv. The draft budget, having been previously circulated, was discussed. The shortfall in the working balance reserve was considered but due to the pandemic it was decided to approve only a 4% increase on the precept. The Council will continue to address the shortfall in the next budget.
Resolution: The budget, as drafted, was approved.
- v. **Resolution:** The Precept for 2021/2022 is £9152, which represents a 4% increase on the previous year.

155/20 District Councillor report: Matters discussed included: Recent discussion that next year's elections may be postponed. A question was asked about planning applications and the Climate Emergency. District Cllr Godwin Pearson discussed the policy in the National Planning Policy Framework and the strategies of the County and District Councils and the wider impacts of the food sector, transport, and planning conditions to allow wildlife time to adjust to development.

156/20 Member's Points of Information: No matters were raised.

157/20 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media: None

158/20 Date of next Meeting: 18th January 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 9.22pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date