

EXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 in Bridgetown Village Hall at 8:00pm.

Present:

Mr Guy Thomas-Everard, Mr Steve Rowe, Mr Joshua Thorne, Mr Doug Sherring, Mrs Valerie Carveth, and Mr Andrew Moore (Clerk).

In Attendance:

Mr Steven Pugsley (Somerset West and Taunton District Council) and Mrs Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Council).

1. Apologies:

Mr Robert Takle and Mrs Janette Webber.

2. Declaration of Interests:

Mr Guy Thomas-Everard declared an interest in the Housing Survey under Matters Arising.

3. Approval of the Minutes of 7th June 2021:

The Minutes having been previously circulated were approved.

4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk represented the Councillors at the meeting of the 8 Parishes Housing Group on 9th August. The Group received progress reports on discussion with potential developers of the 5 sites that had gone forward. The Clerk advised that possible sites at Exton and Wootton Courtenay were no longer being considered.

The Clerk reported that he had suggested that the Village Hall Committee fund a speed indicator device that had become available from another parish. This had not been taken forward. Mrs Valerie Carveth reported that the new volunteers for speed monitoring had not yet come forward for training.

Doug Sherring advised that on his next visit the Parish Lengthsman would be concentrating on clearing drains and gully. Steve Rowe reported that the drains at the top of Exton Hill were particularly bad and he had notified Highways via their website to that effect. Steve Rowe agreed to act as Highways Warden and to attend the forthcoming meeting with Highways together with Doug Sherring on how improvement in service can be achieved.

Action Steve Rowe and Doug Sherring

5. Finance:

The Clerk reported a balance of £1,613 in the Reserve Account and £2,293 in the Current Account. The following cheques had been issued since the last meeting: Clerk's expenses of £99.80 for the quarter to June 2021, Edward Martin Computers for the quarterly website maintenance of £109.00,

and Zurich Insurance £168. In addition the £500 donation held in respect of the Bomber Memorial had been paid to W F Masonry who had prepared the plinth. The Clerk reported that a VAT repayment of £247 had been received. There was one cheque for the Clerk's expenses for July and August totalling £48.27 to be signed.

6. Planning:

There were currently no Applications to be considered.

7. Village Volunteers:

Paul Williams and Di Percy have been maintaining the flower boxes at either end of the Village. Paul Matthews had been cutting the verges.

Chris (husband of Beverley caretaker of the Village Hall) had cleaned the telephone box and the road signs.

The Parish Council were pleased to note that Viv Garner had agreed to become flood warden and that she had already received briefing documentation from Flood Wessex.

It was noted that the smell from the Sewage Works continued to be a problem. Paul Matthews had contacted the local MP to see if he could help as both the Parish Council and District Council had been unable to secure any improvements from South West Water.

It was noted that the verges on Exton Hill needed cutting as they were narrowing the already narrow roadway.

It was noted that the bridle way from the Badgers Holt up to the Bomber Memorial was very overgrown and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Ceri Rapsey at the National Park.

Action Clerk

14. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 8th November 2021 at 7:30pm dependent on social restrictions and the need to respond to Planning Applications.

The Minutes can be viewed at:

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