

## EXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of a Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Bridgetown Village Hall at 8:00pm.

**Present:**

Mr Robert Takle (acting chair), Mr Steve Rowe, Ms Janette Webber and Mr Andrew Moore (Clerk).

**In Attendance:**

None

**1. Apologies:**

Mr Guy Thomas-Everard, Ms Tonia Matthews Mrs Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Council and Somerset Unitary Authority) and Mr Steven Pugsley (Somerset West and Taunton District Council and Somerset Unitary Authority).

**2. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance by Chairman :**

This will be signed by the Chairman on his return from holiday.

**3. Declaration of Interests:**

None were declared.

**4. Questions from the Public**

No members of the Public attended.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022:**

The Minutes having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the acting Chair.

**6. Matters Arising:**

In the absence of Steven Pugsley, no update on the local MP's approach to South West Water about continuing concerns about the capacity of the Bridgetown Sewage Works was available. The Clerk was asked to seek an update from Steven Pugsley.

**Action Clerk**

Janette Webber reported that currently there was no smell but transport vehicles continue to arrive in the early hours of the morning to load up and cart away.

Despite enquiries nobody had come forward to seek to fill the Councillor vacancy. It was agreed that Councillors would continue to make enquiries.

**Action All**

## **7. Finance Report:**

The Clerk reported a balance of £1,613 in the Reserve Account and £3,640 in the Current Account. The latter balance included a VAT refund of £74. There were two cheques to approve, being £168 for Zurich Insurance and £117.26 for the Clerk's expenses for May and June. The Clerk advised that the Bank Mandate was being updated to remove councillors who were no longer in office and adding Janette Webber. The Clerk announced that he would be retiring after the Parish Meeting in 2023 having completed almost nine years of service. He was thanked for his efficient work and the Councillors agreed to seek a replacement.

### **Action All**

## **8. Planning:**

There were no Applications to consider.

## **9. Request from Somerset Climate Action Network:**

The Parish Council had been asked to formally declare that there was a Climate Emergency. The Councillors noted that with no assets or facilities any such Declaration would have no perceivable benefit to the Parish.

## **10. Parish Representative on the Somerset Bus Partnership Group:**

The Councillors noted that people staying at the camp site often enquire about bus services and it was suggested that the Clerk approach Tonia Matthews to take on this role.

### **Action Clerk**

## **11. Confirmation of Parish Highways Warden:**

Steve Rowe confirmed that he was happy to take this role and liaise with the Exmoor Local Community Network and asked the Clerk to advise the Network accordingly.

### **Action Clerk**

## **12. Update on Unitary Authority:**

In the absence of both Frances Nicholson and Steven Pugsley there was no update.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 8:00pm. This date is dependent on social restrictions and the need to respond to Planning Applications.

## **The Minutes can be viewed at:**

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