



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held on November 11th at the Beambridge Inn

[A] Apologies were received from Councillors Gwil Wren and Bonnie Frear and PCSO Hill

[B] Two members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

Item 1: There were no disclosures of interest by members on agenda items

Item 2: Minutes of the October meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

Item 3: Matters arising from the previous minutes

[1] Costs of children accessing the Wellington Monument. Councillor Olive will contact the organisers to suggest supported entry to the Monument for children under 16 years of age.

ACTION: Place on the next agenda to discuss progress

[2] New residents will be contacted by the clerk on taking up residence. Please inform him if any are known!

[3] Speed Indicator Device funding. Despite finances being agreed the clerk had received no confirmatory reply from the police despite a visit from traffic management, although the clerk has been asked to try again in the New Year

ACTION[1]: Place on the January agenda

ACTION[2]: Clerk to contact the police and Traffic Engineer

Item 4: Police Liaison Report: Thanks were extended to PCSO Hill for the latest report and it was comforting to read that there had been no calls to 999 or 101 or reports for antisocial behaviour

Item 5: Planning, Infrastructure and Development

[1] It was agreed to purchase a new notice board for Ford Street. The one to be replaced measures 1 by 0.75 metres. Councillors are asked to ascertain whether others may need replacing

ACTION: Place on the December agenda

[2] Flooding at the bottom of Middle Green Road. The road has a significant dip and it may require a ditch to be cleared and connected to a drain. Budgets are limited and it was agreed that the clerk would pursue the matter

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways

[3] Wellington Monument. Councillor Lane confirmed that Carly Press had retained the templates for the Monument card for children to make a model. It was agreed that sponsorship would be sought if possible. Councillor Olive would proceed with the purchase of cards

ACTION: Councillor Olive to proceed as above

DONE: Actioned and paid for at £112 for 1000. November 12th

ACTION: To be placed on the December agenda

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[4] Seat in Millennium Woodland. Councillor White agreed to ascertain the condition

ACTION: Place on the December agenda

[5] A decision is still awaited for the planning application at Woodlands Cottage, Ford Street

ACTION: Clerk to forward comment on the planning website expressing our disappointment that this is a retrospective application.

DONE: 12th November

[6] Traffic on the Holloway was discussed at the outset of the meeting. Mr and Mrs Kelway outlined the situation created by the imposition of the 20mph speed limit on the Holloway. There was significant discussion on this matter, including the issues caused by some satellite navigation systems, and the general increase in traffic levels on what is in places a poorly paved surface. It was agreed to pursue the signage provision and Mr Kelway stressed the need for parity throughout the village.

ACTION: [1] Councillor White to pursue the provision of signage

[2] Place on the December agenda

[7] Somerset Councillor Mansell. This item was discussed at the onset of the meeting. Somerset Councillor Mansell outlined the serious financial issues facing Somerset Council, with many redundancies having taken place and others due in the New Year. Council Tax cannot be raised by government decree and property sales are presently supporting the budget. Service provision may be devolved to local councils. Following a boundary review there will be fewer councillors at the next election with a proposal for single member wards from 2027. There have been issues with broadband provision: Gigaclear connects many properties but the Airband contract has failed and a voucher system operated by a local company with good feedback is seeking to extend. It is likely that future provision is through such a system or a national Openreach contract. It would be useful to ascertain who is not covered by Gigaclear and should anyone have information regarding other recommended suppliers please pass this information on.

Programmed improvements on the A38 are being completed and average speed cameras are to be installed. There was much discussion over the Holywell Lake turning which lies outside the A38 improvement scheme and although officers have considered options no decision has been made, but improved signage may be of assistance. If there are any other proposals please inform us. Although it was suggested by Mr Kelway that land purchase may assist at what is a dangerous junction it was stated that the finances are not available, with more urgent demands and a limited budget. However the issue will persist and suggestions are welcomed. Please pass on any comments to the clerk by email or post.

Footnote: The Wiveliscombe Working Group [wiveygp.org] contains much excellent information about issues in the Upper Tone Parishes, for example [Broadband networks – A GREEN VIEW for Wiveliscombe and Upper Tone.](#)

Item 6: Financial Issues

[1] A National Pay Award for Clerks has been implemented by the finance controller

[2] The final invoice for the Cosmic website has been settled and the initial registration fee for the new provider paid. Krystal is now the website provider.

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[3] All recent transaction sheets were checked and signed.

Item 7: Somerset Council

See comments above in item 5 section 6, and item 5 section 7

Item 8: Any other urgent business

[1] Website. Thanks were extended to Councillor Olive for the significant work undertaken in developing the website with a new provider.

[2] An annual payment to the Information Commissioner's Office will be made at the beginning of each financial year by direct debit.

[3] Pedestrian safety along West Buckland Road/Wellington Relief Road, between Jurston Fields and Chelston Residential Home had been raised by a parishioner with the County Traffic Engineers. The reply indicated however, that there is currently no budget available and the intention is to develop a programme of projects aligned to the new Local Transport Plan focusing on the Government transport priorities to consider as funding opportunities arise. Where there is good policy alignment, evidence of community support, but no delivery route their request will be added to a register of local priorities for future consideration. If the verge/road on the this stretch of road is being regularly used by pedestrians to walk between Jurston Fields and the Residential Care Home then the Highways Department may consider installing Pedestrians in Road warning signs with a SLOW marking on the carriageway alongside particularly if the parish council agrees.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Traffic Engineer to indicate our agreement

DONE: 12th November

ACTION: Clerk to contact CG Fry to look into funding alternative provision for safe pedestrian access

[4] Commonwealth War Memorial. It has been suggested that parish councils may wish to place a remembrance plaque on the memorial in Maidenbrook Country Park. The suggestion was well received and a final decision will be made at the next meeting

ACTION: Clerk to contact the organiser to express approval

DONE: November 12th [with appreciative acknowledgement in return]

ACTION: Place on the December agenda to determine the appropriate size and text

Date of the next meeting:
7.00pm December 16th at the Beambridge Inn
Please note the new date!

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