

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024 COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BROADWAY HILL METHODIST CHURCH, HORTON.

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PUBLIC FORUM No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. Cllr Sue Osborne was in attendance of the meeting.

4240 ATTENDANCE Councillors Barry Mosley – Vice-Chair, Ann Winter, Mike Schmidt, Julie Layzell and Peter Babbington.

4241 APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES Cllrs Andy Johnson, Jack Martin and Robert Hutchinson.

4242 DECLARATION OF INTEREST None.

4243 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON Cllr Barry Mosley was nominated and unanimously elected Chairman of the Council. Cllr Ann Winter was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Council. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair will be reconsidered in January 2025.

4244 COMPLETION OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE FORMS Clerk to provide necessary forms to be completed and signed.

4245 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY - CO-OPTION PROCESS It's with great sadness that a vacancy has arisen on the Council due to the unexpected and sudden passing of Cllr Ray Buckler – Chair. Clerk to notify Somerset Council and commence co-option process.

4246 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (JULY) The minutes of the meeting held in July having previously been circulated, were approved, seconded, and unanimously agreed upon.

4247 PLANNING APPLICATION(S)/APPEAL(S) UPDATE

8.1 24/01772/HOU - Installation of 7 no solar panels on south elevation roof and air source heat pump at ground level on west elevation wall - The Hawthorns Church Court Horton Ilminster

The Councillors voted to support the application.

Action: Clerk to inform Somerset Council.

4248 CONSIDER SSE ENERGY SOLUTIONS CONTRACT The electricity contract for the supply to the defibrillator is up for renewal. The clerk has attempted to renew the contract several times by calling SSE however, every time the clerk has called they have been informed that the system is down and to call back another time. In the meantime, the electricity rates have defaulted to a variable rate meaning the costs have significantly increased (from approx. £100 per year to £400 per year). The clerk has emailed SSE and a response was received confirming the above costs for the next two years. The Council strongly disagree with the proposed costs. Clerk to respond to email querying costs and why there has been a significant increase. Cllr Ann Winter to enquire as to who the Village Hall uses for their electricity supply.

4249 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE The annual Audit report from The Play Inspection Company has been received. Nothing urgent to report. Further consideration is to be given to the report in the November meeting.

4250 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – UPDATE For the additional pole required for the siting of a third SID, the quote received is for £280, this was unanimously approved during the meeting. Clerk to request Cllr Andy Johnson to obtain a formal invoice from the provider. The clerk is to contact Elan City for instructions on how to download data from SIDS.

4251 DEFIBRILLATOR

- **Shelter** - CCTV sign was given to Cllr Barry Mosley, to be displayed in Shelter shortly. Light fitting to also be replaced shortly.
- **Village Hall** – Defibrillator training was very good and well attended. Monthly cleaning and checks are undertaken.

4252 MAINTENANCE AROUND THE VILLAGE – UPDATE Invoice received from G D Spiller, clerk to issue payment. No further updates to report.

Public footpath update - Goose Lane to Paulls Lane – a fence has fallen. Cllr Julie Layzell to report to Somerset Council.

Recent resurfacing works have been carried out by Somerset Council in the village however, they have been carried out to a poor standard. Cllr Layzell to provide the clerk with a map identifying the areas of concern and the clerk will provide this to Somerset Council and ask that they return to rectify the issues.

4253 LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK – UPDATE No updates. Remove item from all future agendas.

4254 IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL HORTON PROJECTS 2024/25

- Bus Shelter
 - Consider Grinters Quote – The quote for all necessary works is £5,700.00. Council to obtain further quotes.
- Grant Funding Request – Broadway and Horton Cricket Club
 - Additional Information Received – Clerk to confirm a financial grant will be provided however, to seek an update from the Club concerning the current shortfall of funding before a decision is made on the amount to be granted.
- Grant Funding Request – St Peters Church – £440 was awarded in 2023. It was unanimously agreed to grant £450 this year.

4255 FINANCE

Proposal – To approve the following:

14.1 2024/25 financial statement - - Unanimously Approved. Clerk is to provide 3 monthly budget updates at the November meeting.

14.1 Bank Stationary Order – The Clerk requested consideration and approval to remove the previous clerk's name (A Goody) from all Natwest bank accounts. This request was unanimously agreed. Clerk to write to Natwest requesting amendment is made.

Proposal – To approve the following cheques:

16.1 Mills Engineering Services Limited – SID Pole - £140.00 - Unanimously Approved – Pending receipt of invoice

16.2 SALC – Affiliation Fee - £264.95 – Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00910.

16.3 C Duff – Wages and expenses - £1600.53 - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00911.

16.4 GD Spiller – Village Maintenance - £210.00 - - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00912.

16.5 M F Salaman – Playing Field Maintenance - £260.00 - - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00913.

16.6 Julie Layzell - £60 - - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00914.

16.7 St Peters Church - £450.00 – - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00915.

Payments Made Under Scheme of Delegation

16.8 SSE – Defib Electricity Supply - £118.50 – Noted - Cheque No. 00906.

16.9 Broadway Hill Methodist Church – Hall Hire - £264.00 – Noted - Cheque No. 00907.

16.10 The Play Inspection Company – Playing Field Audit - £144.00 – Noted - Cheque No. 00908

16.11 SSE - Defib Electricity Supply - £67.75 – Noted - Cheque No. 00909.

4256 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Temporary Road Closure: ttr0741139S - Shave Lane, Horton

4257 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

- Highways – Clerk to email Somerset Council to request a village entry sign to be placed on Pottery Road.
- Broadway Hill Development by Galion – Add to November agenda.
- A358 dualling scheme has been removed from Highways and PINS agendas. It has been confirmed that the project will not be being progressed and files will be archived. Agenda Item for November – Freedom of Information request re A358 expenditure.
- A303 upgrade to be included on November's agenda.

4258 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday 14th November 2024 commencing at 6.30pm. 9th January 2025.