



MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2023
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

	Action
<p><u>23/125/a</u> PRESENT: Members: Mrs C Saint (Chairman), Mr A McFarlane (Vice Chairman), Mr J Davies, Mrs L Drayton, Mr T Harper, Mr M Myram, Mr B Owen, and Mr D Warry Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), and no members of the public</p> <p><u>23/125/b</u> APOLOGIES: Mrs S Richings, Mr Mike Hewitson (Unitary Authority Councillor), and Mr Oliver Patrick (Unitary Authority Councillor)</p>	
<p><u>23/126</u> DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr McFarlane declared an interest in planning applications 21/03731/FUL & 21/03732/LBC Cllr Warry declared an interest in planning application 23/01715/FUL</p>	
<p><u>23/127</u> PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of public in attendance.</p>	
<p><u>23/128</u> UNITARY COUNCILLORS The Unitary report had been circulated to councillors.</p>	
<p><u>23/129</u> MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the September Parish Council meeting.</p>	
<p><u>23/130</u> MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES Review of Actions List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Issues: Parking outside the church – it was suggested that the PCC contact the Land Registry to ascertain what land the church owns outside the church. It was agreed to contact the churchwarden. South Street drain – there were concerns that this is now a safety issue, and it seems that the drain’s lintel is collapsing. The manhole cover by Shoemaker’s cottage is proud of the road and is potentially a danger to cyclists. It was agreed to contact Highways • Grit Bins – Cllr Warry agreed to ask a local farmer if he has some of the parish council’s grit left • Play Equipment – replacement pull-up ropes: The Clerk said the payment had been sent and she was waiting on delivery. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Warry</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><u>23/131</u> SPORTS & LEISURE <u>23/131/a</u> Play Area & Recreation Ground</p> <p>i. <u>Play Area</u> No report had been received.</p> <p>ii. <u>Pavilion Project</u></p>	

<p>It was confirmed that the groundworks would commence on 6th November and the building would go up week commencing 21st November. These dates are weather dependent. It was agreed to put a report in the magazine.</p> <p>Cllr Harper said he was waiting for some quotes from contractors and would forward them to the Clerk as soon as possible.</p> <p>23/131/b <u>Any Other Issues</u></p> <p>None declared.</p>	<p>Cllr Harper</p>
<p>23/132 <u>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>23/132/a <u>Allotments</u></p> <p>It was reported that there were still issues with one of the allotments. The willow had not been dug up and was starting to regrow. It was agreed that the plot needed to be reinspected.</p> <p>23/132/b <u>Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>The latest reports from the police.uk website had been circulated to councillors.</p> <p>23/132/c <u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>The footpath liaison officer had sent through a very comprehensive and detailed report. Cllr Saint expressed her thanks to the PPLO.</p> <p>23/132/d <u>Ground Maintenance</u></p> <p>There had been a report that the padlock for the recreation ground gate had been mislaid. This has now been found. It was agreed that the groundsman needed to cut the hedge back in the recreation ground. The Clerk agreed to contact him.</p> <p>Cllr Saint agreed to contact the Lengthsman to clear the flood elevation ditch.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED for the Lengthsman to supply winter bedding plants for the planters at each end of the village. It was agreed to ask him to check the condition of the planters.</p> <p>23/132/e <u>Highways & Transport</u></p> <p>i. <u>Highway Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Closure - The main road between Highway (High Street) and Stonehill (East Stoke) in Stoke sub Hamdon will be closed between 18:30 – 22:00 on 26th October in order for Wessex Water to carry out works to reinstate permanent tarmac. The alternative route is the A3088 and the A303. • Safety Audit – contact Highways and request a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the drains, parking. Also, to contact the police to see whether they would attend Yeovil Road and Back Lane during the 3pm pick up time at the school. <p>ii. <u>Speed Indicator Device/Speedwatch</u></p> <p>Cllr Myram reported that four more volunteers had been approved for Speedwatch and he was checking to see whether he was able to carry out the training. The total number of volunteers is now eleven. Cllr Myram said he was also checking to see whether the Speedwatch can be carried out in another area of the village.</p> <p>iii. <u>Transport Strategy Group</u></p> <p>No report given. It was agreed that the group need to meet.</p> <p>iv. <u>Other</u></p> <p>None declared.</p> <p>23/132/f <u>National Trust</u></p> <p>Cllr McFarlane said there was nothing to report. Cllr Saint expressed her thanks to the National Trust for cutting back the hedge on the orchard side and asked if the side where cars parked could also be cut back.</p> <p>23/132/g <u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p>Cllr Warry said he had nothing to report.</p> <p>23/132/h <u>Triangle Trust</u></p> <p>Cllr Warry said the Triangle Trust will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall.</p>	<p>Cllrs Harper & McFarlane & the Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Saint</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Myram</p>

23/134/b <u>Invoices Payable</u>			
<u>Invoice paid 27.09.23</u>			
South West Play Ltd	Pull-up Ropes for Play Area	£ 135.60	Chq 1832
	Total	£ 135.60	
 <u>Invoices payable</u>			
Sarah Moore	September Expenses	£ 220.19	Chq 1833
Evis Ground	Grass Cutting - September		
Maintenance		£ 575.54	Chq 1834
Somerset Association	Affiliation Fees for 2023/24		
Of Local Councils		£ 195.58	Chq 1835
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/23	£ 252.00	Chq 1836
	Total	£1,243.31	
<p>The Clerk asked if an additional payment could be added to this month's payments. This was to Terry Harper for a new padlock for the recreation ground gate totalling £38.98. This was agreed. This was paid under cheque no. 1837.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.</p> <p>23/134/c <u>Other:</u></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to pay up to £45 to the Royal British Legion towards the payment of the wreath for Remembrance Service once a request had been submitted to the Parish Council</p>			
23/135 PLANNING			
23/135/a <u>Planning Information</u>			
None declared.			
23/135/b <u>Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:</u>			
23/02447/CLB – application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed refurbishment of windows – 11a Middle Street, Montacute TA15 6UZ – no observations required			
23/135/c <u>Planning Decisions and Reports</u>			
<u>Decisions:</u>			
23/01715/FUL – change of use of land to residential, erection of a detached garage to front of dwelling and the erection of two detached outbuildings comprising of a workshop and potting shed to rear of dwelling – Ridsdale, Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH – permitted with conditions			
A discussion was held about existing white lines near the school exit in Townsend that had been overpainted yellow by a resident. It was agreed to add this to the items to be discussed at the Highways meeting.			
22/03504/LBC - Modify a wall junction detail located at the east side of the north wall; Lift copings over rear extensions, line parapet with lead flashing and rebed coping; Re-roof flat roof; Replace first floor rear bedroom window; Re-roof rear porch; Extend structural window opening to allow new door opening at rear porch; Install wall membranes across rear ground floor rooms; Install stud wall and boxing at first floor ensuite; Remove cement plaster from entrance lobby wall; Install mechanical ventilation; Install secondary glazing – 5 South Street, Montacute TA15 6XD – approved			
<u>Reports:</u>			
23/02242/TCA – notification of intent to fell no. 1 tree within a conservation area – 3 The Borough, Montacute, TA15 6XB – awaiting decision			
23/02294/DOC1 – discharge of conditions no.03 (repointing) and no. 05 (staircase) of planning application 21/03340/LBC – 25 The Borough, Montacute TA15 6XB – awaiting decision			
			Clerk

<p>21/03731/FUL & 21/03732/LBC – conversion of the former piggery to dual use as a self-contained residential annexe to the principal farmhouse and a holiday let – Abbey Farm, Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6UA – awaiting decision.</p> <p>20/00991/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the residential development of land for up to 17 no. dwellings – Land at Mason Lane, Montacute –awaiting decision.</p>	
<p>23/136 <u>GOVERNANCE</u></p> <p>None declared</p>	
<p>23/137 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>A letter had been received from a resident regarding the amount of anti-social behaviour in Lower Hyde Road. A discussion was held, and it was agreed to write to Abri to request they look into the matter, and to the police requesting that a PCSO attend a parish council meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>23/138 <u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u></p> <p>Christmas tree lighting event</p>	
<p>23/139 <u>DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</u></p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.58pm. The next meeting will be held in the village hall at 7pm on Wednesday, 15th November 2023.</p>	