

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

19/132/a PRESENT:

Members Mrs C Saint (Chairman), Mrs A Gihon (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Folkard, Mr R Folkard, Mrs K Harper, Mr M Inglett, Mrs J Kelly, Mrs M Mansi, Mr D Warry and Mrs M Wilson

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

19/132/b APOLOGIES:

Mr R Littlefield, Mr Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor), Mr Paul Rowsell (District Councillor) Mr Charlie Hull (District Councillor) and Mr M Keating (County Councillor)

The Clerk reported Cllr Warry would be late due to work commitments

19/133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Gihon declared an interest in matters relating to the Sheep Wash, Triangle Trust and the Village Hall,

Cllr Harper declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall and the W.I.

Cllr Mansi declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall,

Cllr Saint declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall

19/134 PUBLIC SESSION:

A resident asked for an update regarding the setting up of a Speedwatch team. There had been no response from Chilthorne Domer, and it was agreed to put another request in the village magazine. Cllr Saint agreed to contact Cllr Rowsell to arrange a joint village team. **Action Clerk & Cllr Saint**

The resident also asked whether the signage next to the church would be tidied up. Cllr Folkard agreed to talk to the National Trust. **Action Cllr Folkard**

Representatives from the Plymouth Brethren said that they had purchased the site behind the allotments and were struggling to get utility services on to the site. They asked whether they could go across the allotment site. The parish council had already spoken with allotment holders and as the plots had already been planted the holders had not agreed. The Plymouth Brethren offered to install another water trough in the allotment site and give support at any village event. It was agreed to put this item on a future agenda to discuss this matter further.

19/135 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

19/135/a Cllrs Capozzoli, Rowsell and Hull:

No report given.

19/135/b Cllr Keating:

Cllr Keating's reports for August and September had been circulated to all councillors.

19/136 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

There were amendments to the minutes.

Minute ref: 19/111/a & b – Mrs J Kelly was not at the meeting; *Minute ref: 19/120* – should read 'Cllr Gihon said that she and Cllr Harper...' and; *Minute ref: 19/126* – should read 'Cllr Folkard said some residents have asked....'

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr Harper Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting were signed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr Gihon Seconded: Cllr Harper agreed unanimously

19/137 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

19/137/a Review of Actions List

The Action Report from the previous minutes was reviewed:

- S106 application for the play area: SSDC have confirmed that a business plan is not required to go with this application. **Action Clerk**
- Removal of dropped kerb in Middle Street: Highways have submitted the work order.
- Speed Indicator Device: Only definite quote has been received. This item is ongoing **Action Clerk**

(Cllr Warry entered the meeting)

- Planter obstructing road in Townsend: Cllr Inglett agreed to contact Highways **Action Cllr Inglett**
- Additional signatories for NatWest: The forms required signatures and personal information.
- Pedestrian warning sign in Station Road: Cllr Inglett agreed to contact Highways **Action Cllr Inglett**
- Surfacing outside the church: It was confirmed that the area 1 metre from the boundary of the property is the responsibility of the owner. Cllr Saint agreed to contact the churchwarden. **Action Cllr Saint**
- Weeds in Wash Lane – village hall to Bishopston: Cllr Warry agreed to contact the resident to check where their boundary was. **Action Cllr Warry**
- Speed enforcement along 20mph: it was agreed to contact the police. **Action Cllr Wilson**

19/138 RECREATION GROUND PAVILION PROJECT:

Following the site meeting with the National Trust and the SSDC Planner, the National Trust have now approved the new location for the pavilion. A discussion was held regarding a ready-made building and it was agreed to gauge the opinion of the architect. It was agreed to hold a working party meeting to discuss the possibility

19/139 HIGHWAYS:

19/139/a Road Closure

The road in Stoke sub Hamdon along East Stoke at the junction of Windsor Lane will be closed around 9th October for approximately 2 weeks. This is to allow the Duchy of Cornwall to carry out repairs to the retaining wall.

19/139/b Traffic Regulation Order

Cllrs Saint, Inglett, Warry and Wilson declared an interest in the TRO.

Notification of the TRO for South Somerset has been received. The map shows new line marking in Yeovil Road, South Street, Back Lane and Townsend. Councillors thought the amount of line marking in Yeovil Road and part of Back Lane could cause an issue at school drop off and pick up times where vehicles would park on the grass verge opposite the garage which in turn would obscure the visibility splay. It was agreed to contact Highways. **Action Clerk**

18/139/c Fingerposts

Somerset County Council have sent through a notification stating if any volunteers carry out maintenance work to the fingerpost signs, they would need to attend the training workshop on 4th October in Somerton. Also, any volunteers are required to be covered by SCC's Health & Safety policies and must be covered by the parish council's insurance. Insurance cover will be invalidated if any unqualified person carries out maintenance work.

19/140 GROUND MAINTENANCE

A progress report was given regarding the 'Economy of Scale' project and a working party meeting has been arranged for 3rd October. An update will be given at the next parish council meeting.

19/141 WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:

19/141/a Allotments

Councillors approved the amendments to the tenancy agreement.

Proposed: Cllr J Folkard Seconded: Cllr Inglett agreed unanimously

Cllr Gihon gave a progress report on the maintenance of the allotment site and asked councillors to approve the ordering of a skip so that the rubbish could be cleared. The Clerk reminded councillors that 3 estimates were required.

Action Cllr Gihon

The letter regarding the gate keys was passed to Cllr Gihon for circulation. Cllr Gihon confirmed that the gate would be now be locked and said the bill for the lock, keys and postage stamps totalled £138.96. The Clerk asked for the council to reimburse Cllr Gihon under the Finance section of the meeting. This was agreed.

An allotment holder had brought soil onto the site. It was agreed to write to them to get it removed.

The Allotment holders rent collection meeting has been booked for 29th February 2020 at 10am in the village hall. Allotment holders will be informed when their renewal letters are sent out.

Action Clerk

19/141/b National Trust

Cllr J Folkard had met with the National Trust's Operational Manager. The NT has confirmed that the hedges in Back Lane and by Myrtle Farm will be cut back during the winter and the stream in Lower Town should be cleared around the same time, but this may need consultation with the village. The NT have now cut the 'Triangle' back and will ask the tenant farmer to spray the nettles in the Park. The field next to the recreation ground will also be cut back and the Trust want to remove some trees from St Michaels Hill under their new management plan.

19/141/c Street Lighting

Cllr J Folkard said she reported that streetlight no. 10 in Bishopston was not working. This is scheduled to be fixed on 7th October.

19/141/d Triangle Trust

Cllr Warry reported the Triangle Trust will possibly provide funding for new equipment which will enable doctors to carry out small surgeries.

19/141/e Recreation Ground

The new lease with the National Trust is being drawn up and the Parish Council need to engage a solicitor to inspect the lease and to register it with the Land Registry. Three companies have been approached: Stoke & Partners - £750 plus VAT, £40 for the Land Registry fee and £350 for the local search; Batten Solicitors - £180 plus VAT per hour which could mean a fee of £500 plus VAT but could rise to around £800 plus VAT and; Porter Dodson – would not quote unless they had details of the lease. As there were only two quotes it was agreed to approach another solicitor. As this matter is urgent it was agreed to email the information of the new quote for approval and to report at the next meeting.

A progress report was given regarding the demolition of the existing huts. A site meeting has been set up with Western Power Distribution and EDF Energy require a meter reading before they will remove the meter. Cllr R Folkard agreed to take this.

The National Trust have approved a temporary building being put up for the interim period.

(Cllr Inglett left the meeting)

However, it was decided that this would not be cost effective.

(Cllr Inglett re-joined the meeting)

It was previously mentioned that the goal posts would need replacing. It was agreed to contact the groundsman to inspect and repaint them.

It was agreed that the two seats which were removed from the recreation ground could be installed in the play area.

19/141/f Footpaths

The overgrown footpath Y17/12 near Batemore has been cut back and, a volunteer has offered to cut back some footpaths.

Cary Traders have cut most of the verges back but did not go up to the parish boundary in Montacute Road. Cllr Inglett agreed to contact them.

Action Cllr Inglett

19/141/g Other

Nothing declared

19/142 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cllr Saint gave her report:

- Highways will be repairing the drain in Townsend.
- The Flower Festival was a success and a photograph has been put on the website.
- A thank you letter needs to be sent to the resident who assisted with the hut clearance

CMS Builders (Somerset) Ltd	Repairs to Recreation Ground Fence	£ 42.00	Chq 1573
National Trust	Land Rent – Recreation Ground	£ 100.00	Chq 1574
	Sub Total	£ 2,714.88	

Proposed: Cllr J Folkard Seconded: Cllr Mansi agreed unanimously

Ann Gihon	Reimbursement - Allotment Gate Keys	£ 138.96	Chq 1575
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Proposed: Cllr Harper Seconded: Cllr Kelly agreed unanimously

Cheques number 1570 and 1575 were passed to Cllrs Saint and Gihon respectively.

19/144/c Other

19/145 **PLANNING:**

19/145/a Planning Information

No report given.

19/145/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

19/02002/LBC – the carrying out of internal alterations by forming an opening in an internal wall with alterations to loose box panelling of the stable block - Park House, Lower Town, Montacute TA15 6UN – no observations or objections

19/145/c Planning Decisions and Reports

i. Decisions

19/0188/TCA – notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to no2 trees within a Conservation Area – Shoemakers House, Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH – application permitted

ii. Reports

18/04084/FUL – erection of a new pavilion – Montacute Recreation Ground, Montacute Road, Montacute - awaiting decision

19/146 **GOVERNANCE:**

No report given.

19/147 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Somerset County Council Road Safety team run a presentation for older drivers called Route 60+. The talk is aimed at keeping older drivers driving safely for longer. It was agreed to put a piece in the magazine and contact SCC and the village hall to arrange a presentation. **Action Clerk**

19/148 **MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

It was agreed to send the Bonfire committee a recreation ground agreement prior to the Bonfire event. It was agreed to ask the groundsman to repaint the table in the play area.

The next VE Day 75 meeting will be held on 23rd September in the village hall.

Cllr Gihon asked Cllr Saint to visit the allotment site. An allotment holder has cleared the fence line and would like some planting for that area to arranged.

A defibrillator sign needs to go on the telephone box. It was agreed to get quotes. **Action Clerk**

19/149 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

To allow Plymouth Brethren to go across allotment site for their utility services.

19/150 **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.20pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21st October 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.