

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2017 IN BAPTIST CHAPEL

17/130/a PRESENT:

Members: Mr V Baker (Chairman), Mrs C Saint (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Folkard, Mrs A Gihon, Mrs A Jewell-Harrison, Mr H Marsh, Mr M Sampson, Mrs L Siegle and Mr D Warry
Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), Mr M Keating (County Councillor) and 5 members of the public

17/130/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs J Roundell Greene (District Councillor) and the PCSO

17/131 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Folkard declared an interest in matters relating to the village hall.

17/132 PUBLIC SESSION:

A resident complained about the poor state of repair of the street light attached to the end of their cottage and stated that the power has been cut off and they would like it removed. The Clerk commented that the parish council have no control over the street lights and that they are the responsibility of the County Council. Cllr Keating agreed to look into getting it removed.

A resident asked for an update on the 20mph limit. Cllr Baker said that this was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting. The resident also said that they had a discussion with an allotment holder who was concerned about the condition of the allotments. The Clerk said that the allotment holder needs to discuss this with the parish council themselves. A resident asked if the 'H' bar line mark outside Wash Lane could be extended by about 6-8ft. The Clerk said that a meeting had been arranged with the County Council so would raise the issue then.

Action Clerk

17/133 PCSO REPORT:

No report given.

17/134 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

17/134/a Cllr Roundell Greene:

No report received.

17/134/b Cllr Keating:

Cllr Keating's report had been circulated to councillors

Cllr Keating said that there is a meeting at the beginning of November where he will be able to discuss looking at different ways to bring about the fruition of a 20mph limit in the village. Unfortunately this will not be achieved via a Small Improvements Scheme.

Cllr Keating commented that he will be asking for the policy on the brown information signs to be reviewed. Cllr Keating commented on a brown sign for the Kings Arms and the Clerk asked if the brown sign at the top of the link road could be altered as the amenities in Stoke sub Hamdon mentioned are no longer in existence.

Cllr Keating asked the Clerk to contact Rights of Way regarding the request to put a footpath sign on the fingerpost in Middle Street.

Action Clerk

Cllr Keating requested a copy of the 20mph survey so that he could gauge the overall feeling of the village.

(Cllr Keating left the meeting)

17/135 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minute ref: 17/119/a – It was agreed to amend the sentence to read ‘...the Trustees have unlimited liability’.

Minute ref: 17/119/a – It was agreed to remove the sentence ‘....to be used for the pantomimes.’

Minute ref: 17/121/c – It was agreed to amend the sentence to read ‘SCC confirmed that these were already fixed.’

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Saint

agreed unanimously

17/136 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

17/136/a Review of Actions List

The Clerk reviewed the items on the Action List:

- Footpath sign on fingerpost in Middle Street – It was agreed to contact R.O.W.
Action Clerk
- Highway list was email to Cllr Keating – a site meeting has been arranged.
- Various issues in Middle Street – a site meeting has been arranged with Highways.
Action Clerk
- Installation of dog bin on grass verge in Yeovil Road – awaiting response from Streetscene.
Action Clerk
- 20mph scheme - awaiting more information from SCC
Action Cllr Keating
- Poor condition of footway between village and A3088 link road - discuss with Cllr Keating at site meeting
Action Cllr Keating
- Contact independent fundraiser to attend parish council meeting.
Action Cllr Siegle
- Bonfire night event – this will no longer be a parish council event. The Carnival Committee has kindly offered to fund the event and donations will go towards the new sporting facilities.
- Street light attached to Abbey Cottage – Cllr Keating seeking to get it removed.
Action Cllr Keating
- Grant for replacement bulbs for verge in Yeovil Road. Awaiting response from Wales & West Utilities.
Action Clerk

Cllr Saint suggested setting up working parties to alleviate the Clerk of the some of the work. The Clerk said that the working parties need to be for specific projects or jobs.

17/137 HIGHWAYS:

17/137/a Resurfacing Work on A303

The Clerk said that the resurfacing work will take place on the eastward side of the A303 throughout October until the beginning of November. This will take place overnight so there will be minimal disruption.

17/137/b Gully Cleansing Map

Councillors had been supplied with a gully cleansing map for the Coker Division. This shows the frequency classifications of when Highways will carry out gully cleansing.

17/137/c Other Issues

Cllr Baker mentioned that the grit bin which was situated at Hyde Road/Station Road. A discussion was held and it was agreed to contact Yarlinton Housing Group to ask permission to put a grit bin on the edge of the garden of 2 Hyde Road.
Action Clerk

Cllr Warry agreed to check the level of road salt in the grit bins in Park View, Hollow Lane and Lower Hyde Road and to report back to Cllr Baker.
Action Cllr Warry

Cllr Siegle mentioned that cars are parking over the hydrant in Townsend and was concerned about emergency vehicle access.

Cllr Saint commented on the overgrown vegetation from residents' properties overhanging onto the public footway throughout the village. It was agreed to put an article in the magazine asking residents to keep overhanging vegetation cut back.
Action Clerk

17/138 WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:

17/138/a Allotments

Cllr Gihon said that another person was interested in taking on an allotment. Cllr Gihon and the Clerk will liaise regarding the welcome pack.
Action Cllr Gihon & Clerk

Business Reserve Account	£ 52,958.31
Sports Project Reserve Account	£ 16,183.70
Total	£ 69,392.01
Outstanding Cheques	£ 2,682.90
Total as Cash Book	£ 66,709.11

ii. Quarterly Budget Comparison

The Comparison of Budget report had been circulated to all members. The report shows the annual budget and the expenditure for the financial year 2017/18. The report does not include the ring-fenced money held in the Sports Project reserve account. This is the second quarter report showing expenditure as at 30th September 2017. The report shows parish council spending is on budget.

iii. Annual Audit Report

Grant Thornton's report stated that the Parish council approved the Accounting Statement before the Annual Governance Statement and did not follow mandatory 'proper practices'. Therefore Grant Thornton considered that the council did not comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

iv. Finance Committee – Budget 2018/19 Meeting

It was agreed the Finance Committee would meeting to discuss the budget on 9th November.

17/141/b Cheques for Signature

Sarah Moore	Expenses for September	£ 39.80	Chq 1459
K M Dike Nurseries	Grass Cutting	£ 386.50	Chq 1460
Montacute Baptist Chapel	Hire of Chapel - September	£ 25.00	Chq 1461
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation	£ 35.00	Chq 1462
<i>(Local Government Act 1972 s.137)</i>			
Paull & Co Ltd	Christmas Tree	£ 130.00	Chq 1463
National Trust	Rent – Recreation Ground	£ 100.00	Chq 1464
HMRC	2 nd Qtr PAYE	£ 215.40	Chq 1465
	Total	£ 997.86	

Proposed: Cllr Jewell-Harrison Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

The Clerk passed the cheque 1461 for Montacute Baptist Chapel to Cllr Saint and cheque 1462 for Royal British Legion and cheque 1463 for Paull & Co Ltd to Cllr Baker.

17/141/c Matters for Resolution

None declared.

17/142 PLANNING:

17/142/a Planning Information:

Cllr Warry reported on the planning workshop that was held by SSDC. Cllr Saint said it was very informative. The Clerk said she had received a power point presentation which she will forward on to all members. Action Clerk

17/142/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

17/02732/DPO – application to vary S106 agreement between SSDC and Melanie Anne Quantock Shuldhham dated 11th July 2014 relating to affordable housing – land west of Stanchester Academy, Montacute Road, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon - This application by Arc Homes for the discharge of both the affordable housing obligation and the developer' contribution was "called-in" to the Area North Committee for discussion and decision. The Committee meeting was held on 27th September at Edgar Hall, Somerton.

Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council drafted up a detailed objection statement quoting material planning considerations for inclusion in the papers to the Committee and representatives from Stoke PC attended the meeting to put forward this objection.

The good news is that the Area North Committee voted unanimously to go against the officer's recommendation to discharge the obligations. However, it is possible that Arc Homes will submit an appeal against this decision to the Planning Inspectorate. Normally, when a developer can prove to the District Valuer in a Viability Report that the site is unviable with the obligations in place, and the Local Planning Authority then rejects the discharge application, that decision will be overturned by the Inspectorate. However, the Committee made it clear that they would have expected Arc to have put forward some provision for a reduced obligation, and asked them to come back to District with suggestions ('Section 73 variations', which is the type of planning permission Arc got this year in May, normally require the s.106 to be re-negotiated - not discharged).

17/142/c **Planning Decisions and Reports**

Decisions:

17/03463/LBC – the insertion of 2 no conservation roof lights on north elevation of the dwelling – Myrtle Tree Farm, Back Lane, Montacute TA15 6XF – This application has been granted subject to 3 conditions

Reports:

The parish council are not required to comment on these applications:

17/03896/TCA – notification of intent to fell 1 no. tree within a conservation area – 38 Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6UX - application permitted

17/03940/TCA – notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to 2 no. trees within a conservation area – Montacute House, Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6XP - application permitted

17/03637/TCA – notification of intent to fell 1 no. tree within a conservation area – Catherine's Close, Middle Street, Montacute TA15 6UZ - application permitted

17/143 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None declared.

17/144 **MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Cllr Marsh raised a concern regarding the speed at which tractors are going through the village.

17/145 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

None

17/146 **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 20th November 2017 in the Baptist Chapel at 7pm.