

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL HALL

17/049/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 and Mr D Warry

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), Mr M Fysh (County Councillor) and no public

17/049/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs L Siegle, Mrs J Roundell Greene (District Councillor) and the PCSO

17/050 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

17/051 PUBLIC SESSION:

No reports given.

17/052 PCSO REPORT:

No report given.

17/053 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

17/053/a Cllr Roundell Greene:

The Clerk said that she had been asked by Cllr Roundell Greene to report that the Westland Sports and Leisure centre was now open.

17/053/b Cllr Fysh:

Cllr Fysh said that this was his last meeting as Montacute's county councillor and it was a shame that he could not resolve the issue of the 20mph speed limit. He commented that he has asked Somerset County Council to re-open the scheme as they did not have all the information at the Board meeting. Cllr Fysh said that the letter from the parish council had some very good arguments and that he would continue to 'fight the village's corner'.

Councillors commented on the feasibility report stating it had not taken into account the type of buildings in the village, the 120,000 visitors to Montacute House and the village and the schools. It was also mentioned that the positioning of SCC's black box indicators were in the wrong place and a true record of speeds could not be obtained.

Cllr Fysh said that the SCC's budget had been set and there were concerns regarding the cost of social care. The Chancellor has secured an extra £21 million for social care over 3 years in South Somerset. County are putting in place an industrial strategy which is an infrastructure led strategy and, they have LEP funding for Broadband.

Cllr Fysh said that he had secured match-funding with Leonardo Helicopters for research and design for un-manned aircraft and, will be fighting to get orders for Leonardo's.

(Cllr Fysh left the meeting)

17/054 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

An amendment was made to the back page of the minutes. It now reads:

'There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 10th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the Baptist Chapel.'

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

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

17/055 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

17/055/a Sporting Facilities

The Clerk reported that she had received some plans from the planner showing three possible adjustments to the agreed site which now needed to be sent to the arborculturalist in order to find out where the pavilion could be sited without too much disruption to the roots of the Cedar tree.

Action Clerk

17/055/b Play Area

The Clerk said that Cllr Siegle will be giving an update at the next meeting. Action Cllr Siegle

17/055/c 20mph Speed Limit

This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 17/053/b*.

17/055/d Village Hall

A discussion was held regarding the village hall and Cllr Baker confirmed that information had been provided to SSDC and it was agreed to send a copy of the declaration of trust etc. to SALC and CCS. Cllr Jewell-Harrison confirmed that nothing was signed at the meeting of 8th June 2015.

Action Clerk

17/055/e Grass Cutting Tender

The Clerk reported that she had received 3 tenders and they were from K M Dike Nurseries, Adam Barnett Community Maintenance and Countrywide Ground Maintenance. The grass cutting contract would be over three years and would cover the recreation ground and the allotment site. The Clerk read out the specifications and the prices for each tender. The prices are as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Year One (£)</u>	<u>Year Two (£)</u>	<u>Year Three (£)</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
K M Dike	3,985.00	4,045.00	4,126.00	12,156.00
Adam Barnett	5,410.00	5,550.00	5,690.00	16,650.00
Countrywide	5,950.80	6,114.00	6,282.00	18,346.80

A discussion was held and it was agreed to stay with the existing contractor K M Dike Nurseries.

Proposed: Cllr Saint

Seconded: Cllr Folkard

Agreed unanimously

17/055/f Historic Film Night

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the July meeting.

Action Clerk

17/056 HIGHWAYS:

17/056/a Temporary Road Closure

The Clerk reported that the road along Ham Hill Road from the junction with Old Road and East Chinnock Road, northwards for a distance of 100 metres will be closed for 1 day on 30th April in order for BT Openreach to install a new telegraph pole.

17/056/b Wash Lane/Middle Street

The Clerk reported that the meeting between Highways, the Police and the Parish Council had been cancelled as a result of an email to Highways from a resident. However Highways did meet with that resident to discuss issues which should have been discussed by the original three parties. The Clerk relayed a conversation that she had with the police over this matter and it was agreed for the Clerk to contact Highways.

Action Clerk

17/057 WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:

17/057/a Allotments

Cllr Gihon said that she had rented out a couple of plots. She also mentioned that she had the number signs for the plots. The Clerk reported that she would be sending out the rent reminders soon. Cllr Gihon asked if anyone had any ideas for posters etc.

Cllr Folkard said that she had been asked whether bee hives could be kept on the allotments. The Clerk said that this was not possible due to the safety aspect. Cllr Sampson concurred with this.

17/057/b National Trust

Cllr Jewell-Harrison said that she had nothing to report as she has been unable to get a meeting with the Trust's manager.

17/057/c Street Lighting

Cllr Folkard had nothing to report.

17/057/d Speedwatch

The Clerk gave the results of the recent Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D.) report. The figures collated show how many vehicles were travelling at different speeds in Yeovil Road between 14th March and 28th March. The results are as follows:

< 30mph	7,796
< 40mph	7,313
< 50mph	463
> 50mph	18

Median:	29mph
85% Percentile:	35mph
Total no vehicles.	15,590

17/057/e Triangle Trust

Cllr Warry reported that the Trust is doing well towards its target.

17/057/f Recreation Ground

Cllr Marsh pointed out that some children had been seen climbing on one of the huts in the recreation ground and asked if a notice could go up on the hut.

17/057/g Footpaths

No report given.

17/058 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No report given.

17/059 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that SSDC have a Public Space Protection Order in place and that this replaces the Dog Control Orders. The parish council would need to apply for a PSPO and would need to meet specific criteria before SSDC would consider issuing the order.

17/060 FINANCE:

17/060/a Matters for Report

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2017:

Current Account	£ 460.00
Business Reserve Account	£ 38,091.94
Sports Project Reserve Account	£ 16,182.75
Total	£ 54,734.69
Outstanding Cheques	£ 5,032.41
Outstanding Credits	(£ 52.50)

Total as Cash Book £ 49,754.78

ii. Year End Budget Comparison

The Comparison of Budget report was circulated to all members. The report shows the annual budget and the expenditure for the financial year 2016/17. The report does not include the money held in the Sports Project reserve account. This is the year-end report showing expenditure as at 31st March 2017. The report shows the majority of areas showing an under spend with the exception of Staffing, Training, Subscriptions and Rent. However, the council are well within its budget expenditure for the year.

17/060/b **Cheques for Signature**

Sarah Moore	Expenses for March	£	21.00	Chq 1437
K M Dike Nurseries	Grass Cutting on Rec March	£	153.00	Chq 1438
Montacute Baptist Chapel	Hire of Hall	£	25.00	Chq 1439
HMRC	PAYE	£	<u>143.80</u>	Chq 1440
	Total	£	342.80	

Proposed: Cllr Folkard Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

The Clerk passed the cheque 1439 for Montacute Baptist Chapel to Cllr Saint.

17/060/c **Matters for Resolution**

None declared.

17/061 **PLANNING:**

17/061/a **Planning Information:**

No reports given.

17/061/b **Report on Applications:**

17/01508/FUL – demolish existing kitchen and erect replacement single storey extension to the rear of dwelling – 36 Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH – No observations or objections.

17/061/c **Report on Applications Considered**

None declared.

17/062 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None declared.

17/063 **MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Cllr Jewell-Harrison asked for an update on the complaint regarding the footpath near Abbey Farm. The Clerk said that she had reported this on 8th January 2017 and made the suggestion that the footpath sign go on the fingerpost in Middle Street but she had not received a reply. Cllr Jewell-Harrison said that Montacute House has received complaints from their visitors. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Warry mentioned that cars are parking in front of Montacute House's direction sign in the Borough.

17/064 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Historic Film Night - July

'Children Crossing' sign

Churchyard

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on 15th May 2017 in the Baptist Chapel with the Annual Parish Council meeting starting at 7pm and the monthly meeting following on at 7.30pm.