

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2022
IN THE VILLAGE HALL



22/140/a PRESENT:

Members: Mrs C Saint (Chairman), Mrs L Drayton, Mr A McFarlane, Mr M Myram, Mr B Owen, and Mrs S Richings

Others: Mr Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor), Mrs S Moore (Clerk), and no members of the public

22/140/b APOLOGIES:

Mr J Davies, Mr T Harper, Mr D Warry, Mr Mike Hewitson (County and Unitary Authority Councillor) and Mr Oliver Patrick (County and Unitary Authority Councillor)

22/141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McFarlane declared an interest in planning application 21/03731/FUL & 21/03732/LBC

22/142 PUBLIC SESSION

None declared.

22/143 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

22/143/a District Councillor

Cllr Capozzoli said he had nothing to report

Cllr Saint reported that the news from Highways regarding Station Road was not positive and the stopping up of the rights of way could prove lengthy and costly. Both Cllrs Saint and Capozzoli said they would be happy to meet up with Highways to discuss this matter further
(Cllr Myram entered the meeting).

22/143/b County Councillor

No report received

22/144 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the October Parish Council meeting.

22/145 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Review of Actions List

- Christmas Tree Event: The tree had been ordered. Cllr Saint has tried contacting the resident about the electric supply without success. Alternatives were discussed. The Clerk has sourced some new lights for the tree and 3 sets of lights would cost £209.97. It was RESOLVED to purchase the 3 sets of lights. The Clerk asked if payment for these could go onto this month's list of payments. This was AGREED. **Action Clerk**
Cllr Saint explained the plan of action for the event and asked councillors for a donation towards the hamper. Cllr Owen agreed to liaise with the farmer on when the tree was going up in the Borough. **Action Cllr Owen**
- Dangerous Parking in Yeovil Road: It was reported that it was getting worse and that the police should visit to monitor the situation. It was suggested that the police should also monitor the dangerous parking in St Michaels View and by the King's Arms

22/146 EMERGENCY PLAN

There was no update given.

Action Cllrs Davies, Drayton & Richings

22/147 SPORTS & LEISURE

22/147/a Play Area & Recreation Ground

i. **Play Area**

Cllr Richings reported that the Chicken Springer has been broken off at ground level but does not appear to have been damaged maliciously. As this appears to be wear and tear, it is not

covered by the parish council's insurance. It was agreed to find out whether this item could be welded back together and if it would be covered by the relevant safety standards. **Action Clerk**

ii. Pavilion Project

A revised price has been received from Tuin for the building at a cost of £27,072.26 which includes delivery and VAT.

22/147/b Any Other Issues

None declared.

22/148 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

22/148/a Allotments

The new Tenancy Agreement and Allotment Rules had been circulated to councillors. It was RESOLVED to approve the new Tenancy Agreement and Allotment Rules.

Cllr McFarlane reported that the Wessex Water grant was closed for 2022.

22/148/b Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

22/148/c Footpaths

No report

22/148/d Ground Maintenance

No report

22/148/e Highways & Transport

i. Speed Indicator Device/Speedwatch

Cllr Myram gave his report on Speedwatch. Speedwatch sessions are going well and a couple more people have expressed an interest in volunteering.

ii. Transport Strategy Group

The survey was now complete, and it was agreed to circulate to the Transport Strategy Group.

It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Transport Strategy Group Terms of Reference.

iii. Drains

The Clerk reported that there was a damaged drain surround in South Street. This has now been repaired.

22/148/f National Trust

No report given.

Cllr Saint asked if Cllr McFarlane could find out when the National Trust will be cutting the hedges in Back Lane. The Clerk asked if the hedge in the recreation ground could be cut back as well.

Action Cllr McFarlane

22/148/g Street Lighting

No report

22/148/h Triangle Trust

No report.

22/148/i Any Other Issues

A discussion was held regarding the King's Coronation, and it was agreed to have a village picnic on the recreation ground on Monday 8th June. It was agreed to put an article in the magazine asking for help to organise the event.

Action Clerk

22/149 MEMBERS' & CLERK'S REPORTS

None declared.

22/150 FINANCE

22/150/a Matters for Report:

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the monthly bank reconciliation as of 31st October 2022:

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£60,907.73
Pavilion Reserve Account	<u>£21,285.57</u>
Total	£82,443.30
Outstanding Deposits	£ 0.00
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 1,533.72</u>

Total as Cash Book

£80,909.58

Ring-Fenced Amounts

Sports Pavilion	£44,304.53
Play Equipment	£ 7,796.85
Asset Management	£11,059.00
Allotment Rent & Donations	£ 554.29
Allotment New Plot Deposits	£ 475.00
Allotment Gate Key Deposits	£ 430.00
Defibrillator Accessories	£ 143.30
Spring Bulbs	<u>£ 26.50</u>
Total	<u>£61,234.04</u>

Budget Working Capital

£19,675.54

ii. National Trust Direct Debits Payment for Recreation Ground

The monthly invoice for November totally £29.17 each for the recreation ground lease had been received. This is paid by direct debit.

22/150/b Invoices Payable

Invoices Payable:

Sarah Moore	October Expenses	£ 219.99	Chq 1768
Evis Ground	Grass Cutting October	£ 388.88	Chq 1769
Maintenance			
Paull & Co Ltd	Christmas Tree	£ 174.00	Chq 1770
SSDC	Lengthsman Scheme - October	£ 384.14	Chq 1771
Sarah Moore	Reimbursement for Christmas Lights	<u>£ 209.97</u>	Chq 1772
	Total	<u>£ 1,376.98</u>	

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.

22/150/c Other Items for Resolution

The Budget for 2023/24 and Finance minutes were circulated to councillors. The Clerk explained the budget and a discussion was held. It was RESOLVED to approve the Budget for 2023/24 and the Finance minutes.

22/151 **PLANNING**

22/151/a Planning Information

None declared.

22/151/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

22/02921/TCA – notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery works to various trees within a Conservation Area – Phelips Arms, The Borough, Montacute TA15 6XB – The parish council are not required to comment on this application

22/03100/NMA – nonmaterial amendment to approved application 17/03526/FUL for the proposed change of a steel railing balcony to replace glass balcony proposal to be more in keeping with the property – The parish council are not required to comment on this application

22/151/c Planning Decisions and Reports

Decisions:

None.

Reports:

22/02798/DOC1 – discharge of Condition 4 (external walls) of planning application 21/03730/HOU – 20 Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH - awaiting decision

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.

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.

22/152 GOVERNANCE

No report given.

22/153 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

22/154 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Grass cutting contract.

King's Coronation

22/155 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.17pm. There is no meeting in December and the next meeting will be held in the village hall at 7pm on Wednesday, 18th January 2023.