

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

20/016a PRESENT:

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

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

20/016/b APOLOGIES:

Mr R Folkard, Mr M Inglett, Mr Paul Rowsell (District Councillor) and Mr M Keating (County Councillor)

20/017 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 Littlefield declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall,

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

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

20/018 PUBLIC SESSION:

There were no members of the public present.

20/019 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

20/019/a Cllr Capozzoli

Cllr Capozzoli explained there was a possibility of funding for community benefit which could go towards the pavilion. Cllr Capozzoli asked whether the parish is taking up the offer of free trees. It was explained that most of the land in and around Montacute belonged to the National Trust.

Questions were raised about the double yellow lining at Houndstone. Cllr Capozzoli confirmed that the lining will be carried out once the development has been completed.

20/019/b Cllr Keating:

Cllr Keating's report had been circulated to all councillors.

20/020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting.

20/021 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

20/021/a Review of Actions List

- Dropped Kerb in Middle Street: This work has still not been carried out despite Highways agreeing to carry out the work before the end of March 2019. It was AGREED to chase these again. Cllr Capozzoli asked for the information on this matter. **Action Clerk**
- Mobile Phone Mast: Mobile UK have been contacted but as yet no reply has been received. **Action Cllr Kelly**
- Security Gate: Cllr Littlefield said the gate is wide enough for a 3m vehicle, but it is the height that is a problem. The gate would need to be altered to accommodate.

(Cllr Capozzoli left the meeting)

20/022 SPORTS & LEISURE:

20/022/a Play Area & Recreation Ground:

A report had been circulated to all councillors.

i. Play Area

The Clerk confirmed that the play equipment had been ordered.

ii. Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed the disputed invoice for Yeovil Plant Hire has been sorted out and paid. The parish council have been advised that removing the concrete bases for the old huts would damage the roots of the Cedar trees and that it would be better to leave them in situ. It has been suggested to the National Trust that these could be used for seating areas and the parish council are waiting for their approval.

20/022/b Recreation Ground Pavilion Project:

The Pavilion Working Party met with the National Trust on 24th January where they confirmed they had no issues with the new location for the pavilion but stipulated that they would need access behind the building in order to maintain the hedge. The Trust also approved the colour, design and style of the building and discussions were held regarding the utilities.

Cllr Littlefield said the building plan he had received from Tuin was wrong and a new plan should be received within the week.

It was AGREED to obtain quotations from ground works contractors and Western Power Distribution and, to get an amended location plan. Once these have been obtained a planning application will be drawn up and sent to the Trust prior to being submitted to SSDC. **Action Cllr Saint & Clerk**

20/022/c Any Other Issues:

Cllr Saint said the VE Day meeting went well and relayed the proposed itinerary for the weekend.

Cllr Saint said a working party needed to be set up to go through the preparations. Cllr Saint said she has received several quotations for the hog roast.

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from the Kings Arms of £1,000 for 200 people.

Cllr Kelly asked whether the parish council would pay for the food for around 60 people for the Saturday evening's entertainment. A discussion was held and as it was previously agreed that there was only a small budget for the VE Day 75 celebrations, and that the council would only pay for the hog roast on the Friday this suggested was not approved.

It was RESOLVED not to fund the food for the Saturday.

20/023 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT:

A report had been circulated to all councillors

20/023/a Allotments:

Cllr Gihon reported the hiring of the skip has been delayed due to the inclement weather and the date will be confirmed at the allotment holders meeting. Cllr Gihon thanked Cllr Littlefield for making the new noticeboard and to Cllr Harper and her husband for cutting down the self-seeded Ash trees along the front fence line. Cllr Gihon asked if some new fruit yielding trees could be planted in their place.

This was AGREED and Cllr Gihon agreed to source some old variety types of trees. **Action Cllr Gihon**

20/023/b Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour:

No report given.

20/023/c Footpaths:

No report given

20/023/d Ground Maintenance:

No report given.

20/023/e Highways & Transport:

It was reported that vehicles were parking on the hatched markings on the corner near the post office.

It was AGREED to report it to Highways.

Action Clerk

Cllr Warry commented on the number of cars parked on the grass verge opposite the garage and asked if some hamstone could be go on the verge to stop the parking. Cllr Wilson AGREED to contact the school and ask them to put it in their newsletter.

Action Cllr Wilson

Cllr Warry reported a blocked drain in Yeovil Road. It was AGREED to contact Highways **Action Clerk**

20/023/f National Trust:

Cllr J Folkard reported the trees have been planted near the icehouse and the trees going behind the recreation ground will be planted in a week's time. Cllr Saint said the Trust have pruned the apple trees and removed the Elder from the orchard in Yeovil Road. However, nothing has been done about the vegetation in the properties in Wash Lane.

20/023/a Street Lighting:

No report given

20/023/g Triangle Trust:

Cllr Warry said the Triangle Trust have had their AGM.

20/023/a Any Other Issues:

None declared.

20/024 MEMBERS' & CLERK'S REPORTS

The Clerk reported that Boon Brown will be holding a consultation evening regarding a proposed development just behind the allotment site within the parish of Stoke sub Hamdon.

Cllr Gihon suggested the talk about the County Lines could be held during the Village Hall Coffee Morning.

Cllr Saint has received a report from the Speedwatch volunteer which states that the advert in the village magazine has yet to generate anymore volunteers and would like a discussion with the parish council on a way forward. The Clerk said Martock parish council hire out their S.I.D. and suggested talking to them. However, in the first instance locations needed to be found in the village and the parish council need to consult with SCC. It was AGREED to look at various locations. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk said she has received a donation from Stax of £186.50 to go towards accessories for the defibrillator. This money has been raised by donations to Stax's Christmas lights in the yard and knitted Christmas items which were given to them to sell for charity. It was AGREED to send a thank you letter to Stax and to the couple who make the Christmas items and, to put a thank you in the village magazine. **Action Clerk**

20/025 FINANCE:

20/025/a Matters to Report

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2020:

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£47,587.93
Pavilion Reserve Account	<u>£21,248.30</u>
Total	£69,086.23
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 2,058.08</u>
Total As Cash Book	£67,028.15

Ring-Fenced Amounts

Sports Pavilion	£28,764.25
Play Equipment	£10,649.00
Allotment New Plot Deposits	£ 50.00
Allotment Gate Key Deposits	£ 300.00
Spring Bulbs	<u>£ 100.00</u>
Total	£39,863.25

Budget Working Capital **£27,164.90**

ii. VAT Reclaim

The Clerk reported the VAT reclaim of £2,621.66 has been submitted.

20/025/b Cheques for Signature

Tuin	Supply of pavilion drawing (paid 24.01.2020)	£ 100.00	Chq 1602
Purple Hire Solutions	Hire of Security Fencing (paid 03.02.2020)	£ 555.60	Chq 1603
Sarah Moore	Expenses for January	£ 104.00	Chq 1604
K M Dike Nurseries	Grass Cutting – January	£ 412.00	Chq 1605
Roy Littlefield	Lockable Cabinet for Allotments	<u>£ 100.00</u>	Chq 1606
	Sub Total	£ 1,371.60	

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.

20/025/c Other

No report given.

20/026 **PLANNING:**

20/026/a Planning Information

No report given.

20/026/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

20/00348/LBC – Listed buildings consent for the improvement of 2 no. internal doors on second floor – Montacute House, Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6XP – no observations or objections

20/026/c Planning Decisions and Reports

i. Decisions

19/028511/LBC – The carrying out of internal and external alterations including replacement windows to first floor east elevation, replace window with door, new flume pipe and fenestration, internal alterations including new staircase and openings - 43 Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6UX – application permitted

20/00280/NMA – Non-material amendment to approval 19/03126/HOU to allow hipped roof design in substitution of approved gable design – 14 Yeovil Road, Montacute TA15 6XG – application refused

ii. Reports

20/00336/S73 – Application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning approval 19/03126/HOU to allow hipped roof design in substitution of approved gable design – 14 Yeovil Road, Montacute TA15 6XG – awaiting decision

20/027 **GOVERNANCE:**

No report given.

20/028 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk has received a letter of complaint about the article in the magazine about the gas and electric top ups which only stated that they were available at Norton Post Office and did not include the post office in the village. The Clerk said she has put an apology in the village magazine and will write to the owners at Stax.

Action Clerk

20/029 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

VE Day 75

20/030 **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th March 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.