

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022
IN THE VILLAGE HALL



22/016/a PRESENT:

Members: Mr B Bevan-Davies, Mrs J Folkard, Mr R Folkard, Mr R Littlefield, M Myram, Mr D Warry and Mrs M Wilson

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk) and 1 members of the public

22/016/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs C Saint (Chairman), Mrs A Gihon (Vice Chairman), Mr J Davies, Mr Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor) and Mr M Keating (County Councillor).

As Cllrs Saint and Gihon had sent their apologies it was RESOLVED that Cllr Warry would stand as Acting-Chairman for the meeting.

22/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bevan-Davies declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Magazine.

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

22/018 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident said now that the country is coming through the pandemic, residents and organisations need to be conscience of everyone's health and wellbeing. The resident felt that residents need to be encouraged to carry out more outdoor pursuits and to take up allotments especially as food prices are increasing. The resident also mentioned that she had been growing buddleias so they could be planted in the allotments. The Clerk confirmed allotments are advertised when there are vacancies and suggested that the resident discuss their ideas with Cllr Gihon as she is responsible for the allotments.

(Cllr Wilson entered the meeting)

22/019 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

22/019/a District Councillor

No report received.

22/019/b County Councillor

No report received.

22/020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

22/021 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Review of Actions List

- Dangerous parking in Yeovil Road – Cllr Wilson said she will make an appointment with the school to find out whether they can talk to parents about the parking issue in Back Lane and on the grass verge opposite the garage. It was pointed out that the daffodils were planted in memoriam of a Montacute resident. **Action Cllr Wilson**
- Planter around the fingerpost – The Clerk said she still needed to contact Highways about this. Concerns were also made about the height of the post and the Clerk said she would contact Somerset Forge. **Action Clerk**
- Defibrillator signs – Cllr Littlefield had sourced a sign which is specifically for repurposed phone boxes from X2 Connect Ltd at a cost of £20.30 excluding VAT and delivery. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to purchase 3 signs. **Action Clerk**

22/022 SPORTS & LEISURE

22/022/a Play Area & Recreation Ground

No play inspection report had been received.

22/022/b Recreation Ground Pavilion Project – Progress Report.

Cllr Littlefield said he was still waiting for some of the quotes for the building and groundworks. The Clerk reported the working party group had met with the National Trust's Lead Ranger to discuss a landscaping scheme and the Lead Ranger has agreed to produce a phased scheme for the Parish Council free of charge. The Clerk said she was waiting for the Arboricultural Method Statement to arrive. Cllr J Folkard thought the cost of this Statement was only £375 and not £600. The Clerk said it was explained at the last meeting that the initial report would cost £375 and whilst the work was going ahead a 'watching brief' would be required at the beginning, middle and at the end of the project at a cost of £75 each time. This brings the total cost up to £600.

A discussion was held, and it was agreed once all the costs had been received and before any work commences to find out from residents whether they would still like the parish council to proceed with this project.

22/022/c Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

22/022/d Any Other Issues

None declared

22/023 **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

22/023/a Allotments

No report received.

22/023/b Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

22/023/c Footpaths

No report received.

22/023/d Ground Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the groundsman had met with Cllrs Saint and Gihon and the Clerk to discuss the possible missed cuts reported at the previous meeting. The groundsman had provided proof that one cut had been missed but had carried out an additional cut later in the year at no extra cost. In future the groundsman agreed to mark on his invoices how many cuts had been carried out.

22/023/e Highways & Transport

Speed Indicator Device/Speedwatch

Cllr Myram said unfortunately he was not available to attend the training session and the Clerk agreed to arrange another date. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Myram gave a report on the Speedwatch. He said that the 3 remaining volunteers will have their training with the police. The Speedwatch team have been out twice and 17 people have been caught speeding.

22/023/f National Trust

Cllr J Folkard said there was nothing to report.

22/023/g Street Lighting

Cllr J Folkard said there was nothing to report.

22/023/h Triangle Trust

Cllr Warry said the Triangle Trust are negotiating with the Symphony Group on a dedicated transport scheme for patients.

22/023/i Any Other Issues

None declared.

22/024 **MEMBERS' & CLERK'S REPORTS**

Cllrs J & R Folkard said they wanted it minuted that they did not agree with the council's decision to increase the precept.

22/025 **FINANCE**

22/025/a Matters for Report:

i. **Monthly Bank Reconciliation**

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

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£48,399.79
Pavilion Reserve Account	£21,265.74
Total	£69,915.53
Outstanding Deposits	£ 0.00
Less Outstanding Cheques	£ 1,122.23
Total as Cash Book	£68,793.30

Ring-Fenced Amounts

Sports Pavilion	£37,608.12
Play Equipment	£ 4,241.42
Allotment New Plot Deposits	£ 450.00
Allotment Gate Key Deposits	£ 430.00
Defibrillator Accessories	£ 186.50
Fingerpost Donations	£ 1,525.00
Spring Bulbs	£ 100.00
Total	£44,541.04

Budget Working Capital **£24,252.26**

ii. National Trust Direct Debits Payments for Recreation Ground

The invoice for the direct debit payment of £29.17 for February has been received.

22/025/b For Resolution

i. Invoices Payable:

Sarah Moore	January Expenses	£ 125.57	Chq 1719
Evis Ground	Grass Cutting January plus an additional	£ 523.88	Chq 1720
Maintenance	cut		
	Total	£ 649.45	

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.

ii. Other:

The Clerk said her membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks is due for renewal at the beginning of March. This organisation provides HR advice, training and information for Clerks. The cost of the annual subscription is £171, and the Clerk asked if the council would be willing to pay half of this cost. It was RESOLVED to pay half the cost.

22/026 **PLANNING**

22/026/a Planning Information

None declared.

22/026/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

21/03340/LBC – internal and external alterations and associated works - 25 The Borough, Montacute TA15 6XB – this application is with the Planning Working Group for consideration

22/026/c Planning Decisions and Reports

i. Decisions:

21/03730/HOU – single storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling – 20 Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH – approved

21/02748/ADV – the display of 3 non-illuminated signs – Montacute House, Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6XP – approved

ii. Reports:

22/00020/TCA – notification to fell no. 1 tree with a Conservation Area – 3 Yeovil Road, Montacute TA15 6XG – 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
- This application is still awaiting decision. No further information is shown on SSDC website since December

22/027 GOVERNANCE

The Clerk reported on the timetable of proceedings for the election on 5th May and said she should have the nomination forms for councillors by the next meeting.

22/028 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received

22/029 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None declared

22/030 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.10pm. The next parish council meeting will be held in the village hall at 7pm on Monday, 21st March 2022.