

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2019 IN BAPTIST CHAPEL

19/019/a PRESENT:

Members: Mr V Baker (Chairman), Mrs C Saint (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Folkard, Mrs A Gihon, Mrs K Harper, Mrs M Mansi and Mr H Marsh

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), Tony Capozzoli, Christopher Hardy, Alex Priest (SSDC) and no members of the public

19/019/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs A Jewell-Harrison, Mr R Littlefield, Mr D Warry, Mrs J Roundell Greene (District Councillor) and Mr M Keating (County Councillor)

19/020 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

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.

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

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

19/021 PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr Capozzoli explained that due to the Boundary changes Montacute will come under Area East after the council elections in May and that Montacute will be part of a three-member Ward of Northstone, Ivelchester and St Michael (NIST). Messrs Capozzoli, Hardy and Priest will be standing for this Ward at the May elections.

The Clerk said that she had circulated the SSDC brief to councillors and Mr Capozzoli suggested putting the SSDC brief in the village magazine so that residents are prepared prior to the elections.

19/022 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

19/022/a Cllr Roundell Greene:

No report received

19/022/b Cllr Keating:

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

- Winter Gritting: The impact of the recent decision to cut some gritting routes will be reviewed in May.
- School Funding: All Somerset schools will receive an increase in their funding in 2019. Somerset is the lowest funded local authority for education in England and SCC will continue to lobby the Department of Education and the Treasury to recognise and re-balance.
- Volunteering can open up career opportunities, provide valuable experience etc. The new SCC volunteer web address

19/023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minute ref: 19/002 Cllr Saint's declaration of interest was removed.

The Clerk said that she had amended *Minute ref: 19/004/a* to read 'Cllr Marsh asked why the parking was being removed.....'

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr Gihon Seconded: Cllr Harper 1 abstained; 4 agreed

19/0024 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

19/024/a Review of Actions List

The Clerk reviewed the items on the Action List:

- Defibrillator – The Clerk reported the defibrillator had not been installed as the mains cover in the kiosk is damaged. A new cover could cost £100 plus VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Gihon Seconded: Cllr Mansi agreed unanimously#

- Extension to recreation ground lease – A meeting with the National Trust has been arranged and will be reported on at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**
- A warning sign needs to be erected on the hut to stop youths climbing on the roof. Cllr Baker said that this item is ongoing. **Action Cllr Baker**
- Removal of gas supply to huts – This is ongoing **Action Clerk**
- Play Area – apply for Community Grant – This item is still ongoing **Action Cllr Saint**
- Overgrown footpath to A3088 – This is to be reported to Highways **Action Clerk**
- Cars parking on the verges in Yeovil Road at school drop off and pick up times – Despite the police speaking to the vehicle owners' cars are still parking on the grass verge. It was suggested to place hamstone pieces around the edge of the verge. Cllr Saint agreed to contact Highways. **Action Cllr Saint**
- Completion of s106 application – this is ongoing **Action Cllr Saint & Clerk**
- Contact the groundsman about planting bulbs and wild flowers. SSDC have confirmed that the village will be included in the parish list for the autumn and has asked what the parish council would like planted. It was suggested that more daffodils were planted along the verge between the wall and fence by the recreation ground and, bulbs and a mix of wild flowers to be planted in the verge along Yeovil Road and around the village stone **Action Clerk**
- Travellers at the bottom of Station Road - Cllr Folkard has spoken to SCC and the Clerk has emailed SCC, the police and Cllr Keating. **Action Cllr Folkard & Clerk**
- Double Yellow Lines in Middle Street – It was agreed to contact Highways as cars are still parking just around the dangerous bend. **Action Clerk**
- Bus Stop in Montacute Road – The bus stop needs marking out – Highways to be contacted. **Action Clerk**
- Fence line in allotment site needs clearing – get quote from groundsman. **Action Clerk**
- Allotment holders meeting – Clerk to send out renewal letters, Cllr Gihon to put an article in the magazine and Cllr Harper agreed to put a laminated notice in the allotments.
- New litter bin - It was agreed to put the new bin in the play area and to ask the handyman to remove and dispose of the old bin. **Action Clerk**
- Change of meeting venue – it was agreed to hold parish council meetings at the village hall again. This will give support to the village hall if the committee wishes to seek funding from outside organisations. As there are several members of the hall committee on the parish council the Clerk gave dispensation so that a vote could be taken. The Clerk handed out the Dispensation forms.

Proposed: Cllr Gihon Seconded: Cllr Folkard agreed unanimously

It was agreed the March meeting will be held in the village hall. It was also agreed to write to the Baptist Chapel and thank them for their assistance. **Action Clerk**

- Old Montacute village sign – Cllr Baker said the village hall committee had not yet had their meeting but will ask at their next meeting if the sign can be stored in the hall. **Action Cllr Baker**

19/025 RECREATION GROUND PAVILION PROJECT:

A report had been circulated to councillors. The Clerk said the working party had discussed funding possibilities and had agreed that a formalised report should go in the magazine showing the cash flow and estimated costs. The magazine article was included in the councillors' report. The estimated/actual costs and ring-fenced money is as follows:

	Estimate Costs £	Actual Costs £	Income/Donations Received £
Ring-fenced from Precept			21,195
Donation from Bonfire Committee 2017			3,700
Building	40,551		
Groundworks	10,437		
Internal Fixtures & Fittings	25,210		
Plans, Surveys & Tree Report		3,158	
Planning Application Fee		231	
Total	76,198	3,389	24,895
			£
		Total Estimated Cost	79,587
		Total Income	24,895
		Balance	54,692

The Clerk said that the Bonfire Committee had asked what their donations were going towards and it was agreed that these would be put against the capital cost of the building. Cllr Folkard commented that a resident had questioned the siting of the pavilion because of the tree and asked if it would be the National Trust's responsibility if a tree/branch fell. Cllr Baker said that the working party would be meeting on Thursday evening as a member of the Bonfire Committee will be attending.

19/026 HIGHWAYS:

No report had been given.

Cllr Saint said there was a broken drain had been repaired in Yeovil Road.

19/027 WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:

19/027/a Allotments

Cllr Gihon said there were nine vacant plots on the site and will be splitting plot 4 into quarters. Cllr Gihon suggested increasing the allotment rent next year and it was agreed to mention this at the allotment holders meeting.

Action Clerk & Cllr Gihon

19/027/b National Trust

No report given.

Cllr Saint raised the issue of the hedge in Back Lane and agreed to ask Cllr Jewell-Harrison to talk to the National Trust

Action Cllr Saint

19/027/c Street Lighting

Cllr Saint a light in Wash Lane was not working and Cllr Folkard agreed to report it.

19/027/d Triangle Trust

No report received.

19/027/f Recreation Ground

No report given.

19/027/g Footpaths

A resident had sent a letter to the National Trust complaining that they padlocked the access gates into The Park which obstructed the use of the Public Right of Way. These gates have now been unlocked.

19/027/h Other

None declared.

19/028 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cllr Baker asked for the election information to be put in the magazine.

19/029 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk said that she would be attending an Election Information session at the District Council offices on 27th February, but this will be after the deadline date for the magazine. Once the official notice has been received this will go on the noticeboard and councillors will be informed of the procedure at the next parish council meeting.

The Clerk said that the PCSOs covering Montacute now come from Wincanton Rural West and not the Hamdon Beat from Somerton. Our PCSOs are Thelma Mead and Emma Reeves

19/030 FINANCE:

19/030/a Matters for Report

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2019:

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£ 39,753.40
Sports Project Reserve Account	<u>£ 21,205.84</u>
Total	£ 61,209.24
Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 714.28</u>
Total as Cash Book	£ 60,494.96

ii. Precept 2019/20 From Submission

The Clerk reported the precept form had been submitted to SSDC

iii. Donation from Montacute Bonfire Committee

The Clerk said a generous donation of £1,902.62 had been received from the Bonfire Committee.

iv. EDF Invoice

The EDF invoice for £79 had been received. This will be collected by direct debit on 19th February. Cllr Warry has been asked to do a meter reading. **Action Cllr Warry**

19/030/b Cheques for Signature

Sarah Moore	Reimbursements & Expenses January	£ 103.00	Chq 1543
K M Dike Nurseries	Grass Cutting – January	£ 404.50	Chq 1544
Montacute Baptist Chapel	Hire of Hall. 3 x months	£ 75.00	Chq 1545

Local Government Act 1972 s. 137

Yeovil Shopmobility	Donation	£ 35.00	Chq 1546
	Sub-Total	<u>£ 617.50</u>	

Proposed: Cllr Folkard Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

19/030/b Other:

None declared

19/031 PLANNING:

19/031/a Planning Information:

No report given.

19/031/b Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:

No report given.

19/031/c Planning Decisions and Reports

Decisions:

No report given

Reports:

18/04084/FUL – erection of new pavilion – Montacute Recreation Ground, Montacute Road, Montacute – no observations or objections.

19/032 **GOVERNANCE**

No report given.

19/033 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

i. Bootcamp Sessions

The Clerk said she has received a request from the owner of 'Forces-Fit' to use the recreation ground to run an outdoor bootcamp style fitness session. These sessions are aimed at those who do not enjoy indoor classes or gyms. A discussion was held, and it was agreed to write to the owner sending him a copy of the recreation ground agreement and liaise with him and the village magazine. **Action Clerk**

ii. Thank You Letter

A letter has been received from a resident thanking all those in the village who, over the past 40 years, has worked hard to create a lively community for everyone to enjoy and has asked what the parish council will be doing to develop a thriving healthy, greener community over the next twenty years.

19/034 **MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Cllr Baker said that Cllr Roundell Greene will be retiring from the District Council at the end of April. He asked whether councillors would like to give a personal donation towards a gift.

19/035 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

None declared.

19/036 **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, 18th March 2019 in the Village Hall at 7pm.