

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16TH MAY 2016 IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL HALL

16/065/a PRESENT:

Members: Mr V Baker (Chairman), Mrs C. Saint (Vice Chairman), Mr D Warry, Mrs A Jewell-Harrison, Mrs J Folkard, Mr M Sampson, Mrs J Bayes and Mr H Marsh

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

16/065/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs J Roundell Greene (District Councillor) and Mr M Fysh (County Councillor)

15/066 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Marsh declared an interest in matters relating to Montacute All Saints C E V A Primary School.

16/067 PUBLIC SESSION:

A resident thanked Cllr Baker for holding the Parish meeting and listening to the concerns raised by her daughter regarding the traffic in Middle Street.

A resident mentioned that there had been a camp fire near the wooded area in Ladies Walk. Cllr Jewell-Harrison said that she would report this to the National Trust. It was also mentioned that the drain by the school near Ladies Walk was blocked. It was agreed to raise this with Highways.

Mick Clark, Chairman of Barwick & Stoford Parish Council, introduced himself and said that as the Coker Division's County Councillor rarely attends parish council meetings forum meetings have been set up so that the Division's parishes can network and find ways to mutually help each other. The meetings are normally held in Barwick and councillors from SSDC and SCC to discuss issues such as highways, flood relief, environmental health and planning. The next meeting will be held on 30th June.

16/068 PSCO REPORT:

No report given.

16/069 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

16/069/a Cllr Roundell Greene:

The Clerk read out Cllr Roundell Greene's report. The items covered were:

- The Council Plan 2016-21 was adopted at Full Council on 21st April. It has a one-year action plan that will be renewed annually. The documents can be viewed on the SSDC website.
- Members of SSDC and the Appointments Committee are having its first meeting on 18th May to discuss the procedure of appointing a new CEO.
- Community Infrastructure Levy – the report for the draft charging schedule was approved and will be present to Full Council on 19th May. The two main modifications can be seen on the SSDC website.
- Intelligent Enforcement Proposal – The Council is going to trial a new way of paying for parking. Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras will be installed in SSDC car parks. Residents will be able to pay by either buying a ticket as normal, using phone and pay, or there will be the option of paying monthly with an account. This means the user will only be charged for the amount of time they are parked. The new system will bring savings to SSDC by reducing the cost of enforcement.
- The Council has set up three strategic boards; transformation, income generation and regeneration to progress new ways of working to make savings without having to cut front line services.

The Clerk mentioned that she had received an email from Cllr Roundell Greene asking to be kept informed of the discussion about the Witcombe Valley Stream Project. The Clerk said that she had received a grant application request from the Countryside Manager of Ham Hill for the Witcombe Stream project. As part of the project the Country Park team thought it would be beneficial to the village schools and local young people to deliver an extra element linked to practical archaeology. To do this they need to raise £1,450 and are asking the three main parishes for a contribution of £300. It was agreed to give £300

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

16/069/b Cllr Fysh:

Cllr Fysh's report had been circulated to all members. The report covered:

- Winners of the Queen's Award for Enterprise
- Improving Mental Health and Dementia Services
- Broadband News
- CDS Broadband Voucher Scheme
- Wireless Broadband on Dartmoor
- Somerset Choices Events
- Foster Carers
- 'Stepping Stones' Initiative for 16 o 21 year olds.

16/070 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were signed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr Warry Seconded: Cllr Sampson Agreed unanimously

16/071 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

16/071/a **Sporting Facilities**

The Clerk said that she had received confirmation that the topographical survey will be done this week. A discussion was held about getting an archaeological survey done and whether the National Trust could organise this if the Parish Council pays for it.

16/071/b **Play Area**

Cllr Jewell-Harrison said that she had will bring some photographs of the play areas she has visited to the next meeting. The Clerk said that we would need to get the play equipment companies involved and possibly prepare some designs. The Clerk agreed to arrange this. It was mentioned that something was needed for the older children and it was suggested that a basketball/netball hoop could be provided. After further discussion it was decided to hold a working party meeting on 16th June at 2pm to discuss the matter further.

16/071/c **Rubbish Bin**

The Clerk had obtained prices for enclosed 120L litter bins from Broxap, Glasdon and Wybone.

- Broxap: £195 ex-VAT for the bin only. A fixing kit would be an additional cost.
- Glasdon: £380 ex-VAT for the bin only. A paving fixing kit = £13.37 and a concrete in-anchor = £29.80
- Wybone: 112L bin - £204.99 ex-VAT. A fixing kit would be an additional cost.

It was agreed to purchase the bin from Broxap.

Proposed: Cllr Saint Seconded: Cllr Folkard agreed unanimously

The Clerk said now that the type of bin has been agreed she would obtain some quotes for the installation.

16/072 **HIGHWAYS:**

16/072/a A3088

Cllr Sampson clarified that the road would be at night with a traffic management system in place during the day. However, the delivery vehicles for the Co-Op would have to go through Stoke and the delivery vehicles to the pubs etc. in Montacute would have to go via Yeovil. Cllr Sampson said that the traffic should be diverted via the A30 and SCC needs to lift the advisory restriction.

16/072/b 20mph Speed Limit

It was agreed that the Clerk is to write to Highways for an update on the LTP.

The Clerk said to Cllr Bayes that she needed copies of the Speedwatch reports as these provide credence to the council's evidence for the 20mph speed limit proposal. The Clerk pointed out that she had not received any reports from the village's Speedwatch co-ordinator since he decided to take on the reporting from the Clerk.

Cllr Marsh pointed out that the 20mph speed limit needs to go from the allotment site and not Station Road.

Cllr Bayes said that a zebra crossing was needed near the recreation ground in St Michaels View. Cllr Sampson said that since he reported on this at the last meeting he has looked into the matter in greater detail. The crossing needs to go on a straight piece of road with pavement on both sides and not too close to a bend. Therefore the crossing would need to be placed adjacent to the BT box and St Michaels View would lose 37 metres of parking which equates to up to 10 households losing their parking. Also the pavement outside the houses in St Michaels View is too narrow to accommodate the street furniture for a crossing. Cllr Sampson pointed out that if people are caught parking on zigzag crossing lines it is 3 penalty points on a driving licence and a £100 fine. If the crossing is situated further down near the allotment site then a new footway would need to be installed on the opposite side of the road.

16/072/c Dropped Kerbs

Cllr Baker asked the Clerk to put a note in the magazine about parking across dropped kerbs as it is causing problems for people who use mobility scooters and prams/pushchairs.

Cllr Saint commented that the dropped kerb in Middle Street near the church is dangerous because the camber of the drop in the pavement is too steep and goes towards the road. This dropped kerb does not need to be there as it leads to nowhere. It is of no help to visually impaired or blind people. It was agreed to ask Highways to remove this dropped kerb.

16/073 **WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:**

16/073/a Allotments

The Clerk said that three people have taken on allotments.

The Clerk mentioned that the rotavator would need collecting. Cllr Baker and the Clerk will liaise on this.

16/073/b National Trust

Cllr Jewell-Harrison reported that the National Trust should be getting a new sign put up to stop cycling in Ladies Walk. Cllr Saint said that this would need to be sited at the top of Ladies Walk.

Cllr Folkard praised the National Trust on the installation of a new kissing gate and five-bar gate to the field below St Michaels Hill.

Cllr Warry reported that he had spoken to the National Trust about them installing a new dog bin.

16/073/c Street Lighting

No report given.

16/073/d Speedwatch

This item had been discussed under *Minute ref: 16/072*

16/073/e Triangle Trust

Cllr Warry said that since 2011 the Triangle Trust had raised enough money to purchase equipment costing £24,951. It was agreed that this was a fantastic achievement and to pass on the Council's congratulations.

16/073/f Recreation Ground

It was agreed to forward a copy of the terms and conditions to the primary school and the junior football club

16/073/g Footpaths

No report given.

16/074 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No report given.

16/075 **CLERK'S REPORT:**

No report given.

16/076 **FINANCE:**

16/076/a Matters for Report

None declared.

16/076/b Cheques for Signature

Sarah Moore	Expenses April	£ 18.80	Chq 1385
K M Dike Nurseries Ltd	Ground Maintenance – April	£ 162.00	Chq 1386
Brynley Andrews Associates	Arboreal Report	£ 90.00	Chq 1387
Somerset Association of Local Councils	Affiliation Fees	£ 176.55	Chq 1388
G.A. Hellier & Sons Ltd	Pest Control Contract – Moles	£ 540.00	Chq 1389
Mr Brian Bushell	Purchase of Rotavator	£ 100.00	Chq 1390
Montacute Baptist Chapel	Hire of Hall for April	£ 50.00	Chq 1391
	Total	£ 1,135.35	

Proposed: Cllr Jewell-Harrison Seconded: Cllr Folkard 5 agreed; 1 abstained

Cllr Sampson declared an interest as the contractor G.A. Hellier is a neighbour.

16/076/c Matters for Resolution

i) Reserve Account

Discussions were held on the money held in the reserve account. The money had been originally ring-fenced to go towards the cost of building a new village hall, which was only to be released when the building work had started, but this project was no longer in existence. It was therefore suggested that the monies go towards future projects such as the new sports pavilion.

Cllr Saint agreed that this money should go towards the sporting facilities but the council must be mindful and support the village hall in the future for building work providing a proper business plan is carried out first. Cllr Sampson said that when the £4,000 was given to the village hall towards their refurbishments it was stated that the remainder of the money would be used for other village projects.

A discussion was held on the village hall and Cllr Baker asked for this to go on the next month's agenda.

The Clerk said that she had consulted SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils) about the use of the money held in the reserve account and SALC have confirmed that it is parish precept money not the village hall's money and the parish council can allocate the funds for whatever purpose/projects that is needed. It was agreed to ring-fence the money for the sporting facilities and rename the reserve account Sports Project.

Proposed: Cllr Sampson Seconded: Cllr Folkard 5 agreed; 1 abstained

Cllr Jewell-Harrison declared an interest as she is a member of the village hall committee.

ii) Parish Council Insurance

The Clerk reported that she had received the renewal for the parish council's insurance from Came & Company. The cost for one year was £947.41 but if a 3 year LTA (long term agreement) was accepted then the premium would be £900.04. The current LTA was due to expire this year. The Clerk commented that a decision could not be made this month as she was still waiting for other quotes and would bring it to next month's meeting.

16/077 PLANNING:

16/77/a Report on Applications:

16/00853/FUL – erection of a Group Room building – Montacute All Saints C E V A Primary School, Yeovil Road, Montacute – After discussions with the school it was agreed to change the parish council's comments as the new building is no bigger than the existing 2 huts which cannot be seen from the entrance. The building will be painted and screened in some way.

16/077/b Report on Applications Considered

None declared.

16/078 CORRESPONDENCE:

Grant request towards Witcombe Valley Stream Project – This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 16/069/a.*

16/079 MEMBERS REPORTS:

Cllr Saint inquired as to whether there were any restrictions on the size of planters/pots on the public pavements as a few residents have put large planters outside their houses and the pots are causing access issues for Motability scooters etc.

Cllr Marsh announced that after the 27th May the Working Men's Club will officially no longer exist and the Club will be making a donation to the pre-school. Cllr Baker said that it was very sad to see the Working Men's Club close and expressed his gratitude on the generous donation for the pre-school

16/080 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 20th June at 7.00pm in the Baptist Chapel