

MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017 IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL HALL

17/065/a PRESENT:

Members: Mr V Baker (Chairman), Mrs C Saint (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Folkard, Mrs A Gihon, Mrs A Jewell-Harrison, Mrs L Siegle and Mr D Warry

Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), Mr M Keating (County Councillor) and 3 members of the public

17/065/b APOLOGIES:

Mr M Sampson, Mr H Marsh, Mrs J Roundell Greene (District Councillor) and the PCSO

17/066 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

17/067 PUBLIC SESSION:

Cllr Keating asked if he could give his report as he needed to attend another meeting.

Cllr Keating said that there would be more SIS schemes available in July and he will find out why the Montacute's 20mph scheme failed. He said that the SIS may not have been the right route to implement a 20mph limit and it might get done under a general works order.

Cllr Keating asked to be kept in the loop on village events and he was given the dates of the church fete and the carnival.

(Cllr Keating left the meeting)

Cllr Gihon commented on the speed of the diverted traffic through Lower Town when the road was closed at Houndstone.

A resident expressed their concerns about the running of the village hall and asked what action the Parish Council were taking. Cllr Baker said that the Parish Council were taking advice.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for supporting each other through the recent difficulties and asked them to continue.

A resident was concerned that a neighbour was being bullied. It was established that this person is a Yarlinton's tenant and Cllr Siegle said that Yarlinton Housing Group have a good support network so the tenant could contact the housing officer or the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

17/068 PCSO REPORT:

No report given.

17/069 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

17/069/a Cllr Roundell Greene:

No report given.

17/069/b Cllr Keating:

Cllr Keating's report was given under *Minute ref: 17/067*

17/070 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

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

17/071 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

17/071/a Sporting Facilities

The Clerk said that the position of the pavilion had been agreed in principle that it should be sited where the existing larger hut is. She had sent the arboriculturist three plans which showed slight adjustments in positions and asked which one would interfere least with the

Cedar tree roots. The Arboriculturist advised that standard best practice (BS: 5827) needs to be applied in order to get planning permission and provided a quote. It was agreed to discuss the matter again as it was only information on the position that was needed at this time.

Cllr Jewell-Harrison mentioned that the National Trust had mislaid the plans that the Parish Council had supplied and the Clerk agreed to forward these on again. **Action Clerk**

17/071/b Play Area

Cllr Siegle said that she was meeting with Rob Parr, SSDC to discuss a play area design
Cllr Saint asked whether the Parish Council could hold a fund raising event such as a coffee morning for the equipment. The Clerk said yes but the council could not charge a fee or sell items; it would have to be on a donation basis only.

Cllr Saint said that this play equipment project needed to move forward and asked for an update regarding the basketball hoop. The Clerk said that she had some quotations but these may now be out of date and we also needed permission from the National Trust to erect a hoop in the grounds. Cllr Jewell-Harrison agreed to talk to the National Trust in the first instance. Cllr Saint proposed to go ahead with the installation of the basketball hoop subject to an agreement from the National Trust. There were several concerns regarding funding and the Clerk agreed to check the budget. Cllr Saint added to her proposal that an amount of £2,000 would be spent. **Action Cllr Jewell-Harrison & Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr Saint

Seconded: Cllr Gihon

agreed unanimously

17/071/c Village Hall

Cllr Baker reported that advice had been sought.

17/071/d 'Children Crossing' Sign

It was agreed to defer the discussion on this until after Cllr Keating can report on his findings on the 20mph limit scheme and the possible way forward.

17/072 **HIGHWAYS:**

17/072/a Temporary Road Closure

The Clerk reported that there will be resurfacing work being carried out on the A303 eastbound and the A3088/A303 westbound at the Cartgate Roundabout between 22nd May and 6th June between the hours of 8pm and 6am. The Clerk said that there may be an increase in traffic during the night.

17/072/b New 20mph Limit at Houndstone

The Clerk reported that a resident had asked why a 20mph Speed Limit Order had been issued for the new development near Houndstone and not Montacute. The Clerk said that the 20mph limit was probably agreed at the planning stage and this would have been paid for by the developer.

17/072/b Wash Lane/Middle Street

The Clerk said she had emailed Highways regarding the discussion under *Minute ref: 17/056/b* and she was waiting for a response.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Highways regarding the dropped kerb outside the church wall. The removal of the dropped kerb had not been carried out due to budget restraints and was on the list for 2017/18 financial year. It was agreed for the Clerk to keep in contact with Highways on both of these matters. **Action Clerk**

17/073 **WORKING PARTIES REPORTS:**

17/073/a Allotments

Cllr Gihon said that there were some new allotment holders and that she would send the information over to the Clerk. The Clerk agreed to give Cllr Gihon a list of all the allotment holders. The Clerk said that she had concerns regarding one plot where the holder has taken a considerable amount of stone/brick onto the site to make a hard standing. It was agreed to write to the allotment holder to get him to remove the hardcore. **Action Clerk**

17/073/b National Trust

Cllr Jewell-Harrison said that the National Trust were aware of people cycling in the park. Cllr Jewell-Harrison reported that the National Trust have been clearing wood from Ladies Walk which the Parish Council could utilise in the play area.

The National Trust has requested that the Parish Council install a dog bin in Ladies Walk and to the entrance of the park. The Clerk said that these areas belong to the National Trust not the Parish Council and the Trust would need to apply to SSDC for permission to install dog bins as they would need to go on SSDC's rota for emptying.

17/073/c Street Lighting

Cllr Folkard had nothing to report.

17/073/d Speedwatch

No report given

17/073/e Triangle Trust

Cllr Warry had nothing to report.

17/073/f Recreation Ground

The Clerk asked whether the council wanted to continue with the mole clearance contract. The renewal price was £475 excl. VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Folkard Seconded: Cllr Warry agreed unanimously

17/073/g Footpaths

Cllr Siegle mentioned that there is a gate shutting off the footpath near Abbey Farm and that the private road sign is misleading for visitors. The Clerk said that she has reported this to Rights of Way and has suggested putting the footpath sign on the fingerpost in Middle Street. The Clerk agreed to contact Rights of Way again. Action Clerk

17/074 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cllr Baker said that the W.I. has offered a donation towards the defibrillator. The Clerk said that she has obtained some prices but needs to know where the defibrillator is to be situated. It was agreed that the BT box in the Borough would be ideal. The Clerk agreed to talk to B.T. Cllr Siegle said that she had some information on this which she would forward on the Clerk. Action Clerk & Cllr Siegle

17/075 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk said that Community Speedwatch are holding a meeting about transport in Somerset and volunteering for the over 50's. The Clerk relayed the various meeting dates for those wishing to attend.

17/076 FINANCE:

17/076/a Matters for Report

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk gave the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 30th April 2017:

Current Account	£ 250.00
Business Reserve Account	£ 37,782.27
Sports Project Reserve Account	£ 16,182.89
Total	£ 54,215.16
Outstanding Cheques	£ 5,117.50
Outstanding Credits	<u>(£24,000.00)</u>

Total as Cash Book **£ 73,097.66**

ii. Data Protection Renewal

The Clerk reported that the Data Protection renewal of £35 would be collected via direct debit on 6th June.

17/076/b Cheques for Signature

Sarah Moore	Expenses for April	£ 21.00	Chq 1441
K M Dike Nurseries	Grass Cutting on Rec April	£ 360.00	Chq 1442
Montacute Baptist Chapel	Hire of Hall	£ 25.00	Chq 1443
	Total	£ 406.00	

Proposed: Cllr Folkard Seconded: Cllr Saint agreed unanimously

The Clerk passed the cheque 1443 for Montacute Baptist Chapel to Cllr Saint.

17/076/c Matters for Resolution

The Clerk asked for a resolution for the insurance renewal with Zurich insurance at a cost of £557.14.

Proposed: Cllr Saint Seconded: Cllr Gihon agreed unanimously

17/077 **PLANNING:**

17/077/a Planning Information:

No reports given.

17/077/b Report on Applications:

17/01508/FUL – demolish existing kitchen and erect replacement single storey extension to the rear of dwelling – 36 Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH – No observations or objections.

17/01579/FUL – the formation of a pedestrian access and installation of a gate – Myrtle Farm, Back Lane, Montacute TA15 6XF – no observations or objections

17/077/c Report on Applications Considered

None declared.

17/078 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None declared.

17/079 **MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Cllr Warry mentioned that there were pot holes in Back Lane.

17/080 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Historic Film Night - July
Churchyard

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10pm. The next meeting will be held on 19th June 2017 in the Baptist Chapel at 7pm.