

- 23/24/ 90 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Heale (in the Chair), Gilbert and Welch.
- 23/24/ 91 **APOLOGIES** - were received and approved from SCllr Martin.
- 23/24/ 92 **ALSO PRESENT** - 7 members of the public.
- 23/24/ 93 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24/ 94 **IN MEMORIAM** - Brian Tilbury. Cllr Heale outlined some of the ways in which Brian Tilbury had served the community over a number of years including his time on the Parish Council since 2004 and as Chairman since 2008. A minute's silence was then held in respect for Brian who died the day before our September meeting was due to take place.
- 23/24/ 95 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Heale called for nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr Gilbert proposed Cllr Heale; seconded by Cllr Welch. Carried. Cllr Heale then signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman which was witnessed by the Clerk.
- 23/24/ 96 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** - Cllr Heale called for nominations for the post of Vice Chairman. Cllr Welch proposed Cllr Gilbert; seconded by Cllr Heale. Carried.
- 23/24/ 97 **CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY CLLR OLIVE'S RESIGNATION** - Three interested members of the public came forward expressing an interest in joining the Council. They were each invited to tell the meeting what they felt they could bring to the role. They were then asked if they were willing to leave the room whilst the matter was discussed which they all agreed to do. Following some discussion it was finally decided to co-opt Gemma Gowing to fill the vacancy bearing in mind that there will be another vacancy to fill at the November meeting. When they returned to the room Gemma Gowing was invited to join the Council at the table and she signed her declaration of acceptance of office as a councillor which was witnessed by the Clerk.
- 23/24/ 98 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none declared.
- 23/24/ 99 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24/ 100 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24/ 101 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Martin was not present.
- 23/24/ 102 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - Cllr Welch reported on the LCN meeting at Stawell Village Hall on Monday. Three general themes were put to the meeting to decide which to adopt and it was agreed to start with health. Various ideas were put forward, not all of which were practical although a men's shed and ways to improve mental health were favoured. Because of the cutback in LCN funding an idea had been put forward for 3%-5% of each parish precept to be donated to the LCN to boost funds. It is possible that this might advantage some demographics more than others. The next meeting will be on Monday 27th November at a venue to be decided.
- 23/24/ 103 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. Any updates
- i. Speed Indicator Device - There was still no further update on any of the outstanding queries. Both the Clerk and SCllr Martin would chase them up yet again. The Clerk was instructed to invite a representative from Highways to attend our next meeting as the delays were unacceptable.
- ii. Broadway - Highways representatives walk - see above.
- iii. Broadmead Lane - Unsuitable for HGVs - see above.
- iv. Edington Road potholes and Pothole outside Holywell House - the pothole outside Holywell House is now deteriorating. The Clerk would take an updated photo and contact Highways and Cllr Martin.
- v. Burtle signpost at junction of chandlers Lane and Holywell Road - ongoing.
- b. Safety of horse riders - The Clerk would ask the interested member of the public for a map showing where it would be best to place the signs. Following discussion it was agreed that both Catcott and

Chilton Polden parish councillors should be invited to attend an informal meeting to discuss the matter before landowners are contacted.

- c. Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane corner - Cllr Gilbert has blue dye to put at certain points at particular times in order to establish what problems stem from where. As the weather seems likely to deteriorate she expects to be able to do this in the reasonably near future.
- d. Grit bins - It was agreed that it would be good to have a grit bin at the Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane junction. A temporary bin would be placed there for the time being to see who things go. However, small bins would be investigated and costs and sizes established for consideration.
- e. Problems arising and any other highway matters - none.

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PLANNING -

- a. 26/22/00003 & 26/22/00005 - Full application and listed building application - erection of dwelling with works to existing gardener's hut at Walled Garden, Broadmead Lane - still no update.
- b. 26/23/00004 Land South of Manor Road - Variations of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 26/23/00001 - permission has been granted.
- c. Pillar Barn - a member of the public spoke on the matter and the Clerk was instructed to invite both Mark Lidster (Senior Conservation and Regeneration Officer at Somerset) and Nick Wall from Somerset Heritage to our next meeting.
- d. Any other planning matters - Nature Recovery Network - it was agreed that the information sheet and map which had been provided should be put on the Council website.

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RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS - it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Olive before the next meeting to find out if he is willing to continue as the Footpath Liaison Officer for Edington.

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NIDON LAND - nothing to report.

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FINANCE

- a. Accounts - Statements and accounts up to 30th September were provided for all councillors and the remaining two prospective candidates. The accounts were agreed.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.1001 J Marshall (Salary and expenses) £387.70; Chq.1002 Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath) £25.00; Chqs. 1003 and 1004 will be for Edington School Room hire but the amounts are not currently known for sure; Chq.1005 SALC (subscription) £112.77; Chq.1006 Stepping Out (village maintenance for half year) £150.00.
- c. Any other finance matters - the Clerk reported that the VAT refund has been received. The cost of village maintenance by Stepping Out will increase to £325 from £300 next year to take account of the actual time it takes. The Chairman will lay the Remembrance Day wreath in St George's Church. £24.00 has been received from the sale of footpath booklets.

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION - none.

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URGENT CORRESPONDENCE - none.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S) - Village cleanup (for Jan agenda); a bench to commemorate Brian Tilbury's outstanding services to the village; Cllr Gilbert would see what she can find out about anything we need to arrange to do regarding regular checking of the defibrillator. Dec/Jan Precept.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 9th November at 7:15pm in Edington School Room.

The meeting closed at 8.45

Signed by Cllr Heale on 12th October 2023

Chairman

Date