

- 23/24 50 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Tilbury (in the Chair), Heale, Gilbert, Olive and Welch.
- 23/24 51 **APOLOGIES** - none.
- 23/24 52 **ALSO PRESENT** - SCllr Martin and five members of the public.
- 23/24 53 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24 54 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none declared.
- 23/24 55 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24 56 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - With regard to the Emergency Plan it was noted that telephone numbers should be readily available for when assistance is required.
- 23/24 57 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Martin would include the LCN agenda item in his report. He is concerned that the bigger settlements would again take precedence over small parishes. He stressed the importance of a presence at the LCN meetings. Following discussion it was noted by Cllr Welch that either the Chair or Vice Chair had to be a Somerset Councillor. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that a second councillor needed to be the second nominee. Cllr Gilbert was elected to this post.
- 23/24 58 **TRUESPEED** - A representative of Truespeed would be attending the start of the Catcott Parish Council meeting on 11th July at 7pm. All residents of both Catcott and Edington are welcome to attend this session to learn more about what can be offered by Truespeed in regard to faster broadband.
- 23/24 59 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. Any updates
- i. Speed Indicator Device - all our emails have been passed to the contractor.
 - ii. Broadway - Highways representatives walk - we can expect to see a design proposal next week incorporating various traffic management works.
 - iii. Broadmead Lane - Unsuitable for HGVs - to be undertaken with Broadway traffic improvement works.
 - iv. Edington Road potholes and Pothole outside Holywell House - the pothole outside Holywell House has so far maintained condition although it is a poor quality repair.
 - v. Burtle signpost at junction of chandlers Lane and Holywell Road - The Clerk will arrange for Cllr Heale to meet with the Catcott representative who has the necessary know-how and paint.
- b. Safety of horse riders - a member of the public is keen to pursue this, which everyone felt was a good idea. She would look into road signage and research historic bridleways with a view to potentially reinstating them.
- c. Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane corner - Cllr Gilbert and SCllr Martin would liaise to try and get a proper solution to the problems.
- d. Problems arising and any other highway matters - a member of the public reported some potholes along Holywell Road between the Church Road bends and the crossroads.
- 23/24 60 **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 - the Clerk had spoken with the planning officer, Mr Titchener, and notified all the councillors in advance of the meeting. Apparently it was likely that permission would be given for the development but the integrity of the wall must not be compromised. Materials would either need to be carried in through the small gate or craned over the wall. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Titchener to request that, if permission is given, some conditions be put on the proceedings. This would be important, particularly if the Construction Method Statement which it is hoped will be requested by the planners ignores these

points. Those requested would include that if the wall sustained any damage this would need to be fully rectified before any further building work took place; in addition to the building works the whole length of the wall should be brought up to a proper state of restoration and repair - and enforced; if the wall is breached then the gap should not be used in any way for access and must be closed at once; Timing of building work should be restricted to sensibly acceptable hours particularly with regard to any machinery; that some form of control over on road parking should take place, particularly as the road is quite narrow; parking and time restraints should also be included covering cranes, lorries, cars, vans, etc belonging to builders and subcontractors; parking of a skip in the Lane will also probably be necessary and suitable arrangements made. Given the lack of space between existing gates and entrances and the distance from the corner for vehicles entering and exiting Broadmead Lane all the foregoing could pose quite a hazard particularly for commercial and emergency vehicles servicing the other properties but also refuse collections.

b. Pillar Barn - The Clerk had received a response from the barn owner which she had circulated to councillors. A document was produced by a member of the public regarding the Pillar Barn covering various matters including Urgent Works Notices.

c. Any other planning matters - none.

23/24 61 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - covered under Somerset Councillor Martin's report.

23/24 62 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS** - noted that the grass had been cut at ground level along the Chandlers Lane/Church path but there is a lot of stuff growing in from the sides. Clerk to contact Stepping Out to ask if this could be included on the round.

23/24 63 **NIDON LAND** - noted that the site is getting pretty overgrown. It was agreed that a path would be helpful to enable us to get to our own trees. Mr Mike Kennedy of WCW asked to attend our next meeting when the Nidon Land would be brought to the start of the meeting and the matter could be considered in direct conversation with him rather than through a third party.

23/24 64 **FINANCE**

a. Accounts - Statements only just received and brought to the meeting but the Clerk had not enough time to produce the accounts.

b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.992 J Marshall(salary and expenses) £373.45; Chq.993 St George's Church (grass maintenance) £500.00; Chq.994 The Village Hall (grant) £500.00; Chq.995 Axe Brue IDB (water rates on Nidon Land) £3.75; Chq.996 Stepping Out (village maintenance) £150.00.

c. Any other finance matters - The Clerk reminded the meeting that the change of signatories still needed to take place.

23/24 65 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.

23/24 66 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

23/24 67 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Autumn grit bins; Emergency Plan in a few months.

23/24 68 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 13th July at 7:15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30

Signed by Councillor Tilbury on 15th June 2024