

- 23/24/ 191 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Heale (in the Chair), Welch, Vine, Gilbert and Gowing.
- 23/24/ 192 **APOLOGIES** - No apologies were received.
- 23/24/ 193 **ALSO PRESENT** - 8 members of the public.
- 23/24/ 194 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24/ 195 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Gilbert declared an interest in Burnt House Farm as she has a registerable interest in the property. Cllr Gilbert declared an interest in planning application 26/23/00006 as she lives very near.
- 23/24/ 196 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24/ 197 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24/ 198 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS, SOMERSET COUNCIL FINANCES, LCN** - in the absence of SCllr Martin Cllr Heale gave an update on our LCN including the Highways Stewards scheme. The Clerk advised the meeting on the Government's refusal to allow Somerset to raise the Council Tax by 10%.
- 23/24/ 199 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. Any updates -
- i. SID poles, Broadway signage, Broadmead Lane unsuitable for HGVs and outstanding issues - No update since the previous meeting.
 - ii. Pothole outside Holywell House - this has now been patched.
 - iii. Burtle signpost at junction of chandlers Lane and Holywell Road - in progress.
 - iv. Safety of horse riders - The Clerk brought a map for marking the proposed routes. She would contact Tamlyns regarding this.
 - v. Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane water problems - Cllr Gilbert reported that we are still awaiting action from Wessex Water and BT for dye to be used.
 - vi. **PRESENT** - SCllr Martin arrived.
 - vii. **PRESENT** - Before leaving the room Cllr Gilbert told the meeting that she had arranged for the problem to be sorted out in the very near future and mentioned who the contractor is. She then left the room whilst the matter was discussed.
 - viii. Burnt House Farm entrance - some members of the public were very vocal in stating they were not certain the contractor had been contacted yet. It was agreed that the matter needed sorting out as soon as possible and Cllr Gilbert would be informed of this.
 - ix. **PRESENT** - Cllr Gilbert returned to the room and following interrogation re-affirmed her previous statement that she had contacted the contractor and arranged for the work to be carried out. She could not state exactly when this would happen as she had not yet heard back from him since giving the go ahead to carry out the work. The work would be carried out as soon as it was possible for the contractor to do so.
 - x. Road edge on Nidon Lane - Highways had provided a barrier and cones with signage. The work would be carried out in the new financial year.
- b. Flooding and flood prevention - Some hessian bags had been obtained ready for filling. It was still considered that drains needed to be jetted. Following discussion it was agreed that the ones at the top of Holywell Road by the A39 should be done first. Cllr Vine would provide a map/sketch for Cllr Martin regarding the drains. The Clerk would send all councillors an old drainage map she has on a backup drive. Cllr Gilbert said that BT have applied to Highways for a soakaway near the Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane junction. Agreed that sandbags should be made available.
- c. Problems arising and any other highway matters - Broadmead Lane - When the road was dry the Clerk would go along it taking photos of the worst bits and getting what3word locations for them.
- 23/24/ 200 **SCllr's REPORT** - Cllr Martin updated the Council further on the refusal of Government to allow a 10% increase in rates and outlined the on-going consequences.
- 23/24/ 201 **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 the Walled Garden, Broadmead Lane - an alert had been raised by a member of the public that an amendment had been received regarding parking. It is now proposed that vehicles park on Broadway just to the west of the junction with Broadmead Lane. This has previously

been rejected on the grounds of safety as visibility exiting Broadmead Lane at this point is already extremely limited.

- b. **PRESENT** - Cllr Gilbert left the meeting.
- c. 26/23/00006 - Outline - erection of a dwelling on land East of Holywell Road - Following discussion it was agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:- 1) The entrance is poor with bad visibility and there could be a dangerous situation if a car was on-coming whilst a vehicle was waiting to use the entrance. 2) Drainage issues. Mains drainage does not reach here. Drainage would run on to SSSI land. 3) Very inaccurate and misleading statements in the application including information about the Holy Well which has always been sulphuric and valued for its health properties but definitely not drinkable. Existing farm buildings are only a small shelter of very recent construction (probably not much more than two years). Applicant has obviously not taken the trouble to establish accuracy and all the facts need checking.
- d. **PRESENT** - Cllr Gilbert returned to the meeting.
- e. 26/23/00007 - Cert of Lawfulness at Hampden, Broadway - no update 02/02/24
- f. 26/23/00008 - Caravan, The Nidon, Holywell Road, Edington - retention of change of use from residential to commercial - Drainage on to SSSI land is objected to. It was felt that there were suitable buildings on site to accommodate the business use. There is concern over parking provision and the amount of traffic that could be generated on this quiet road. Those voting agreed to object.
- g. 26/23/00009 Elms close, Holywell Road - Erect extension to South elevation on site of existing conservatory. New wall to existing East elevation porch - permission granted
- h. Any other planning matters - Planning application number: 26/24/00002/JMS - Ballintaggart, Manor Road - Erection of 2no. two storey side extensions to the West and East elevation on-site of existing single storey extensions (to be demolished). Erection of a single storey rear extension to the North elevation and internal alterations - this was not on the agenda but the Clerk would respond following consultation with councillors. (Later agreed that it be supported.)
- 23/24/ 202 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS** - no update.
- 23/24/ 203 **DEFIBRILLATOR** - It was agreed to purchase a Bleed Kit Dispenser 'Limpet' Model 1 which would fit to the side of the defibrillator cabinet allowing 24 hour access at £199 plus VAT. It is hoped that Catcott will agree to share the cost as with the defibrillator.
- 23/24/ 204 **VILLAGE CLEAN-UP** - Somerset County are providing the equipment except for the hoops which Cllr Vine has sourced. A risk assessment needs to be carried out in advance and Cllr Heale offered to do this. Mrs Tilbury is happy for the equipment to be left at Holywell House and will also purchase the refreshments which will be reimbursed. Full sacks to be left at the Holy Well.
- 23/24/ 205 **TRAINING** - Cllr Welch has been booked in for training. Cllrs Gilbert and Gowing would let the Clerk know which training they would like to attend so that she can book them in.
- 23/24/ 206 **MEMORIAL LAND (Brian's Patch)** - it was agreed that the provision of gates be put on hold for the time being on the grounds of economy.
- 23/24/ 207 **COMMEMORATIVE BENCH** - Cllr Gilbert has approached a local company for quotes but has yet to hear back.
- 23/24/ 208 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts - The Clerk had been able to update the accounts and provided copies of the accounts and statements for councillors. The accounts were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.1017 J Marshall (Salary and expenses) £391.75.
- c. Bank mandate - The Clerk has now written to another address for NatWest but has yet to hear back.
- d. Any other finance matters - Budget sheets were provided for members of the public. Increased cost of dog waste bin emptying to £2.86 per bin per week.
- 23/24/ 209 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 23/24/ 210 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 23/24/ 211 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Code of Conduct.
- 23/24/ 212 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 14th March 2024 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm