

- 23/24/ 213 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Heale (in the Chair), Welch, Vine, Gilbert and Gowing.
- 23/24/ 214 **APOLOGIES** - No apologies were received.
- 23/24/ 215 **ALSO PRESENT** - 7 members of the public and SCllrs Munt and Martin.
- 23/24/ 216 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24/ 217 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Two interests declared regarding 26/23/00008:- Cllr Gilbert declared an interest as a friend of the applicant and Cllr Heale declared an interest as he lives very near.
- 23/24/ 218 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed for signature.
- 23/24/ 219 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24/ 220 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS, SOMERSET COUNCIL FINANCES, LCN** - There was a combined report from SCllrs Munt and Martin. This included the fact that the budget had been set and the Gravity site was able to go forward. The River Authority had confirmed its forward strategy. There would be a first meeting of the Environmental Group under this and a building strategy for targets with particular reference to flooding. Regarding Gravity the Public Works Loan Board had approved borrowing to enable this to proceed. There would not be any interest for Somerset Council to pay and business rates from Gravity would pass to Somerset Council until 2053 rather than going to central government.
- 23/24/ 221 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. Any updates
- i. SID device installation - no update.
 - ii. Safety of walkers and requested paths - Clerk will write to Tamlyns.
 - iii. Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane water problems - no update from Wessex Water or Highways. BT have submitted a request to Highways for soakaway beneath the surface. Cllr Gilbert would send Wessex Water contact details to SCllr Martin. All drains need to be jetted in the next financial year prior to more heavy rain.
 - iv. Burnt House Farm entrance - this has now been cleared and water is flowing freely at this point.
 - v. Any other updates - Broadmead Lane (at the bottom, northern end past the pumping station) is now impassable for many cars. The Clerk would try to get along there at an early date to photograph and fix positions of potholes in need of attention. Either the potholes need to be seen to or this section of the road needs to be marked as unsuitable for cars.
- b. Flooding/flood prevention - A communication from Somerset Council regarding sandbags had been received. The county would not provide sandbags for individuals or businesses. Edington Parish Council now had some sandbags available for Edington residents upon request in an emergency.
- c. Problems arising and any other highway matters - none.
- 23/24/ 222 **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 - There was great concern regarding the way amendments to these applications were being dealt with. A member of the public outlined his experiences with this and expressed disappointment that the applicant and the officers seemed happy with substandard documentation which was very difficult to assess on line. The Clerk agreed with everything the member of the public said and stated that when a very important application, as far as the village was concerned, received revisions it did not seem appropriate for the parish council and other statutory consultees to be ignored and not notified. SCllr Martin would consult with the officer handling the case.
 - b. 26/23/00006 - Outline - erection of a dwelling on land East of Holywell Road - Refused.
 - c. 26/23/00007 - Cert of Lawfulness at Hampden, Broadway - granted.
- PRESENT** - Cllrs Heale and Gilbert left the room. Cllr Welch took the chair.
- d. 26/23/00008 - Caravan, The Nidon, Holywell Road, Edington - retention of change of use from residential to commercial - in the light of errors which became apparent following the last meeting the first response had been withdrawn and a new response would now be made. Following discussion it was agreed that there was no objection as the council had been assured that there was adequate parking on site and that no more than eight dogs would be allowed. The Council apologises to the applicants for the mistakes made in responding to this application at the previous meeting.
- PRESENT** - Cllrs Heale and Gilbert returned to the room. Cllr Heale re-took the chair.

- e. 26/24/00001 - Torgyle, Holywell Road - erection of garage/workshop, additional access and other alterations - it was agreed to support this application.
- f. 26/24/00002 - Ballintaggart, Manor Road - extensions - Granted.
- g. Any other planning matters - none.
- 23/24/ 223 **WORKING GROUP - ESTABLISH OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY; WORKING PRACTICES; RISK ASSESSMENT; PARTICIPANTS' AGREEMENTS** - following discussion it was agreed that the Council, having set the group up, should be responsible for it. Workers would be able to undertake all the likely common, routine, easy tasks by following basic guidelines. Anything of greater scope should come back to the Council for full consideration. A communication would be sent to all members of the group outlining the basic working requirements and limitation. Cllr Vine would supply the Clerk with contact details for those she was missing. Cllr Vine was appointed as the person in charge of the group.
- 23/24/ 224 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS** - Our footpath representative, Mr Olive, was present. He reported problems at 'soggy bottom' on path 9/3 in Chilton Polden between stiles 7695 and 11621. The Clerk would forward this information to Chilton Polden.
- 23/24/ 225 **DEFIBRILLATOR** - Problems had been experienced when trying to access this device due to incorrect guidance from the ambulance service when the initial call was made. When a call is made the ambulance service personnel should immediately advise the caller not only of where the device is but of the number required to key into the touch pad to access the equipment. It is hoped that this is a one off problem. Cllr Gilbert will order a Critical Bleed Kit to fit to the side of the defibrillator box. Catcott Parish Council has agreed to share the cost. Cllr Gilbert would also arrange another training session for residents of Catcott and Edington.
- 23/24/ 226 **VILLAGE CLEANUP AND PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT** - The Parish Council is happy to pay for the hoops and also for the litter picking sticks required for future events. Cllr Vine would organise the purchase of sufficient sticks. No costs had yet been submitted to cover the cost of the refreshments. Cllr Welch would remind Mrs Tilbury.
- 23/24/ 227 **TRAINING** - Cllrs Gilbert and Gowing still wish to attend training. The Clerk will always circulate details of training events when they are available.
- 23/24/ 228 **BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND** - Cllr Vine is trying to arrange a suitable day and time for everyone to meet with Mr Kennedy. Regardless of this work needs to be done on site before new growth hinders it even more. This might be undertaken by some members of the working group.
- 23/24/ 229 **COMMEMORATIVE BENCH** - Cllr Gilbert is awaiting a quote for the bench. It was agreed not to go for the alternative of purchasing a bench from a garden centre as it probably wouldn't be as weatherproof.
- 23/24/ 230 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts - statements had just been received. The Clerk would forward up to date accounts as soon as she could.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.1018 Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £40.00; Chq.1019 J Marshall (Salary and expenses) £380.75.
- c. Bank mandate - Clerk has received a letter for the Business section of NatWest. She would try the instructions given and it seemed that there would probably be no charges.
- d. Any other finance matters - Council agreement at a meeting is required in advance regarding spending under normal circumstances. Nobody should undertake spending prior to authorisation unless unavoidable.
- 23/24/ 231 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD was put for circulation. There is a PEN meeting on 21st March at 7pm in Cossington Village Hall.
- 23/24/ 232 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 23/24/ 233 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - 2022 Code of Conduct; Website (Cllr Vine would send the Clerk a list of queries regarding the website); Nidon Lane.
- 23/24/ 234 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 11th April 2024 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm.
The meeting closed at 9pm