

- 24/25/ 101 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (nee Gilbert) (in the Chair), Gowing, Heale, Welch and Vine.
- 24/25/ 102 **APOLOGIES** - none received.
- 24/25/ 103 **ALSO PRESENT** - 5 members of the public and SCllr Munt.
- 24/25/ 104 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 24/25/ 105 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none declared.
- 24/25/ 106 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - confirmed and signed.
- 24/25/ 107 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 24/25/ 108 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' & LCN REPORTS** - SCllr Munt reported on policing and safety then went on to finance. Several senior staff are leaving including the head of finance who has overseen the change from a £28.6m overspend to a £2m underspend to date. Changes in the executive have resulted in £36,000 savings so far. Cllrs reported on LCNs. The Clerk would forward on to councillors a questionnaire about priorities for everyone to complete and for the LCN representative and seconder to get together to finalise.
- 24/25/ 109 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. SID - no progress so far.
  - b. Jetting and any problems arising - a lot of drain clearing had been carried out but had resulted in other problems particularly for some householders/landowners. Cllr Heale had witnessed the tanker discharging into a ditch and this should not have happened. The Clerk would write to all landowners to remind them of their riparian responsibilities but would need to send the landowner map to all councillors for updating prior to that. Cllr Vine would draft a letter to Highways regarding the problems resulting from the drain clearance. There is still sludge to clear from Broadmead Lane.
  - c. Any updates
    - i. Holywell Road/Chandlers Lane water problems - Cllr Charlesworth has written to Liam Gill in order to get the matter sorted out before the winter.
    - ii. Any other updates - Cllr Charlesworth reported that the problem at Belmont Cottage had been caused by a bottle blocking the pipe.
  - d. Nidon Lane - replacement signs had been put in place but no further action had been taken. SCllr Munt would check with Tessa Munt who had been going to find out when it is anticipated this safety repair would be made.
  - e. Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM) Pilot and Volunteer Training scheme - it was noted that this would be expensive unless several jobs were carried out at once. The Clerk advised that travelling time was included in the charges. The next clerks online meeting should have an update on how the scheme is working. The question arose as to how we are supposed to define a 'safety' concern.
  - f. Problems arising and any other highway matters - none.
- 24/25/ 110 **PLANNING** -
- a. 26/23/00007 - Hampden, Broadway - parking problems - Having heard from concerned villagers who were present and having discussed the matter it was agreed to wait until the next meeting as it was hoped that the problem might improve.
  - b. 26/24/00004 - Prior Approval Agricultural to Dwelling - Moorcroft, Holywell Road - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to 3 No. Dwellings (Class C3), and associated building operations - Following discussion it was agreed that prior approval should be required in view of the size and structure of the building and the concern over water related problems on this low lying land.
  - c. Any other planning matters - none.

- 24/25/ 111 **FOOTPATHS** - Mr Olive, our footpaths liaison officer reported that there were no problems other than outstanding stile ones.
- 24/25/ 112 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - Cllr Charlesworth reported on the only quote which had been received. The others invited to quote had failed to do so. It was agreed to accept the quote as it was reasonable and the electrician is fully conversant with the Hall electrics. The quote included moving the defibrillator, installing the bleed kit and sorting out the light.
- 24/25/ 113 **WORKING PARTY - CONSIDER RENAMING** - it was agreed that this would now be called Edington Willing Helpers in order to differentiate it from any working parties set up. A list of potential jobs and a risk assessment should be drawn up.
- 24/25/ 114 **GARDEN COMPETITIONS** - to be left until the new year.
- 24/25/ 115 **TRAINING** - no updates.
- 24/25/ 116 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND)** - Cllr Welch reported on her meeting with Mr Kennedy. Mr Kennedy and his agent would attend the October meeting and are looking into possible grants to help with maintenance of the land.
- 24/25/ 117 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - no update.
- 24/25/ 118 **WEBSITE** - The Clerk reported that she had put all the required information on the site. She was looking into ways for councillors to have their own email addresses linked to the council. She asked for information regarding Edington and for more pictures. Mr Rigler would provide a history of the village and Cllr Charlesworth would provide photos.
- 24/25/ 119 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS** - the Clerk had received no response from Somerset regarding this request. SCllr Martin had offered to chase this up. She had also been trying to get a copy of the register of electors since the end of April or beginning of May. She had received nothing.
- 24/25/ 120 **SETTING UP, NAMING AND SETTING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES** - it was agreed that only working parties were needed. Consideration of what they needed to cover and terms of reference would need to be established.
- 24/25/ 121 **REVIEW STANDING ORDERS** - these were reviewed in 2020. Cllr Charlesworth felt that they needed amending with regard to dispensations. This needed to be looked at further.
- 24/25/ 122 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts - accounts and bank statements had been sent to councillors. Accounts were approved.
  - b. Cheques for signature - Chq.1041 SALC (subscription) £115.34; Chq.1042 J Marshall (salary and expenses) £434.92.
  - c. Bank mandate - this had been delayed in order to include Cllr Charlesworth's name change. Her signature would remain the same.
  - d. Any other finance matters - the Clerk advised that this year's salary rise would not be determined until the end of October at the earliest and would need backdating to April.
- 24/25/ 123 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - CPRE welcome pack.
- 24/25/ 124 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 24/25/ 125 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - garden competitions - Jan; PEN - October; Mike Kennedy.
- 24/25/ 126 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.