

- 24/25/ 127 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Gowing, Heale, Welch and Vine.
- 24/25/ 128 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received from SCllr Munt.
- 24/25/ 129 **ALSO PRESENT** - 4 members of the public.
- 24/25/ 130 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 24/25/ 131 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none declared.
- 24/25/ 132 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - confirmed and signed.
- 24/25/ 133 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 24/25/ 134 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - Neither Somerset Councillor was present.
- 24/25/ 135 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN)** - It was agreed that there was little point in completing the questionnaire as not much applied to a community our size. Cllr Welch said that representatives of larger communities did agree that actions should be taken on a pro rata basis as far as differing sized communities were concerned. It was agreed that highways and drainage issues were a concern.
- 24/25/ 136 **BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND (BTMG)** - At this point it had been hoped that Mr Kennedy and his agent would be present. As they were not the Chairman amended the order of the agenda so that this could be discussed when they arrived.
- 24/25/ 137 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. SID - including possible extension of warrantee - It is hoped that the SID can now be moved reasonably soon. Following discussion it was agreed not to extend the warrantee because of the cost.
 - b. Landowner map - Identifying landowners who need to be written to - Cllr Heale and the Clerk would meet tomorrow to look at the areas and people who needed to be contacted.
 - c. Jetting and any problems still existing - It was agreed that Cllr Vine draw up a marked map of where the problems still exist so that it can be forwarded on to Highways.
 - d. Nidon Lane - SCllr Munt and the Clerk are liaising in an effort to get Highways to take urgent action. The Clerk would also contact Highways about checking the signage at the site as their men regularly come and do this which could easily be undertaken by locals who would then let Highways know if there was a problem. This should save some money.
 - e. Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM) - It was agreed that Cllr Heale would attend a meeting. Some me particular matters were mentioned for him to raise at the meeting. Cllr Vine would attend a session to become a trained leader following which Willing Helpers should be able to help with various problems.
 - f. Problems arising and any other highway matters -Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road corner - Cllr Charlesworth updated the council. She is trying to get contact details of the BT representative regarding the soakaway. There has been further leakage with new areas causing problems.
- 24/25/ 138 **PLANNING** -
- a. 26/23/00007 - Hampden, Broadway - parking problems - although the situation had improved in some respects there were still difficulties. Vehicle egress from The Spinney is a particular problem as cars parked on the tarmac area outside the properties obscure the view in one direction and a wall obscures the view the other way. The Clerk would contact the planning department to see if anything can be done as there is currently no visibility splay when cars are parked there.
 - 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. Dwellinghouses (Class C3), and associated building operations - permission has been granted
 - c. Any other planning matters - none.

- 24/25/ 139 **FOOTPATHS** - no updates.
- 24/25/ 140 **POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)** - Cllr Vine provided a brief report on the latest meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Welch and Vine should represent the council at future PEN meetings.
- 24/25/ 141 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - A difficulty had arisen in that the box cannot be opened at present. As a matter of safety the ambulance service had been notified and notices posted in appropriate places. It was agreed that Cllr Charlesworth should ask a locksmith to access the machine. It is thought the battery may have gone flat. There should be a key somewhere but it cannot now be found.
- 24/25/ 142 - **WILLING HELPERS** - work on the highway is temporarily suspended until Cllr Vine has passed the necessary training.
- 24/25/ 143 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - no update.
- 24/25/ 144 **WEBSITE** - The Clerk provided information on a company which might prove helpful. She would get further details and costs. She would also enquire about a .gov.uk website.
- 24/25/ 145 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS** - to be removed from the agenda.
- 24/25/ 146 **WORKING PARTIES - TO CONSIDER IF ANY NEED SETTING UP AT PRESENT AND THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE** - for consideration next month.
- 24/25/ 147 **REVIEW STANDING ORDERS AND DISPENSATIONS** - for consideration next month.
- 24/25/ 148 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts - The Clerk provided up to date accounts and bank statements which had only just arrived. The accounts were approved. She also provided spreadsheets to help with precept setting.
 - b. Cheques for signature - Chq.043 SALC (Training) £35.00; Chq.044 J Marshall (salary & expenses) £431.05; Chq.045 Royal British Legion (wreath) £25 - the Chairman had the wreath and would lay it as had been done in the past.
 - c. Bank mandate - This is almost complete, just needing Cllr Welch to submit her signature.
 - d. Catcott School funding request - a request from Catcott School to help with funding had been received. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting when it was planned that the precept would be set. It was noted that Section 137 could be used for this purpose.
 - e. Any other finance matters - A permanent holder for the village Christmas tree is required. This was agreed.
- 24/25/ 149 **BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND (BTMG)** - Mr Kennedy and his agent had still not arrived. It was agreed that this was not satisfactory. Cllrs Welch and Vine assured the meeting that he knew the date and time and were expecting him to be present. Cllr Welch would visit Mr Kennedy and ask him to ensure he is present at the next meeting.
- 24/25/ 150 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD.
- 24/25/ 151 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 24/25/ 152 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Jan - Gardening competitions; Nov - Precept; Nov - Salary rise
- 24/25/ 153 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 14th November 2024 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm