

- 24/25/ 180 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Welch and Vine.
- 24/25/ 181 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Received and approved from Cllr Gowing.
- 24/25/ 182 **ALSO PRESENT** - 0 members of the public.
- 24/25/ 183 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 24/25/ 184 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Vine declared an interest in Affordable Rural Housing as he might benefit from the scheme's activities.
- 24/25/ 185 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - confirmed and signed.
- 24/25/ 186 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 24/25/ 187 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - Neither Somerset Councillor was present.
- 24/25/ 188 **LCNs** - (Including EHM) - although some ideas of costs involved in using the EHM scheme it was still far from clear what actions Somerset Highways would be undertaking. The only meeting held had been in Shapwick and run by a Kier representative with nobody from Highways present.
- 24/25/ 189 **PRESENT** - Cllr Vine left the meeting.
- 24/25/ 190 **AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING** - It was agreed that although it would be wonderful to have affordable housing in the village there is nowhere for it to go. Also, the existing infrastructure is already incredibly overloaded and unable to cope and adding anything more would only exacerbate the problems.
- 24/25/ 191 **PRESENT** - Cllr Vine returned to the room.
- 24/25/ 192 **DEVOLUTION** - It was felt that the village would not benefit from this proposal and it was likely to increase costs.
- 24/25/ 193 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND ON THE NIDON)** - Some trees have been blown down on the West plot. At least three medium sized saplings and one big tree (thought to be Ash) are lying on the ground. The Clerk will contact somebody for advice as to what action to take to best benefit the ecology.
- 24/25/ 194 **HIGHWAYS & FLOODING**
- a. Speed Indicator Device (SID) - The Clerk no longer driving meant she doesn't meet Mr Mockridge any more. Cllr Charlesworth would contact him direct. It is understood that she should be able to log on to the device with her smart phone. Once she has achieved that then the device can be moved to its other position. She would keep everyone informed.
 - b. Flooding - the meeting held in the Village Hall had been well attended and the speaker from the River Authority had proved really informative and interesting to the audience. Cllr Charlesworth thanked all who had attended. Now it was agreed that more jetting is crucial and it was agreed that Cllr Charlesworth should contact Mr Gill directly to try and arrange an on site visit with councillors and to discuss various problems. Kier should let us know when they plan to come to the village to undertake work and it was agreed that this work should be monitored and recorded. Cllr Vine would talk to a local farmer regarding ditching/drainage concerns. Cllr Charlesworth would speak to the Village Hall manager about sustainable drainage. There are serious concerns regarding flooding for the short, the mid and the long term. A specific area was mentioned as a trouble spot and Cllrs Charlesworth and Heale would meet to look at it.
 - c. Jetting and any problems still existing - included in the above.
 - d. Nidon Lane - no update.
 - e. Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM) - covered under LCNs.

- f. Problems arising and any other highway matters - A pothole near Byways by the junction of Church Road and Holywell Road needs to be reported.
- 24/25/ 195 **BOUNDARY COMMISSION - ELECTORAL REVIEW** - noted for information.
- 24/25/ 196 **PLANNING** -
- a. 26/23/00007 - Hampden, Broadway - no updates. To be removed from the next agenda.
- b. Any other planning matters
- i. 26/24/00005 - Proposal: Erection of workshop on site of existing garage (to be demolished) - Torgyle, Holywell Road - This application arrived too late to add to the agenda. The Clerk would respond following consultation.
- ii. Validation - an email about this had been forwarded to councillors.
- 24/25/ 197 **FOOTPATHS** - a fallen tree near Hardings Barton had knocked a sign down. Mr Olive would report this.
- 24/25/ 198 **POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)** - no update.
- 24/25/ 199 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - no update.
- 24/25/ 200 **WILLING HELPERS** - the help which this group and other villagers had given during the recent red alert storm was much appreciated. All helpers are thanked.
- 24/25/ 201 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - Cllr Charlesworth has applied for a lot of brochures.
- 24/25/ 202 **WEBSITE** - to be removed from the agenda unless something arises.
- 24/25/ 203 **WORKING PARTIES - TO CONSIDER IF ANY NEED SETTING UP AT PRESENT AND THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE** - to be removed from the agenda for the time being.
- 24/25/ 204 **REVIEW STANDING ORDERS AND DISPENSATIONS** - to be removed from the agenda.
- 24/25/ 205 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check - the statements had arrived and the Clerk had emailed accounts to councillors together with bank statements. She also brought a few printed copies. The accounts were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - cheques were approved as follows:- Chq.1051 Clerk (pay and expenses) £445.54; Chq.1052 Barnett's Dairy (Christmas tree) £65.00; Chq.1053 Bluehost (website provision) £358.06; Chq.1054 Village Hall (Flooding meeting) £42.00.
- c. Bank mandate - this had again failed. The Clerk would start the process again.
- d. Budget/Precept setting - Cllr Vine presented figures arrived at by the working party. It was agreed that these should be looked at further and an informal get together was arranged so that a final proposal could be put to the meeting on 9th January 2025.
- e. Any other finance matters - none.
- 24/25/ 206 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - nothing that has not already been circulated.
- 24/25/ 207 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 24/25/ 208 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Jan - Gardening competitions;
- 24/25/ 209 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 9th January 2025 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

Chairman

Date