

- 24/25 236 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Welch, Gowing and Vine.
- 24/25 237 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none.
- 24/25 238 **ALSO PRESENT** - 0 members of the public, Somerset Councillor Munt.
- 24/25 239 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 24/25 240 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Vine declared an interest in a potential new bus service should the matter be raised as it might impact his business.
- 24/25 241 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - confirmed and signed.
- 24/25 242 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 24/25 243 **SOMERSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - SCllr Munt said that at the last Somerset meeting the council had endorsed the new workforce structure on matters relating to who does what and who works for whom. The budget meeting is coming up next month with a noticeable increase in precept likely to result.
- 24/25 244 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS) AND ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - Cllr Welch reported on various matters including the Avon and Somerset Police and information available at beat level. The Health and Wellbeing group are looking at improving the bus services for a trial period and an Adopt a Bike scheme for village halls. The Highways group next meets on 25th February at Glastonbury Town Hall. The Chair and Vice Chair are looking at possible ways for villages to get together to make employing Kier more practical. The Clerk reported that they are also looking into finding other contractors licenced to work on the highway who could be asked for quotes to compete with Kier.
- 24/25 245 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND ON THE NIDON)** - the flailing by the BTMG has taken place.
- 24/25 246 **HIGHWAYS & FLOODING**
- a. Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Cllr Charlesworth said she had now got the required programme on her laptop and would now proceed with downloading the information to date.
 - b. Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - Cllr Charlesworth reported that she had chased this matter up again and it had now been confirmed that BT is responsible and between them and Streetworks the matter should now progress. SCllr Martin is being kept in the loop.
 - c. Flooding - nothing to report as there has been no rain.
 - d. Nidon Lane - no change.
 - e. Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM) - included in LCN report above.
 - f. Additional grit - Cllr Heale would top up as necessary.
 - g. Broadmead Lane - large stones in road - Following the collapse of parts of the wall around the Pillar Barn resulting in several large stones landing on the road in Broadmead Lane the Clerk had written to the landowner requesting that the problem be sorted out. However, the wall is also listed so the Clerk was instructed to contact him again demanding that the wall be repaired.
 - h. Problems arising and any other highway matters - Councillors had spotted several large potholes in the village. These would be reported via the Highways online fault reporting portal. Repairs to take place quicker using this facility.
- 24/25 247 **PLANNING** -
- a. 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 previous agenda. Granted permission.
 - b. 26/25/00001 - Overhead Electric Line - land South of Broadway - Delegated with no objections

c. Any other planning matters - none.24/25 248 **FOOTPATHS** - no update.24/25 249 **POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)** - additional bus services through the village had been raised by PEN.**PRESENT** - Cllr Vine left the room.

It was agreed that more information is required and that Edington does not have the funds to support this.

PRESENT - Cllr Vine returned to the room.24/25 250 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - Cllr Charlesworth reported that following advice she had looked into getting a replacement cabinet. However, these were far more expensive than envisaged. She has now contacted a helpful locksmith who has several ideas regarding how the problem can be overcome. The electrician is hoping to move the cabinet on 27th February and it is hoped that with a bit of liaison all will be sorted out then.24/25 251 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - a seat has been purchased and will be kept in safe storage until the site is ready for installation. Cllr Welch reported that she is still pursuing the contact she had been given with regard to the stonework renovation. Cllr Charlesworth asked the clerk if she had the deeds for the Holy Well. Hard copies of deeds are no longer provided and she can only get these by paying for them from the Land Registry which she would now do.24/25 252 **GARDEN COMPETITIONS** - It was agreed to award vouchers as well as the cup in the adult competition. There would be three prizes of keepsake medals for the children.24/25 253 **VILLAGE CLEANUP** - It was agreed Cllrs Welch, Charlesworth and Vine would liaise outside the meeting to organise this. Advertising would be on the same sheet as the garden competition and would be prominently displayed in the village.24/25 254 **FINANCE**a. Accounts check - the Clerk had previously forwarded the accounts to councillors and these were approved. 1058 Clerk (salary & expenses) £435.70; Chq. 1059 D Gardner (flailing) £93.60; Chq. 1060 S Charlesworth (bench) £507.60.b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq. 1057 Stepping Out (ground maintenance) £162.50; Chq.c. Bank mandate - the clerk reported that the online facility for changing the mandate had been improved to include the birth dates of those no longer approved for signing. She had telephoned the bank and spoken to somebody giving them all the details of the changes required and they had promised to send the required information in the post as a hard copy. This had not yet arrived.d. Any other finance matters - none.24/25 255 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - it was noted that some serious thefts had taken place.24/25 256 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.24/25 257 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - VE 80th Anniversary 9th May.24/25 258 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7.15 in Edington School Room (beginning in April meetings will generally take place in the Committee Room at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm). In May the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 6.30pm and be followed by the Parish Council meeting. All in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm