

WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL held at The Council Rooms, Grants Lane, Wedmore, on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors:, Mr D Kirley (Vice - Chair), Mrs I Beecom, Mrs J Candy, Mr D Cox, Mrs G Cousins, Mrs J Farley, Mrs B James-Lloyd, Mr A Landers, Mrs E Mulliner, Mr A Reeson, Mr A Smith, Mr P Tinney.

In Attendance: Mr. R Pring (Clerk),

21.09.1. **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllrs. P Costello, J Newton, S Thorogood, S. Worrall, D Huxtable (SCC)

21.09.2. Cllr Kirley welcomed Cllr Andy Reeson to the Council and invited him to sign the “Acceptance of Office” Register

21.09.3. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY ANDS DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - Nil.

21.09.4. **TO RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Nil.

21.09.5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST 2021** – The minutes had previously been circulated.- **RESOLVED: that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record of the previous meeting.**

21.09.6. **MATTERS ARISING** – Cllr Smith said that the Grants procedure and guidelines had been amended and was on the Council’s website.

21.09.7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Nil.

21.09.8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **Audit of accounts** - 22nd July 2021- 24th August - Cllr Beecom and Cllr Mulliner reported that all was in order.

b) **Accounts for Payment** – as per the following list

<u>Payment</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DD	Mainstream	Line Rental	£62.53
BACS	W Jackson	Grass cutting, cemetery and highway works	£951.00
BACS	R Pring	Clerk’s expenses	£21.42
BACS	D Summers-Cooke	Clean and lock toilets	£220.00
BACS	Mrs R Stevens	Clean Council Rooms	£25.00
CARD	Cleverbridge	Computer security software renewal	£49.99
BACS	Rapide Supplies	Amended invoice	£4.88
BACS	Peter Smith	Drain inspection and report at toilets	£60.00
BACS	Rapide Supplies	Toilet rolls public toilets	£34.16
BACS	Aquablast	Clear blockage at toilets`	£114.00
BACS	Masonic Hall	Hire charge for Well-Being event	£95.00
DD	Sedgemoor DC	Clerk’s salary	£1756.79
BACS	M Isgar	Refurbish bench at Mudgley Cross	£105.00
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at toilets	£9.85
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	External auditor’s fee	£480.00

21.09.09 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON “WEDMORE BY LAMPLIGHT”**. – Cllr Cox updated members on a meeting he had attended earlier with other Councillors and committee members of

“Lamplight”. He said that previous events had been funded mainly by traders and it had been a large, successful community event. The rules regarding street closures had since changed and there had been a significant cost in this as well as safety requirements and assessments. Basic costs were in the region of £3000 with the traders pledging to raise £1000. Cllr Kirley felt there was a genuine desire to press ahead this year and Cllr Cousins noted that the event would be beneficial to the newer members of the parish as well as existing residents. The next meeting was on 28th September. Proposed by Cllr Landers and seconded by Cllr Beacom that the Council should support the festivities in principal. This was agreed.
ACTION - ALL

21.09.10 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT FOR THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR DOG OWNERS TO USE - Cllr Kirley had been exchanging emails with the complainant who seemed to suggest that he wanted to let his dogs run loose on the Playing Fields. It had been pointed out that the Council had no jurisdiction over this land and that it was managed by its own Committee. Cllr Candy said there was a field in Badgworth which the owner rented out by the hour for dog exercising and apparently it was successful. Cllr Tinney noted that dogs ran loose near his home in Stoughton and owners were generally very responsible. It was felt that the PC were not landowners and had no legal responsibility to provide such land. Cllr Kirley said he would write to the complainant accordingly. Cllr Costello had suggested placing a dog waste bin in Combe Lane near the stile leading onto the Cross Farm development. It would cost £140 to instal. Members were infomed that the village currently had 6 bins and the emptying cost was in the region of £900 p.a. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposal -
ACTION – DK/CLERK.

21.09.11 TO CONSIDER A COMPLAINT OF A DANGEROUS DOG ON A FOOTPATH IN THE VILLAGE - Cllr Beacom reported that a resident had been subject to agression by dogs running loose on the footpath from Sand Road to Pilcorn Street. The Clerk said he had received a similar complaint earlier this week. It was believed that the dogs belonged to the landowner. He had advised the latest complainant to contact the Police who had power to deal with dangerous dogs and he urged others to do the same. He had also contacted the Dog Warden at Sedgemoor who also had enforcement powers. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners of the dogs informing them of the complaints and advising them that the Police would be informed and also the Dog Warden and any further complaints would be passed on accordingly. **ACTION - CLERK.**

21.09.12 ISSUES AND QUESIONS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS – Cllr. Beacom said she had received correspondence from Rupert Bullock of Green Wedmore concerning street lighting and light pollution. It needed a full village consultation but there were no funds available for this at the time being. She also said that the Brook was blocked by a fallen branch in Glanville Road. Councillors complained of broken or damaged stiles within the parish and were informed by Cllr Farley that these could be reported online via the County Council’s interactive website. Cllr Farley noted that the yellow lines outside the village hall should have been repositioned by now and other yellow lines needed re-painting. The Clerk said he would contact Cllr Huxtable. Cllr Kirley had been asked about the current position regarding the proposed cycle path to Blackford School. Cllr Mulliner said that some feedback from local landowners had not been positive so the team looking at this need to decide on the next steps to take.

21.09.13 CORRESPONDENCE

Item	From Whom	Subject
	ALL CIRCULATED	

21.09.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Cemetery – Contractors on site tomorrow to carry out demarcation work near the bottom car park.
- Facilities Allotments, Footpaths – Allotments now available to let and hedges needed cutting.
- Finance & General Purposes – Nil
- Housing – Nil.
- Highways – Meeting 29th September.
- Planning – Meeting 6th October
- Human Resources – Number of policies and procedures currently under consideration.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- IOW News – Accounts had been audited. Allotment availability to be inserted next time.
- Play Areas – Fencing at Blackford not yet done
- SALC – Nil
- Wedmore Playing Fields Management – New toilet cleaner appointed by Management Committee and all looked very clean.
- Village Halls – Blackford and Wedmore bookings looking good.
- Twinning – Nil
- Green Wedmore – AGM 27th September. New Chairman required.

21.09.15 MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

- (a). Chairman – Terms of Reference etc would be circulated prior to next meeting
- (b) Clerk – Nil.
- (c) Members – Nil

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.17 pm