

## WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL held at The Council Rooms, Grants Lane, Wedmore, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors:, Mrs P Costello (Chair), Mr D Cox, Mrs I Beacom, Mrs G Cousins, Mrs J Farley, Mrs B James-Lloyd, Mr D Kirley, Mrs E Mulliner, Mr A Reeson, Mr A Smith, Mr P Tinney, Mr S Thorogood

In Attendance: Mr. R Pring (Clerk), Mr N Beacom, Mrs S Ripon, Mr R Bullock

21.11.1. **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllrs. J Candy, A Landers, J Newton, S Worrall, D Huxtable (SCC)

21.11.2. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - Cllr Costello reported that she had attended two Licensing Panel meetings at Sedgemoor

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

21.11.4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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.**

21.11.5. **MATTERS ARISING** – a. Bank signatories. Forms now with Lloyds Bank

b.. Christmas trees ordered. Arriving Friday week

21.11.6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Mr N Beacom who is a market researcher and has been practising for 40 years said that he was prepared to help with a street lighting survey. He felt the best method of getting a questionnaire circulated was by “drop and collect” to each household in the village. He had previously circulated details of a proposed document and said that he would be prepared to analyse the results with the Council retaining editorial control. The Chair thanked him for attending and offering his services.

21.11.7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **Audit of accounts** - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cllr Beacom 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>
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at car park	£82.53
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at Council Rooms	£39.13
DD	Mainstream	Supply new router	£294.00
DD	Mainstream	Phone calls	£1.63
BACS	Carter Jonas	Rent for access to car park (Wells Almshouses)	£75.00
BACS	W Jackson	Grass cutting, highways etc	£1188.00
BACS	R Pring	Clerk's expenses	£44.50
BACS	Mrs R Stevens	Clean Council Rooms	£25.00
BACS	D Summers-Cooke	Clean and lock toilets	£275.00
BACS	OddJob	Repairs at allotments and toilets	£108.00
BACS	Rapide Systems	Stationery and toilet rolls	£48.17
BACS	Sedgemoor DC	Clerk's salary	£1756.79
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at toilets	£9.06
BACS	Somerset Forge	Repair damaged fingerpost at Cocklake	£144.00
BACS	Rousell Plant Hire	Hedge cutting allotments and cemetery	£336.00

BACS	WPFMC	Agreed grants for sports facilities	£12,500.0
BACS	Som Play Fields	Annula subscription	£25.00
BACS	Sedgemoor DC	Empty dog bins etc	£515.74
BACS	St Andrews Press	Print Lamplight flyers	£63.00

**21.11.08 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTS AND PUBLIC LIABILITY COVER** – Cllr Reeson explained that the group that originally purchased the lights had now disbanded and he was the sole participant. If the lights were displayed this year then public liability insurance was required and he was hoping that the Council would agree to acquire public liability insurance at no cost to the Parish. After a lengthy discussion Cllr Smith proposed that for one year only the Council would agree to obtain the required insurance to ensure the lights would shine again this Christmas. This was seconded by Cllr Farley and agreed.

**21.11.09 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED NEW MEDICAL CENTRE.** - Cllr Smith updated members on a proposed development at Kelsons Lane following the donation of land from a local landowner. A pre-app enquiry had been submitted to Sedgemoor and a reply had recently been received. Various surveys would now be undertaken and a planning application would be submitted after public consultation in the new year. CIL money had been proposed as a support to the application but members felt it should be earmarked rather than returned to Sedgemoor if the project is delayed.

**21.11.10 WEDMORE STREET LIGHTING** - Cllr Beecom had been in contact with the County lighting team who wanted to be carbon neutral by 2030. This meant that all street lights would be replaced by carbon neutral lamps. The cost of replacing all Wedmore lights and timers would be in the region of £20k which may have to be borne by the parish. Members agreed to hold an open day in the new year highlighting the issue with street lighting among others and for a questionnaire to be designed to sent to all Wedmore residents.

**21.11.11 PLAY AREA REPAIRS** – Cllr Farley said that the annual inspection had thrown up some serious issues at Wedmore play area which had needed addressing. The remedial work has been completed and invoices needed to be paid

**21.11.12 TO AGREE THE ANNUAL BURIAL GRANTS TO CHURCHES** - - The Clerk reported that it was customary to make an annual grant to local churches of £100 towards the upkeep of the burial areas. This was agreed.

**21.11.13 TO AGREE TO PAY FOR MINCE PIES AT THE CHURCH ON LAMPLIGHT EVENING** - Cllr Cousins reported that it had been the custom for several years for the Council to pay for mince pies to be distributed after the carol service on Lamplight evening. The cost was in the region of £25. It was agreed to continue this practise this year.

**21.11.14 SUGGESTED FOREST SCHOOL AT WORTHINGTON WOODS** - Cllr Cox said that he had been approached by a local teacher to use Worthington Woods as a Forest School for one or two days a week. The classes would be about an hour or so and members agreed that this would be a useful community service in conjunction with Green Wedmore

**21.11.15 WIND PROJECT PLANNING APPLICATION** - - Cllr Cox said that Green Wedmore had applied for various grants for a wind turbine project and asked to submit a planning application in the name of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

**21.11.16 TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE** - Cllr Kirley had previously circulated documents and with one amendment of a planning policy which would be amended, they were all approved.

**21.11.17 ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS** - Cllr Farley commented on the double yellow lines in the village. Cllr Thorogood asked about speed indicator devices at Theale. Cllr Smith mentioned the development at Blue Cedar Homes and the subsequent works in the car park, Cllr Reeson mentioned the new sign in Latcham and informed members

that the former guide camp site was for sale by auction. The Clerk on behalf of Cllr Worrall said that a Mill Lane resident was putting an informative map in her front garden for the benefit of walkers concerning an ancient mill that had stood in that location

#### 21.11.18 CORRESPONDENCE

Item	From Whom	Subject
	ALL CIRCULATED	

#### 21.11.19 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Cemetery – Hedges cut back. Some trees need attention
- Facilities Allotments, Footpaths – Allotment hedges cut back. Play areas to be included.
- Finance & General Purposes – Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Housing – Nil.
- Highways – Sub-committee groups being formulated.
- Planning – Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Human Resources – Nil

##### REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- IOW News – Meeting held last week
- Play Areas – Nil
- SALC – Nil
- Wedmore Playing Fields Management – Nil
- Village Halls – Blackford bookings going well. Electric charger and solar panels at Theale. Wedmore AGM tomorrow
- Twinning – Nil
- Green Wedmore – All covered by agenda

#### 21.11.20 MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

- (a). Chairman – Nil
- (b) Clerk – Nil.
- (c) Members – Policies and Procedures

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm