

# WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of **WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL** held at  
The Council Rooms, Grants Lane, Wedmore, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:**

Councillors: Mrs P Costello (Chair), Mrs I Beacom, Mrs G Cousins, Mr D Cox, Mrs J Farley,  
Mrs B James-Lloyd, Mr D Kirley, Mrs E Mulliner, J Candy, J Newton, S Worrall

**In Attendance:**

Mrs L Baker (Clerk) Mr. R Pring, Mrs K Willcox

**20.04.01 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -**

Mr A Reeson, Mr A Smith, Mr S Thorogood, Mr P Tinney, Mr D Huxtable

**20.04.02 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS -**

Cllr Costello chaired a lengthy licencing panel with regards to the Haven Holiday Park in Burnham on Sea.

**20.04.03 TO RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -**

NIL

**20.04.04 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2022 -**

Resolved: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record of the previous meeting.

**20.04.05 MATTERS ARISING -**

NIL

**20.04.06 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

Mrs K Willcox, Presented details on behalf of Wedmore Harvest Home in relation to an item later in the agenda.

**20.04.07 FINANCIAL MATTERS -**

**A) Audit of accounts** - 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 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	SALC	Planning Training	£25.00
BACS	EDF	Toilets	£9.87
BACS	Clarity Copiers	Photocopier Costs	£10.56

**20.04.08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2022 -**

These had been circulated and it was agreed that Cllr Worrall should sign them as an accurate record

**20.04.09 TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR THE JUBILEE EVENTS -**

Cllr Kirley and Cllr Cox gave an update on the progress on planning this event. there has been great support from local businesses, vendors and wedmore first school academy. Sedgemoor District Council have written with the offer of a £200 grant specifically for the jubilee celebrations, which will be applied for by Cllr kirley and the clerk. the clerk is going to raise with sedgmoor if this is amount is able to be extended to both blackford and theale or if the money should be shared equally between wedmore, blackford and theale. the items listed as requiring funding are road closure, ten's licence and the entertainment.

**20.04.10 TO AGREE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FUNDRAISING AT BLACKFORD CHURCH -**

A letter of support was agreed by the Council. This will be presented as part of a grant scheme with Viridor.

**Cllr Kirley Proposed and Cllr Mulliner Seconded**

**20.04.11 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA -**

Cllr Reeson had prepared a presentation which was briefly discussed, it was decided that further discussion be deferred to a later meeting in Cllr Reeson's absence.

**20.04.12 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THE WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS FOR AN AWARD-**

It was decided that more information was required but something to consider in the future.

**20.04.13 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND SIGN BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CLERK -**

**20.04.14 TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR STEWARDING THE ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE WEDMORE STREET FAIR AND HARVEST HOME EVENTS -**

It was agreed that £1000 be funded

**Cllr Kirley Proposed and Cllr Cox Seconded**

**20.04.15 TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR WEDMORE IN BLOOM FOR PLANTING -**

It was agreed the £750.00 be funded

**Cllr Kirley Proposed and Cllr Beacom Seconded**

**20.04.16 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF NEW SWINGS AT THE VILLAGE PLAY AREAS -**

Cllr Farley had prepared a very well received presentation including a quotation for works to be carried out, this was agreed.

**Cllr Farley Proposed and Cllr Cox Seconded**

**20.04.17 TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW KISSING GATE -**

Cllr Costello raised that there is currently a very unsuitable high style located on Combe Lane, she has been in discussion with Chris East at Somerset County Council who has confirmed we are able to have and fit a kissing gate in the style's place which will be supplied and fitted free of charge by Somerset County Council.

**20.04.18 TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LAPTOP AND AFFILIATED PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLERK -**

Cllr James - Lloyd presented some research and comparison quotes in relation to suitable laptops.

**Cllr James-Lloyd Proposed and Cllr Newton Seconded**

**20.04.19 TO DISCUSS IDEAS ABOUT ANY PERMANENT FIXTURES TO MARK THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE -**

Cllr Beacom presented research on items available to purchase to mark the event. It was agreed to purchase x4 picnic benches (one for each play area) and suitable hardstanding and fixing areas. with a budget of £4000 and a traditional tree and plaque with a budget of £500 to be sited in the church yard depending on discussions with rev. Richard Niel

**Cllr Beacom Proposed and Cllr Farley Seconded**

**20.04.20 TO DECIDE THE WINNER OF THE 'HENRY BUTT TROPHY 2022' -**

A secret ballot took place and all votes counted independently; the winner was announced as Mrs Margaret Tinny for services to Blackford Village Hall.

**20.04.21 ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS -**

*Note: for information only as resolutions cannot be agreed at this agenda item.*

It was raised by both Cllrs Worrall and James-Lloyd that they have received some complaints about the Cross Farm play area. Cllr Costello reiterated that it has not been officially opened yet and as such not signed off by the Parish Council as adequate.

**20.04.22 CORRESPONDENCE -**

*FOR INFORMATION All correspondence will be recorded, a list circulated to members at the meeting and will be available if members wish to discuss or read any particular item. Any member wishing to view a particular correspondence item may also contact the clerk following the meeting. Items of correspondence that the chairman intends to discuss are in **BOLD**.*

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
	ALL CIRCULATED	

## **20.04.23 COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

*FOR INFORMATION*

### **CEMETERY -**

The gateway area is being tarmacked the second week of May; They will also carry out a drainage inspection. The project is to channel run off rainwater into a drain at the side of the small gate rather than it flow under the larger gate and across the top of the cemetery causing the area it to be slippery.

It was noted that there should be further investigation undertaken by the next Cemetery committee with regards to the possibility of wilding part of the Cemetery that is currently not being used.

### **FACILITIES, ALLOTMENTS & FOOTPATHS -**

Cllr Candy has undertaken various Allotment training which has highlighted the need to investigate the current policies and affiliated paperwork.

An Allotment meeting will be scheduled for the near future, Cllr Candy will set a date.

The track has now been scraped off, and as such there is a large pile of waste that now needs to be removed.

Cllr Beacom highlighted that she is going to chase up the signage for the footpath between Pilcorn Street and Sand Road.

### **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES -**

NIL

### **HOUSING -**

NIL

### **HIGHWAYS -**

NIL

### **PLANNING -**

The next meeting is being held on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **FOOTPATHS & GREEN ISSUES -**

NIL

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES**

### ***IOW NEWS -***

The next meeting is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### ***PLAY AREAS -***

There are very exciting times ahead for the Cross Farm play area. It has been found that urgent repairs need to be carried out on the slide in Blackford.

### ***SALC -***

NIL

### ***VILLAGE HALLS -***

NIL

### ***TWINNING -***

NIL

### ***GREEN WEDMORE –***

Thanks to Steve Mewes. It was suggested that the signage should be looked at in Worthington Woods. The sign on the carpark entrance gate has no mention that the land is owned by The Parish Council.

## **20.04.24 MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING -**

*(a) Chairman – NIL*

*(b) Clerk – NIL*

*(c) Members – NIL*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 8.25 PM**