



Wedmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at: The Council Rooms, Grants Lane, Wedmore, BS28 4EA **on:** Wednesday 20th December 2023 **at:** 7:30pm

Present: *Councillor Farley, Councillor Beacom, Councillor Loughrey, Councillor Tinney, Councillor Blackshaw, Councillor Banwell, Councillor Phillip Weale

In Attendance: Mrs Lindsey Baker (Clerk), 1 Member of the Public present

Public Participation:

1 Member of the Public was present to hear the councils consideration of agenda item 23.12.10 and answer any questions if necessary as part of the Young Farmers Club.

23.12.1. **RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (AND RECORD APPROVAL IF APPROPRIATE) LGA1972 s85 (1))

Councillor Rant (Sabbatical), Councillor Smith, Councillor Thorogood.

23.12.2. **REPORTS FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLORS (BY INVITATION)**

Nothing to report.

23.12.3. **RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Banwell and Councillor Tinney declare an interest in agenda item 23.12.10 they will not vote on the resolution for this agenda item.

23.12.4. **CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Councillor Farley addressed the Parish Council and confirmed everyone had read the minutes from the previous meetings.

It was accepted as an accurate record and the minutes signed.

23.12.5. **RECEIVE THE CLERKS REPORT AND RESOLVE ANY SUITABLE ACTION REQUIRED.**

Councillor Farley asked if all the councillors present, had had the opportunity to read the clerks report, it was confirmed they had.

RESOLVED: No action to be taken.

23.12.6. **MATTERS ARISING AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS** – NOTE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY AS RESOLUTIONS

CANNOT BE AGREED AT THIS AGENDA ITEM

- Councillor Beacom – Gave an update of Warm in Wedmore from last week – Donations were received over the 2 days of £42.10, This was paid to the Cheddar Food Bank. Councillor Beacom gave special thanks to Phillip and Sally Weale, Jacky Farley, Jenny Blackshaw, Alistair Smith and Lindsey Baker for helping over the course of the 2 days.

23.12.7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(A) AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 01ST NOVEMBER – 30TH NOVEMBER 2023 (TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLRS BEACOM AND SMITH)

Councillor Beacom agreed they had carried out the monthly checks and they were accepted as an accurate record to date.

(B) INVOICES PAID SINCE THE LAST MEETING – AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

It was agreed that the invoices paid were authorised.

(C) TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE - INCLUDING THOSE LISTED ON ATTACHED DOCUMENT

It was resolved to approve payment of all invoices until the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to pay any outstanding invoices



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23.12.8. RESOLVE THE INCREASE IN HOURS FOR THE CLERK FROM 22–25 PER WEEK AND ALSO THE INCREASED RATE OF PAY (PERFORMANCE RELATED) BACKDATED TO 1ST NOVEMBER 2023 AS AGREED AT HER APPRAISAL.

RESOLVED: The resolution is proposed by Councillor Beacom and seconded by Councillor Blackshaw all members agree unanimously £18.58

ACTION: To update the clerk's salary, pay for November to the agreed rate and include the back payment amount.

23.12.9. RESOLVE THE OUTCOME OF A GRANT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM WEDMORE SCOUT GROUP FOR A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A BATTERY STORAGE UNIT FOR ITS SOLAR PANEL PROJECT.

RESOLVED: The Members agree to grant £1745.00 to the Scouts

The resolution is proposed by Councillor Loughrey and seconded by Councillor Beacom all members agree unanimously.

ACTION: The Clerk will write to the Scout group with the resolution as above.

23.12.10. RESOLVE THE OUTCOME OF A GRANT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM WEDMORE YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FUNDS AHEAD OF THE 90TH SHOW EVENT TAKING PLACE IN APRIL 2024.

A Member of the Public was present Councillor Farley opened for any questions. There was a brief overview of the show and what the money would be used for.

RESOLVED: The Members agree to grant £1,250.00 to the Wedmore Young Farmers Advisory Committee
The resolution is proposed by Councillor Beacom and seconded by Councillor Blackshaw all members agree unanimously.

ACTION: The Clerk will write to the Advisory Committee with the resolution as above.

23.12.11. APPROVE THE COST FOR INSTALLING THE NEW LIGHTS AT THE CARPARK AT A COST OF £14,508.00 PREPARED BY C&T MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Loughrey and seconded by Councillor Beacom

ACTION: The Clerk will write to C&T Maintenance with the resolution above.

23.12.12. APPROVE THE COST FOR THE REQUIRED GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AT THE CARPARK INCLUDING TREE AND HEDGE WORKS AT A COST OF £2650.00 PREPARED BY TAYLORMADE SERVICES IN ASSOCIATION WITH SPECIAL BRANCH TREE SERVICES

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Loughrey and seconded by Councillor Beacom

ACTION: The Clerk will write to Taylormade services in association with special branch tree services with the resolution as above.

23.12.13. DISCUSS THE RECENT FLOODING EVENTS WITHIN THE PARISH, INCLUDING LOCALISED FLOODING IN WEDMORE, BLACKFORD AND THEALE. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR PARTNER LIAISON AND THE PARISH COUNCIL

A lengthy discussion ensued, with many suggestions of how flooding has been dealt with in the past and what we could do in the future. Councillor Weale will lead this project going forward. Updates to follow.

ACTION: The Clerk will ask Will Jackson to take Sump & Drain spoil away at each cleaning.



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23.12.14. RESOLVE THE OUTCOME OF A REQUEST FOR A SABBATICAL PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS UNTIL JULY 2024 FROM COUNCILLOR THOROGOOD.

RESOLVED: Councillor Thorogood had retracted his request prior to the meeting, he will be able to attend meetings regularly from January.

23.12.15. COMMITTEE REPORTS – For information

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will take place in January on a date to be confirmed. Councillor Banwell will attend future Theale Village Hall meetings; the Clerk will follow up with the Hall committee to ensure she is on the email list for correspondence.

23.12.16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- *CIL presentation by the clerk to all councillors*
- *Presentation from Theale Village Hall Committee reference the refurbishment project.*

All business conducted the meeting was closed at 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th January 2024