

- 21/22/176 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Robins, Bell and Salter.
- 21/22/177 **ALSO PRESENT** - 7 members of the public, CCllr Huxtable, DCllr Kingham and DCllr McGinty.
- 21/22/178 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none received.
- 21/22/179 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 21/22/180 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Play Area being the Council's representative on the committee. DCllr Kingham declared an interest in planning as he serves on the SDC Committee.
- 21/22/181 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved and signed.
- 21/22/182 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 21/22/183 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - CCllr Huxtable mentioned that having the A39 works completed before the elections was good! The Council had set its budget with no alternatives from other parties being put forward. He is arranging a meeting between Mr Gill, himself and just one representative from the Parish Council.
- 21/22/184 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham reported that the council had set its budget with an annual increase of £5 on a Band D dwelling. All services would remain as before and in operation until the new unitary Somerset Council takes over.
- 21/22/185 **HIGHWAYS** -
- Signage on the Nydon at the bridge and on the road - it was agreed that Cllr Salter should organise signage similar to that at the bridge on the approach to the blind summit from the South. The writing to be placed on the road has not yet been implemented.
 - Flooding in Old School Lane - CCllr Huxtable was arranging a meeting between himself, Highways and one representative from the parish council.
 - 30mph limit on Scotts Lane - because there are not really any permanently placed hazards and the verge is so narrow it seems impossible to arrange any suitable signage to slow traffic other than the Horses signs already in existence.
 - Any other updates and problems arising - none.
- 21/22/186 **PRESENT** - CCllr Huxtable left the meeting.
- 21/22/187 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - no problems arising.
- 21/22/188 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople provided copies of new quotes from three providers. Because the prices had risen again the cost could no longer be met. DCllr McGinty advised that SDC might help with a grant. The Clerk would write to Julie Cooper concerning this.
- 21/22/189 **PLANNING** -
- 14/21/00010 - first floor extension at 14 Lippetts Way - no update at 08/03/22.

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- b. 26/21/00014 - erection of 5 dwellings and formation of new access on land adjacent to Old School Lane - no update at 08/03/22.
- c. 14/22/00001 - erection of extensions, staircase and roof lights at 14 Lippetts Way - supported.
- d. Any other planning matters - another application had been received today for 14/22/00003 - 32 Manor Road - demolition of rear (West) conservatory and ground floor bathroom with the erection of two storey North extension including internal layout changes. Again it had happened that because SDC refused to give any info on applications currently with the registration department this could not be discussed at a parish council meeting.

21/22/190 **HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE** - The CVA hope to hold a street party of some sort and have applied for a road closure on Sunday 5th June. The large stone for the Pound is to be cut and placed in the Pound prior to having a plaque affixed.

21/22/191 **PARISH PLOT** - Clerk had received a questionnaire from DEFRA which she would complete.

21/22/192 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - The Clerk provided copies of the accounts to date and the latest statements for all councillors. The accounts were approved.
- b. Clerk's salary and Cheques for signature were approved as follows - The Clerk advised that the pay increase for the current financial year had just been agreed and the increase in pay for he twelve months concerned came to £62.92. It was agreed to pay this. The following cheques were approved for payment: Chq.565 Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £40.00; Chq.566 D Salter (Postcrete for sign installation at Nydon Bridge) £9.84; Chq.567 J Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses March excl. increase) £338.65; Chq.568 J Marshall (Salary increase for April-March 2021) £62.92.
- c. Any other financial matters - It was agreed to change to a different web address. The Clerk to decide on the purchase. Backup facility and laptop to await new financial year.

21/22/193 **MAY ELECTIONS** - Clerk handed nomination packs to those councillors wishing to stand again.

21/22/194 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION** - none.

21/22/195 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETINGS** - May/June Bank mandate & To consider changing banks to enable internet transfers of money and/or use of bank cards. Elections.

21/22/196 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

21/22/197 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7pm in the School hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

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