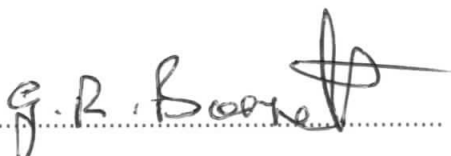


- 22/23/32 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople and Salter.
- 22/23/33 **ALSO PRESENT** - 11 members of the public and Somerset Councillor Harry Munt.
- 22/23/34 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllrs Thompson and Hall and SClr Martin.
- 22/23/35 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 22/23/36 **SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING BY ANY ABSENT COUNCILLORS** - Cllrs Barnett, Pople and Salter all signed their Declaration of acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk. It was agreed that Cllrs Hall and Thompson should sign their declarations before the next meeting of the Council.
- 22/23/37 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR AND SIGNING OF CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - Cllr Pople proposed Cllr Barnett. Seconded by Cllr Salter. Cllr Barnett was duly elected Chairman for the coming year and signed the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk.
- 22/23/38 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** - Cllr Pople proposed Cllr Salter. Seconded by Cllr Barnett. Cllr Salter was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
- 22/23/39 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Play Area as she is the Council's representative on the committee. Cllrs Barnett, Pople and Salter all passed their completed Register of Members' Interests to the Clerk.
- 22/23/40 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved and signed.
- 22/23/41 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AS REQUIRED** - Cllr Barnett proposed that Cllr Pople continue as the Council's representative on the Playing Field Committee. Seconded by Cllr Salter. Carried.
- 22/23/42 **REVIEW STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL** - this had been sent to all councillors with the agenda and was approved.
- 22/23/43 **RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING INSURANCE** - This had been sent to all councillors with the agenda. Approved with one amendment regarding the kerbing and road improvements round the war memorial.
- 22/23/44 **ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - none.
- 22/23/45 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 22/23/46 **SOMERSET COUNCIL REPORT** - none.
- 22/23/47 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- Signage on the Nydon at the bridge and on the road - Cllr Salter was thanked for installing the second 'Blind Summit' sign on the Nydon near The Crown. The writing of "Slow" on the road on either side of the summit has still not taken place and the Clerk would chase this again.
 - Flooding in Old School Lane - the promised meeting with Highways representatives has still not taken place. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.
 - Various signage on posts and roads - various signs in the village are in need of attention - knocked skew, turned the wrong way, illegible, obscured, etc. The clerk would contact Traffic Management. As well as some 30mph repeater signs there are some signs at the top of Scotts Lane which need rotating such as the 50mph sign. The 'Horses' sign also needs looking at.
 - Any other updates and problems arising - a water hydrant is leaking in Weares Lane and there is also a pothole in need of attention there.
- 22/23/48 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - appointment of new footpath liaison officer. The Clerk will draw attention to this in the Polden Post report.

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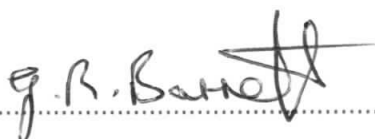


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- 22/23/49 **PLAY AREA REPORT INCLUDING ANY POSSIBLE NEW EQUIPMENT** - Cllr Pople reported on the latest from the Committee which has decided to try and purchase a small roundabout incorporating disabled access for inclusivity. Some additional possible sources of funding were mentioned and would be pursued by the committee and the Clerk would check on whether any more RLT2 or CIL funding was available. The supplier had agreed to hold the price for the time being.
- 22/23/50 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications
 - i. 14/22/00002 - extensions and other works at 14 Hector Road - granted
 - b. 14/22/00007 TPO work on Walnut to reduce height and spread and crown lift branches at 14 Brook Lane - it was agreed to leave this to Mrs Burton at Sedgemoor to decide as she is an expert.
 - c. Any other planning matters - The Clerk had ascertained that there is no update on Berts Barn. A new application had just been received (too late to be discussed at this meeting) - 14/22/00005 for erection of a front carport extension to a garage and the installation of a new front porch roof at Bramley Cottage. The Clerk had asked for an extension in order that this could be discussed at the next meeting but this had been refused. She would therefore have to respond following consultation with councillors.
- 22/23/51 **HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - INCLUDING GRANT FROM SDC TOWARDS PLAQUE AND/OR STREET PARTY** - The Council received reports on the progress of preparations for the street party and for the plaque to be placed on the stone in The Pound. The Clerk has applied for a grant of £200 but it is not yet know if this will be granted.
- 22/23/52 **PARISH PLOT** - no update.
- 22/23/53 **FINANCE**
- a. Annual accounts
 - i. Internal audit - to receive report - The internal audit had taken place with no problems but the auditor had drawn the council's attention to the reversing of the recommendation previously made with regard to donations to the church for churchyard maintenance.
 - ii. Annual Governance Statement - was gone through, agreed and completed. Signed by Clerk and Chairman.
 - iii. Accounting Statements - agreed. Previously signed by Clerk. Signed by the Chairman.
 - iv. Certificate of Exemption - agreed and signed by Clerk and Chairman.
 - b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.572 Axe Brue Internal Drainage Board (Parish Plot water rates) £28.32 (signed in the interim); Chq.573 J Marshall (salary & expenses) £364.91; Chq.574 J Marshall (hard drive) £46.74; Chq.575 R Young (internal audit) £20.00; Chq.576 D Salter (blind summit sign) £316.32.
 - c. Bank mandate - Clerk to find out if it would be legal and possible for a bank card or internet banking bearing in mind the strict regulations governing council payments. The Clerk sometimes has to temporarily fund urgent expenses between meetings as do councillors on rare occasions.
 - d. Any other financial matters - The costs of any training required will be met by the council. The precept has been received.
- 22/23/54 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION** - no update.
- 22/23/55 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 22/23/56 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - The poor state of The Standards; New Code of Conduct
- 22/23/57 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - None.
- 22/23/58 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 14th June 2022 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm

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