

- 22/23 /101 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Salter and Hall.
- 22/23 /102 **ALSO PRESENT** - 5 members of the public and SCllr Munt.
- 22/23 /103 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - were received and accepted from Cllr Thompson.
- 22/23 /104 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 22/23 /105 **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.
- 22/23 /106 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 22/23 /107 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt told the meeting of a new and much improved Ofsted report on Children's Social Care, the Council now having been given a "Good" report. Duncan Sharkey has been appointed the CEO for Somerset council. An Innovation Zone has been applied for at the Gravity site which will hopefully provide 7,500 jobs in environmentally friendly businesses.
- 22/23 /108 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - not present.
- 22/23 /109 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. Meeting re Old School Lane flooding - a report was given on the recent meeting with Mr Gill regarding the flooding problem in Old School Lane. Mr Gill is hopeful that recent jetting will have solved the problem for the time being but Parish Council representatives were not so optimistic. Mr Gill did mention that a specialist group could liaise with farmers of the higher level ground between A39 and Lippetts Way if the problem did not resolve. We then went down to look at the problem of flooding at the Old Post Office. He agreed that an easy fix with a small tarmac bund was probably suitable for this area but wanted to see the flow of water when the next flooding episode occurred.
 - b. Any other updates and problems arising -
 - i. Hedge jutting into road - the Clerk was instructed to write to the owner of a hedge which had been nicely trimmed but which leaned out into the road at the top, thereby catching wing mirrors.
 - ii. Tree and bramble cutting - the Clerk was instructed to write to the landowner of the trees and brambles on the corner of King William Road and Manor Road to ask that various action be taken.
 - iii. Little Leaze Lane - it was noted that the residents have decided to repeat their previous actions in clearing the ditches/drains along Little Leaze Lane before winter sets in.
- 22/23 /110 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - a written report from Cllr Thompson was read to the meeting. An unofficial footpath sign needs reinstating. This can be achieved at minimal cost as Cllr Thompson is prepared to do the work.
- 22/23 /111 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - the new roundabout has been installed and is now in operation and looking good.
- 22/23 /112 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications
 - i. 14/22/00006 - Pear Tree Cottage, Manor Road - Erection of single and two storey rear (North) extension with the installation of rear (North) dormer - going to committee on 20th October when Cllr Thompson will speak on behalf of the Council.
 - ii. 14/22/00009 - Wisteria Cottage, 4 Steel Lane - erection of extensions - granted.

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- iii. 14/22/00010 - Cert of Lawfulness - 7 Weares Lane - withdrawn.
- iv. 14/22/00011 - non material changes at 14 Brook Lane - granted by officer.
- v. 14/20/00018 - Wisteria Cottage, 4 Steel Lane - enforcement - a letter had been received from SDC stating that they have given an extension to enable the latest planning application on the site to be undertaken. The hedgerow must now be replaced by the end of October/beginning of November 2022 and evidence provided of this.

b. Any other planning matters -

- i. 14/22/00003 32 Manor Road - this application is also going to committee on 20th October.

22/23 /113 **PARISH PLOT** - this has been flailed but no invoice has yet been received.

22/23 /114 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - The Clerk and Chairman had attended an all day conference on this and a short report was given. The questionnaire needs to be completed by 17th October and it was agreed that of the proposed areas A is favourite, followed by B and that C is far too large.

22/23 /115 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - accounts and statements had been sent to cllrs prior to the meeting and the accounts were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature were approved as follows - Chq.591 J Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £350.21; Chq.592 SALC (balance owing from Chq.590) £100.00; Chq.593 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Remembrance wreath) £25.00; Chq.594 Dragon Play and Sport (new roundabout) £11,883.72.
- c. Bank mandates - the Clerk had not yet heard whether the new mandate for the NatWest had been approved. She would call at the bank to find out. She had now received the form for a new mandate for the NS&I account and would contact councillors to get their signatures.
- d. Request from the CVA for funds - Following consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council, which already pays for the Christmas tree would undertake the costs of installing new lighting. Cllr Salter would investigate the best ways of doing the job.
- e. Any other financial matters - none.

22/23 /116 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Clerks and Councils Direct and CPRE literature. The meeting was informed by members of the public that children from the School had started climbing the War Memorial. It was agreed that this is not only disrespectful but dangerous and the Clerk would write to the Headmistress and it would be mentioned in the Polden Post report.

22/23 /117 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - Christmas refreshments following 13th December meeting; Christmas tree and lights; Precept; Remembrance Day; Ditching/drainage at Parish Plot; Cost of replacing footpath sign.

22/23 /118 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

22/23 /119 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 8th November 2022 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman 

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