

- 22/23 /163 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Salter, Thompson and Hall.
- 22/23 /164 **ALSO PRESENT** - DCllr Kingham, SCllr Munt and 5 members of the public.
- 22/23 /165 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none.
- 22/23 /166 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 22/23 /167 **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 /168 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 22/23 /169 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 22/23 /170 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham reported that he was making his last appearance at our meetings. He was heartily thanked by all those present. The budget is being prepared with social care forming a big part. Information on LCNs is to be reported next week. Recruitment of senior roles under way. Several redundancies. Central Government has awarded a grant for £2 bus fares from January to March.
- 22/23 /171 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt reported that with SDC being dismantled County has taken over payroll. An IT change over did not go smoothly. There will be three more planning meetings before SDC ceases to exist. Then separate boards for areas will take over with local reps overseeing planning.
- 22/23 /172 **HIGHWAYS:** - Cllr Salter reported another large pothole down Little Leaze Lane. He would try reporting it via the online app.
- 22/23 /173 **FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY** - rain had prevented Cllr Thompson reinstalling the finger post.
- 22/23 /174 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - no update.
- 22/23 /175 **PLANNING:-**
- a. 14/21/00014 - revised application - 4 houses on land adjacent to Old School Lane - no update
 - b. Any other planning matters - none.
- 22/23 /176 **PARISH PLOT** - Ditch cleaning is on hold to coincide with the new agreement.
- 22/23 /177 **STRIMMER TRAINING** - arranged for 10th March.
- 22/23 /178 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - covered in SCllr Munt's and DCllr Kingham's reports.
- 22/23 /179 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check and precept setting - statements arrived too late for an accounts check. Precept papers provided were considered. Following discussion Cllr Salter proposed a precept of £9,500 seconded by Cllr Hall. Carried.
 - b. Cheques for signature were approved as follows - Chq.605 J Marshall (Salary & Expenses) £371.70; Chq.606 SLCC (half share of subscription) £69.50; Chq.607 SDC (ground maintenance) £129.93; Chq.608 Blake Training (Strimmer Course) £99.00; Chq.609 L St Clair (electricity for Christmas tree lights) £40.00.
 - c. NatWest Bank Mandate - The Clerk had held this back until after the holidays and in view of the postal strikes.
 - d. Any other financial matters - RPA income £794.20 and Wayleave £7.61 received. The ground maintenance requirements were checked through prior to the Chairman meeting with the potential new supplier.
- 22/23 /180 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 22/23 /181 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - Dog bins; Coronation and date of May meeting.
- 22/23 /182 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 22/23 /183 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 14th February 2023 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman

J.R. Barnett

Date

14/2/23