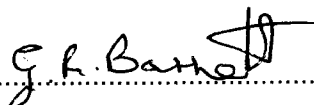


- 23/24 /1 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Salter, Thompson and Hall.
- 23/24 /2 **ALSO PRESENT** - 4 members of the public.
- 23/24 /3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - SCllrs Munt and Martin had both sent their apologies
- 23/24 /4 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24 /5 **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. Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the CVA as his wife is the Treasurer and he is the Publication Officer.
- 23/24 /6 **MANOR FARM DEVELOPMENT** - An update is currently due at the June meeting at 6.30pm.
- 23/24 /7 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24 /8 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24 /9 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - neither Somerset Councillor was present. However Tessa Munt, Somerset Councillor, was present and there was some discussion of the new arrangements at Somerset Council and the Local Community Networks.
- 23/24 /10 **HIGHWAYS:** -
- a. Updates
    - i. Little Leaze Lane - Both Cllr Salter and the Clerk had reported this again. Cllr Salter would continue to report it via the online procedure.
    - ii. Sunken repair in Manor Road - Clerk to chase this up.
    - iii. Damaged verge - Some stones had been put round here but nobody knew who was responsible.
  - b. Problems arising and other highway matters
    - i. Flooding near Old Post Office - this had occurred again. Unfortunately by the time the Clerk gets notified of this it is and is able to pass it on always too late for Mr Gill to visit to look at the problem.
    - ii. Slippery pavements - It was reported that the pavements near the school were slippery in icy weather. In the past they have had bags of salt for spreading in such conditions. It was agreed that when Highways are distributing salt there should be some left inside the wall of the School car park where it used to be kept for them.
    - iii. Stones on edge of highway along Lippetts Way - the Clerk would write to the householders to let them know of the dangers of such obstructions and the ongoing consequences.
- 23/24 /11 **FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY** -
- a. Problems - All problems have been reported to Somerset Council. There is one to be sorted out locally and the farmer would see to this as soon as the weather permits.
  - b. Strimmer training - It was agreed that the Council would pay the full cost of another person attending the strimmer course and Cllr Thompson agreed to speak to the volunteer about this.
- 23/24 /12 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople reported that because of the weather they had not arranged an Easter egg hunt and thought there would be no activities until the summer. The grass had been cut today.
- 23/24 /13 **PLANNING:-**
- a. 14/22/00015 - 25 Manor Road - Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling and erection of 2 detached garages with new access off Old School Lane - granted.

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- b. 14/22/00016 - Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling and erection of 2 detached garages with new access off Old School Lane - granted.
- c. Any other planning matters - there is some work going on at The Crown where it is thought they might be erecting a roofed smoking area which would necessitate planning permission.
- 23/24 /14 **PARISH PLOT** - The new claim form has been received by the RPA.
- 23/24 /15 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - Covered by Tessa Munt earlier in the meeting.
- 23/24 /16 **DOG WASTE BINS** - have been ordered.
- 23/24 /17 **CORONATION MUGS AND PLAQUE** - Following a rather poor response from the public it was agreed to purchase 36 mugs. It was also agreed to purchase a new plaque to commemorate the coronation. This would be placed in The Pound near Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee plaque.
- 23/24 /18 **PRESENT** - Cllr Thompson left the room.
- 23/24 /19 **CORONATION MUGS AND PLAQUE** - The CVA asked if the Council would give some funds to the CVA to help with expenses of the celebrations at Edington Village Hall. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council had already spent enough on the coronation.
- 23/24 /20 **PRESENT** - Cllr Thompson returned to the room.
- 23/24 /21 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check - all councillors had been provided with final accounts and statements for the year 2023-2024. The past year's accounts were approved.
- b. Internal and External Audits - Agreed that Richard Young should be the internal auditor. The Clerk would prepare the audit papers but told the Council it would not be an exempt audit this year mainly because of the roundabout.
- c. Cheques for signature were approved as follows - Chq.615 7 System Computers (rescue and repair of external hard drive) £40.00; Chq.616 Running Imp (36 Coronation mugs) £183.04; Chq.617 Broxap (3 dog waste bins) £489.00; Chq.618 J Marshall (salary and expenses) £400.12; Chq.619 (VAT on Chq.617) £97.80.
- d. NatWest Bank Mandate - The Clerk had chased the mandate up by writing to the Business Centre and had received a response stating that the new mandate would now be operational.
- e. VAT refund claim - The Clerk has claimed a VAT refund of £3,703.10.
- f. Any other financial matters - PAYE. The Clerk mentioned this so that it could go on record. Whilst she is Clerk she has been receiving her pay gross and then paying the income tax herself. For ease she has now set up a direct debit on her own account for this. There is nothing the Council needs to do.
- 23/24 /22 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - CPRE literature. CVA Jumble Train on 29<sup>th</sup> April round the village.
- 23/24 /23 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - At present it is believed that there will be a presentation on the proposed Manor Farm Development at the start of the June Parish Council meeting at 6.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- 23/24 /24 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 23/24 /25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May would start at 6.30pm. This would be followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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