

- 23/24 /93 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson, Salter and Hall.
- 23/24 /94 **APOLOGIES** - None received.
- 23/24 /95 **ALSO PRESENT** - SCllr Munt and 12 members of the public.
- 23/24 /96 **IN ATTENDANCE** - the Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24 /97 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is the Council's representative on the committee. Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the CVA as he is the Publicity Officer and his wife is the Treasurer.
- 23/24 /98 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24 /99 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORT** - The Council is facing some challenging times financially and for the second year in a row is having to use reserves to cover social care for both adults and children. Two consultations are currently under way. In response to a question SCllr Munt would find out the details of £7m paid to Newton Europe.
- 23/24 /100 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS - LCN AREA 17 - AVALON AND POLDENS** - Cllrs Barnett and Hall, together with the Clerk attended the LCN meeting on 19th July. None of them were impressed by the organisation of the event. The Clerk had written to the organisers outlining what she thought were the worst failings and had an assurance that they would be dealt with for the next meeting which is scheduled for 9th October.
- 23/24 /101 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Any updates and problems -
 - i. Little Leaze Lane - Has now been repaired. However, the extremely deep and extensive holes have been filled with tarmac without pushing any of the displaced stone back as a base for the tarmac.
 - ii. Trees bordering Manor Road - Complaints have been received about these and the Clerk has written a letter.
 - iii. Confirmation of location of grit bins - Top of Hector Road next to pillar box; Opposite 20A Manor Road on the grass verge; Opposite 5 King William Road; Top of King William Road next to signpost were confirmed as the current positions.
 - iv. Hedge along Lippetts Way above the Tarry Field - Complaints had been received about this and the Clerk would write to the landowner and the developers of Manor Farm. There is also an partially dead oak tree with a branch across the church path which will be included in the same letter.
 - v. Parking at the School - after considerable discussion including various opinions and suggestions it was agreed that the Clerk request single yellow lines adjacent to the kerb around the war memorial triangle. It was noted that the changed timing of the mini buses helped the situation a bit but not cured it.
 - b. Problems arising and any other highway matters - none.
- 23/24 /102 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** including the dead tree on the school footpath - The Clerk would write again about the dead tree. It was noted that the Church path is overgrown and Cllr Thompson agreed to strim it. Cllr Thompson would also see the owners of a problem rose bush.

Chairman

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23/24 /103 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Now the schools are back there is some topsoil and new matting to lay.

23/24 /104 **PLANNING:-**

- a. Any updates on previous applications - none.
- b. New applications - none.
- c. Manor Farm Development - no update.
- d. Any other planning matters - none.

23/24 /105 **PARISH PLOT** - The Clerk confirmed that Catcott Parish Council is responsible for three of the ditches around the Parish Plot. Somerset Wildlife Trust is responsible for the one which runs along the left side of the plot from the gateway. Cllr Barnett had seen Mark Baker and he is happy for the clearing of the ditch on the right side to take place from the Somerset Wildlife Trust's plot on the other side of the ditch. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr Porter to undertake this work.

23/24 /106 **CARE OF THE POUND** - Justin from Stepping Out had apologised that the cutting of the required areas would be delayed this time by a week because of vehicular problems. He has now been asked to take care of the Pound and to let us know the additional cost.

23/24 /107 **DOG WASTE BINS** - All three are now operational. It had been very difficult to find an appropriate place for the third one. Apparently, this is not entirely satisfactory. It was agreed that everyone should look for a better alternative.

23/24 /108 **FINANCE** -

- a. Accounts - The accounts and statements to the end of August had been sent via email. The bank statements were checked against the accounts. Accounts to the end of August were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.633 J Marshall (Salary and expenses) £375.65; Chq.634 PKF Littlejohn (external audit) £252.00; Chq.635 Woolavington Neighbourhood Watch £30.00.
- c. Any other financial matters - the VAT refund has been received. External Audit has been completed and no problems were found. The Clerk has ordered a poppy wreath - a cheque to be made out next month.

23/24 /109 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD.

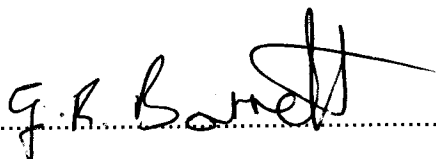
23/24 /110 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Remembrance Service and wreath.

23/24 /111 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

23/24 /112 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 10th October at 7.00pm in Catcott School Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman



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