

CATCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 13th June 2023 in Catcott School Hall at 7:00pm

24 /52 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson, Salter and Hall.

24 /53 **APOLOGIES** - none received.

24 /54 **ALSO PRESENT** - SCllr Martin and 9 members of the public.

24 /55 **IN ATTENDANCE** - the Clerk to the Council.

24 /56 **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.

24 /57 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.

24 /58 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORT** - SCllr Martin reported that he would concentrate at this meeting on the LCNs and their workings. He is Vice Chairman of Planning for our area. He expressed considerable concern over the potential problems of small parishes as opposed to the large towns. The towns in our area are Glastonbury and Street. There was considerable discussion regarding the potential for the towns to benefit at the expense of small communities. Both Cllr Barnett and Cllr Hall hope to be able to attend the inaugural meeting of LCN Area 17 and the Clerk would also try to attend. It was felt that it would be a good idea to have a third person nominated in case both Cllrs Barnett and Hall were unable to attend at some point in the future. Cllr Thompson was nominated to fill this position and the Clerk would forward his name. An LCN Handbook had been received and forwarded to all councillors.

23/24 /59 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS - LCN AREA 17** - covered under the previous item.

23/24 /60 **HIGHWAYS:-**

a. Any updates and problems -

i. Little Leaze Lane - no definite progress. The Clerk has chased this up again as has the farmer. The Clerk would write again and also to Wessex Water as there is now a pot hole a foot deep over the water main. She would copy to SCllr Martin.

ii. Flooding in Manor Road near Old Post Office - no update.

b. Election of two Highways representatives - Following discussion it was agreed that two councillors be elected as official representatives of the Parish Council on any matters relating to highways which arise between meetings if they are not ones the Clerk would normally deal with as a matter of form. All requests for representatives to attend any event must be made to the Clerk who will then make the necessary arrangements. Both representatives will have equal status and be entitled to represent the Council on each occasion. All councillors will be notified when the Clerk contacts the representatives. Any requests made directly to any member of the council, whether a representative or not, must be reported to the Clerk. Cllrs Barnett and Thompson were elected to fill the posts.

c. Problems arising and any other highway matters - Road Closure along Catcott Broad Drove - surface dressing for one day during the period 10-21 July.

23/24 /61 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson reported that the dead trees have still not been dealt with and they pose a safety risk. Clerk to write to County with a copy to SCllr Martin.

23/24 /62 **TRUESPEED** - the Clerk notified the meeting of a communication from Truespeed who would attend at the start of the July Council meeting to give a 10 minute presentation.

Chairman

G. P. Barnett

Date

11/7/23

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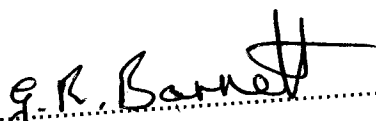
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- 24 /63 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - A thank you letter had been received from the committee. The sum of £95 had been donated to the Play Area from the sale of Coronation mugs. The Chairman reported that there are still two mugs left if anybody wants one.
- 24 /64 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications
 - i. 14/23/00003 - 6 Hector Road - full application - erect single storey rear extension on site of existing - granted.
 - b. Manor Farm Development - The Clerk reported on a communication from the developers who now plan to hold an event of their own in the School Hall at some point in the future. There was some disquiet about this as the Parish Council would not be able to gauge the overall reaction and pick up on individual concerns. It was also noted that when responding to the application it would be important to state that all section 106 conditions MUST be complied with prior to any other work being carried out.
 - c. Any other planning matters - none.
- 24 /65 **PARISH PLOT** - The Clerk has contacted Mr Porter with regard to flailing the South section of the plot. The seed collection requested has been carried out.
- 23/24 /66 **DOG WASTE BINS** - have arrived. The Clerk is awaiting delivery of three bags for the bins. Cllr Thompson will install the bins when the bags have arrived and be reimbursed for any expenses.
- 23/24 /67 **FINANCE** -
- a. Accounts - The Clerk had not had time to produce accounts but had brought along the banks statements which had just arrived.
 - b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.623 NS&I (transfer) £10,000; Chq.624 J Marshall (salary and expenses) £376.15; Chq.625 Steppintg Out in Somerset (village maintenance) £150.00; Chq.626 Axe Brue Internal Drainage Board (drainage rates on Parish Plot) £31.41; Chq.627 CPRE (subscription) £40.00; Chq.628 Catcott School (use of Hall) £175.00; Chq.629 St Peter's Church (village maintenance) £500.00
 - c. Any other financial matters - it was noted that we need to know who to make a cheque payable to in order to make a contribution to the Neighbourhood Watch as agreed at the last meeting. A written request from the payee would be preferable.
- 23/24 /68 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Cllr Thompson read a letter from a member of the public. Open Gardens will take place on 9th July and the Clerk was requested to ask for the grass to be cut prior to that and, if possible, a lorry sweep to take place.
- 23/24 /69 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Truespeed; Care of The Pound.
- 23/24 /70 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 23/24 /71 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 11th July at 7.00pm in Catcott School Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman


G.R. Barnett

Date

11/17/23