

- 23/24 /152 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Salter and Hall.
- 23/24 /153 **ALSO PRESENT** - 9 members of the public.
- 23/24 /154 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24 /155 **APOLOGIES** - were received and accepted from Cllr Thompson and SCllr Martin.
- 23/24 /156 **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
- 23/24 /157 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24 /158 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24 /159 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS - SOMERSET COUNCIL FINANCE LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - In the absence of SCllr Martin Cllr Hall gave a brief update on the current situation regarding LCNs. The cutbacks at county level were also discussed. Likely affected services were recycling sites, highway repairs and dog waste bin emptying amongst other matters.
- 23/24 /160 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Any updates and problems
- i. Flooding - The Clerk will chase up Highways to get the drainage system cleared and jetted.
- ii. War Memorial triangle - The Clerk would chase this up.
- iii. Potholes in Langlands Lane - the Clerk had sent details of a row of six potholes and suggested that a proper repair be carried out rather than individual patches which don't last. Highways acknowledged that this would be scheduled for work.
- b. Problems arising and any other highway matters - There is a pothole at the top of Weares Lane on the NW corner which is dangerous for pedestrians. The Clerk will report this.
- 23/24 /161 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS - INCLUDING DEAD TREES ADJACENT TO SCHOOL FOOTPATH** - The Clerk has written to County asking them to clarify responsibility for the dangerous trees as they have better resources for finding out exactly where the responsibility lies. She has stressed to County that they will be considered responsible if there is an accident before the trees are made safe.
- 23/24 /162 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - no update.
- 23/24 /163 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications - none
- i. 14/23/00004 The Four Seasons, Chilton Polden Hill - installation of dormer and erection of single storey extension to North elevation, erection of a two storey extension to the East elevation and change of use of land from agricultural to residential - no update
- b. Wellfield House - Mr Stephen Bainbridge from Lone Wolf Consultancy informed the meeting regarding an impending planning application for temporary change of use of Wellfield House. The temporary change of use would be for eight years to provide accommodation for Hinkley workers who would be bussed to and from work. There is no action that can be taken by the Parish Council until the formal application is received.
- c. Any other planning matters - Manor Farm Development - Mr Robert Abbott of Colbolt Construction has arranged for a viewing of the proposed plans to take place at Catcott Primary School on Thursday 25th January from 6pm until 8pm. This is to allow Catcott residents to come and view the plans and ask questions.
- 23/24 /164 **PARISH PLOT** - no update.
- 23/24 /165 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts - The Clerk had provided up to date accounts which were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows - Chq.643 L St Clair (electricity for Christmas tree lights) £60.00; Chq.644 J Marshall (Salary & expenses) £375.40; Chq.645 SLCC (½ subscription) £72.00.
- c. Set the Precept for 2024-2025 - Following discussion Cllr Salter proposed a 10% increase as it was uncertain what effect the financial cutback at Somerset County would have. This was seconded by Cllr Hall. Carried. The precept will be £10,450.
- d. Any other financial matters - none.
- 23/24 /166 **CODE OF CONDUCT** - to be carried forward.
- 23/24 /167 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD.
- 23/24 /168 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Code of Conduct.
- 23/24 /169 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - None.
- 23/24 /170 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 13th February 2024 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman

Date