

- 23/24 /113 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson, Salter and Hall.
- 23/24 /114 **ALSO PRESENT** - 9 members of the public.
- 23/24 /115 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24 /116 **APOLOGIES** - were received and accepted from SClIr Martin and Cllr Thompson who was delayed in traffic and would arrive late.
- 23/24 /117 **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 /118 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24 /119 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24 /120 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - no report as neither were present.
- 23/24 /121 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS - LCN AREA 17 AVALON & POLDEN** - Cllrs Barnett and Hall reported on the last meeting and there was some discussion regarding a communication received from Somerset Council about Asset and Service Devolution. It was felt that there would be increased risk and liability involved in taking on any additional roles and being a small council it was impossible to envisage being able to take much on. This matter will be raised at a future LCN meeting. Cllrs Barnett and Hall reported that at the last LCN some consideration was given to supporting health in some way.
- 23/24 /122 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Any updates and problems
- i. Flooding - It was with relief that it had been found that this problem had been much relieved in spite of the exceptional rain we have experienced recently. It appears that some successful work has been carried out at last.
- ii. War Memorial triangle - yellow lines have been requested but there has been no response to date, possibly due to the greatly increased workload following all the rain. The Clerk will chase this matter up.
- iii. Hedge along Lippetts Way above Tarry Field & trees bordering Manor Road - the Clerk had written as requested. Cllr Salter had met with the landowner recently and he has made arrangements to have the work carried out.
- b. Problems arising and any other highway matters - The Clerk was instructed to report the bad potholes outside Langlands Barn again.
- 23/24 /123 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS - INCLUDING DEAD TREES ADJACENT TO SCHOOL FOOTPATH** - no update.
- 23/24 /124 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - The Christmas sale of crafts and gifts is to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Edington Village Hall from 11.30-4.00pm. The Clerk would put up additional posters.
- 23/24 /125 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications - none
- b. New applications - none received
- c. Manor Farm Development - the Clerk had received notification that the postponed presentation will take place during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- d. Any other planning matters - None.
- 23/24 /126 **PARISH PLOT** - Mr Porter has agreed to clear the East ditch when he is able to. The Clerk will contact English Nature to let them know that the ground was always too wet for the flailing to take place as the machine could not access the field. Unless instructed otherwise two sections will be flailed next year to bring the flailing back into line with the requirements.
- 23/24 /127 **THE POUND** - Stepping Out will keep this tidy and they will also keep the bus shelter tidy.
- 23/24 /128 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts - the Clerk had received the bank statements a couple of days ago and forwarded the up to date accounts and statements to councillors. The accounts were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - Chq.636 J Marshall (Oct salary & expenses) £379.15; Chq.637 SALC (subscription) £154.71; Chq.638 Stepping Out (village maintenance) £150.00; Chq. 639 Royal British Legion (poppy wreath) £25.00; Chq.640 J Marshall (Nov salary and expenses) £375.10.
- c. Any other financial matters - The Clerk has submitted the latest CIL returns to County.
- 23/24 /129 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD; SWT Adapting to Climate Change.
- 23/24 /130 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Precept setting.
- 23/24 /131 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - None.
- 23/24 /132 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm (to include refreshments for all following the meeting)

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed by Cllr Barnett on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Chairman .....

Date .....