

- 24/25 /65 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson and Hall.
- 24/25 /66 **ALSO PRESENT** - 8 members of the public.
- 24/25 /67 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 24/25 /68 **APOLOGIES** - received and approved from Cllr Salter.
- 24/25 /69 **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 treasurer and he is the publicity officer.
- 24/25 /70 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 24/25 /71 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 24/25 /72 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS PLUS, IF APPLICABLE, LCNS AND ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED** -Cllr Thompson reported on an LCN Highways meeting he attended. Yellow lining round the war memorial triangle has been approved but not scheduled. If nothing is heard before our September meeting the Clerk will write to find out when it is expected that this will take place. Highways are refusing to repair Little Leaze Lane even though the refuse lorries cannot get to the end, turn round and get out again.
- 24/25 /73 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Updates and problems arising -
- i. Bridge Refurbishment - On hold pending Cllr Salter's presence.
- ii. Outstanding Highways Issues - covered in LCN above.
- 24/25 /74 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson reported on action taken regarding an un-reinstated footpath over which he had cleared a path. Somerset Council, whose insurance covered such matters gave approval. The landowner disputed the line of the path and she threatened to sue either Cllr Thompson or the Council.
- 24/25 /75 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - AGM has taken place. The Health and Safety report is awaited. Various little jobs are being tackled.
- 24/25 /76 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications
- i. 14/24/00002 - 1 The Nydon (The Crown Inn) - erection of 2no. Lodges and associated landscape works - permission has been granted by the officer for two holiday lets but not residential use.
- ii. 14/24/00003 - Certificate of Lawfulness - The Old School House - granted.
- b. Any other planning matters - 14/24/00004 - 7 Weares Lane - Retrospective application for the demolition of 2no. outbuildings, for the erection of 1no. barn building, 1no. garage, 1no. garden WC, and roof alterations with the creation of an enclosed garden room to the residential dwelling. Arrived too late for the agenda. Clerk to respond following consultation with councillors.
- 24/25 /77 **PARISH PLOT** - Clerk has contacted John Porter requesting flailing of the South and Central areas. She also reminded him of the need to clear the ditch when appropriate.
- 24/25 /78 **THE POUND - BENCH REFURBISHMENT** - Although the bench looks really good now it was noted that it is not bolted to the ground. However, it was considered that it is so heavy that this may not be necessary.
- 24/25 /79 **PROVISION, SITING AND EMPTYING OF DOG WASTE BINS** - Cllr Thompson reported that all three bins appear to be used almost equally. Additional bins would bring additional emptying costs. Discuss at next meeting.
- 24/25 /80 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check - These had been circulated in advance and were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.663 J Marshall (salary and expenses July) £376.50; Chq.664 Somerset Council (emptying dog waste bins) £247.10 (missed collections were not charged for); Chq.665 Stepping Out (grass cutting) £192.50.
- c. Any other financial matters - A VAT refund of £227.53 has been received.
- 24/25 /81 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD; Sewer renovation in Catcott.
- 24/25 /82 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Bolting the bench in the Pound to the ground.
- 24/25 /83 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 24/25 /84 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 10th September in Catcott School Hall at 7pm.
- 24/25 /85 **RESOLUTION** to exclude members of the press and public in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted. This was carried unanimously and members of the public left the meeting.
- 24/25 /86 **PRESENT** - SCllr Martin arrived and answered some questions from the Council. He then left before the confidential session.
- 24/25 /87 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT** - Following discussion Cllr Thompson proposed, and Cllr Pople seconded that the Clerk's salary should be increased for the back dated period April 2023-July 2024 in line with the agreed NALC/SLCC terms and the Clerk's contract of employment. It was also agreed to increase her hours of work to six per week from August.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.