

- 24/25 /45 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Salter, Pople, Thompson and Hall.
- 24/25 /46 **ALSO PRESENT** - SCllr Munt and 9 members of the public.
- 24/25 /47 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 24/25 /48 **APOLOGIES** - none received.
- 24/25 /49 **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 /50 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 24/25 /51 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 24/25 /52 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS PLUS, IF APPLICABLE, LCNS AND ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED** - SCllr Munt reported on the voluntary redundancies and further redundancies still to come including top level staff. There are connections to a lot of outside bodies and there is a lot of administration. There is a single item meeting next week on the investment plans for the Gravity Site.
- 24/25 /53 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Updates and problems arising -
- Cllr Salter asked SCllr Munt to take back to SCllr Martin the promised repairs to Little Lease Lane, Langlands Lane and Manor road. A repair had been undertaken at the far end of Little Lease Lane but it had consisted solely of putting down asphalt without an under-base although there was plenty of rubble at the sides. This repair has now totally given way.
  - Cllr Salter has cleared the Catcott Bridge surroundings and strimmed the area. There is stonework damage and some remedial work will need to be undertaken to prevent worsening.
  - An overgrown hedge is causing problems. The Clerk was instructed to write to the landowner.
- 24/25 /54 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson had submitted the questionnaire he had completed. He also reminded everyone that re-instatement must take place after crops were sown.
- 24/25 /55 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - The committee's AGM takes place tomorrow at 7pm.
- 24/25 /56 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications - the Chairman changed the order of these items.
- 14/24/00003 - Cert of lawfulness - The Old School House - granted.
  - PRESENT** - Cllr Salter left the room.
  - 14/24/00002 - 1 The Nydon (The Crown Inn) - erection of 2no. Lodges and associated landscape works - The response from the applicant to our latest comments was noted. As the Council can only really respond to an application the Clerk was instructed to write again to the planning department. As the current tenants only have a one year lease it was felt that a business link could not be justified and that The Crown's car park was therefore irrelevant. It was noted that the application has now changed to one residential and one holiday let. The application is well outside the village development area.
- b. Any other planning matters - none.
- 24/25 /57 **PARISH PLOT** - nothing to report. Flailing of two areas of the site will be required this year.
- 24/25 /58 **THE POUND - BENCH REFURBISHMENT** - this has been completed and the bench looks really good. The Council thanked those who undertook the work and the Clerk would thank Mr Bell.
- 24/25 /59 **PROVISION, SITING AND EMPTYING OF DOG WASTE BINS** - Somerset Council has agreed not to charge for the times bins were not emptied. Cllr Thompson said that the Weares Lane bin was always emptied but the other two appeared to have been missed on three occasions.
- 24/25 /60 **FINANCE**
- Accounts check - These had been circulated in advance and were approved.
  - Cheques for signature - Chq.657 Somerset Council (VAT missed on a previous payment) £51.46; Chq.658 Edington Parish Council (contribution to critical bleed kit) £123.38; Chq.659 G Bell (paint for bench refurbishment) £33.94; Chq.660 St Peter's Church (grant to assist with churchyard maintenance) £500.00; Chq.661 J Marshall (salary and expenses) £376.05; Chq.662 NS&I (transfer to the best interest bearing account) £11,000.
  - Any other financial matters - A VAT refund of £227.53 has been applied for. The external auditors have informed the Clerk that the audit period is complete.
- 24/25 /61 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 24/25 /62 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Bridge refurbishment; Dog bin siting; outstanding highways matters.
- 24/25 /63 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 24/25 /64 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman .....

Date .....