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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN MUDFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 31 JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.01PM

27. ATTENDANCE AND TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS.

Councillors: Stephen Bartlett (Chair), Michael Jones, June Lydon, District Councillor Tony Capozzoli, County Councillor Mike Lewis, PCSO Thelma Mead

Three members of the public were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

Apologies had been received from Mr Brown.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the reason for apology as reported.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Stephen Bartlett declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 30. c).

It was agreed to move item 33. c) to this point in the meeting.

33. c) Co-option: To co-opt two new council members – voting will take place via a show of hands.

Mrs Lydia Gane and Mr Tony Cavalier were both voted onto the parish council to fill the two vacancies, each receiving three votes. Mrs Gane also volunteered to act as the Village Hall representative. The council agreed that Mrs Gane could act as Village Hall representative. The chair welcomed Mrs Gane and Mr Cavalier to the parish council and asked them to take their seats with the other of the members.

29. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 26 June 2014.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes without amendment.

30. PLANNING:

a) TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

i)	14/02929/FUL	The erection of a dwelling with attached garage. (Revised part retrospective)	Mr & Mrs Taverner, Land adjoining The Old Kiln, Main Street, Mudford
Tony Cavalier declared a personal interest in this item.			
Stephen Bartlett explained that the revision to this application referred to a change from rendering to brick finish to the exterior.			
RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the changes.			
ii)	14/02891/FUL	Improvements to existing agricultural vehicular access.	Mr Graham Napper, Land OS 6377 (Part), Mudford Road, Yeovil
Stephen Bartlett explained that the current access to this field is not used as it is too dangerous to pull out of it onto the A359, especially for a large vehicle such as a tractor. Stephen added that there is already adequate access from another side of the field.			
RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application because it is a lethal stretch of road where traffic regularly exceeds the speed limit. Adding another access will greatly increase the risk of an accident. On average, 400 cars an hour use that stretch of road. There is already sufficient access to the field, which is wider and safer, off Sock Lane. Should the Highways department seek or suggest approval of the application, the parish council would wish to see them on site to explain the reasons for their concerns.			

- b) **PLANNING DECISIONS:** 14/02369/FUL & 14/01909/LBC, The erection of a single storey rear extension to dwellinghouse, Mr Philip Enticott, Ivy Cottage, Main Street, Mudford, BA21 5TE – Granted with conditions.

NOTED

c) TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA.

14/03107/LBC & 14/03106/FUL, Demolition of existing rear porch and erection of extension to form porch and utility area, Paul Day, 1 Hinton Farm Cottages, Hinton, Mudford, BA22 8BB

At this point in the meeting, Stephen Bartlett left the room, having previously declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item. Michael Jones took over as chairman for this item only.

Michael Jones explained the content of the application.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

Stephen Bartlett returned to the meeting and took over as chair for the rest of the meeting.

d) TO ANY NEW INFORMATION REGARDING RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Stephen Bartlett explained the reasons that application 14/01887/OUT (The change of use of land for mixed development comprising housing with annexed businesses, sports hall and community accommodation, Land East of Hales Meadow) was refused by SSDC. A summary of these reason is attached to these minutes.

31. TO HEAR REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS, POLICE, VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE, YARLINGTON HOMES, CLERK.

District Councillor Tony Capozzoli told the council about two proposed cycleways schemes to improve connections with Yeovil. One will improve the current cycleway between Ilchester and Yeovilton. The other will create a new track from Yeovil to Limington. James Duval, Neighbourhood Development Officer, has arranged an event to promote the new cycleways, taking place at the SSDC Committee Rooms on Friday 22nd August at 9.30am. Michael Jones volunteered to attend on behalf of the parish council.

Tony went on to say that James Duval would also like to meet with parish council representatives to discuss any improvements the parish would like to see from a Section 106 agreement should planning application 14/02554/OUT be approved by SSDC. This application is for outline planning permission to build 765 dwellings and associated infrastructure at the Primrose Lane site. Stephen Bartlett said that English Heritage was involved in trying to block the development. He also said that the Drainage Board had concerns about developing in Somerset generally because of the recent heavy floods. Tony Capozzoli said that James Duval would meet privately with the parish council in the first instance. Stephen Bartlett told members that there was to be a Friends of Mudford Action Group meeting on the 15th August. Mike Lewis suggested that the parish council may wish to meet with David Norris and Neil Waddleton once the council had decided any S106 conditions it would ask for.

County Councillor Mike Lewis told members that he had contributed to the new cycleways scheme via the Health and Wellbeing Budget. He reminded members that applications for grants from this budget are available again for any new schemes meeting the criteria.

20:01 - Mike Lewis left the meeting.

PCSO Thelma Mead requested that, in future meetings, she could be allowed to give her report at the beginning of the meeting to enable her to return to her duties. PCSO Mead explained the recent restructure at Avon and Somerset Police. From now on, the total number of PCSOs in the area is reducing from eight to six. The two PCSOs covering Mudford's area are herself and PCSO John Winfield. PCSO Mead also announced that she would be retiring on May 13th 2015. PCSO Mead offered to email the latest crime figures to the clerk. She said that some chairs had been vandalised in the church recently but that the Police have been unable to identify the offender. PCSO Mead said that the newly established Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme was doing well. She said that there would be a Speed Awareness Day in September when all of the CSWs run on the same day. Michael Jones thanked PCSO Mead for her help in establishing the CSW in Mudford. PCSO Mead ended by advising the parish council to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Inspector if they feel they are not getting enough PCSO time in the parish. Tony Capozzoli suggested that the parish council should write a letter to the Chief Inspector to tell him of the valuable work PCSO Mead does in the community.

20:14 – Tony Capozzoli and PCSO Mead left the meeting.

Village Hall: Lydia Gane reported that the Village Hall Committee had employed a new cleaner who was doing a good job, including putting out the tables for Mudford Café. A new carpet has been fitted in the Committee Room. Lydia also said that the exterior of the hall would soon be repointed.

Clerk: The clerk reported that she had begun the handover process to the new clerk, Sue Graham. Stephen Bartlett thanked the outgoing clerk for her work and wished her the best of luck for the future.

32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) To hear a report from Michael Jones regarding potential funding for Highways improvements via the Small Improvement Grant from SCC.

Michael Jones explained that each County Councillor has a budget to fund two highway improvement schemes each financial year. The next round of applications will begin in February 2015. Michael felt that an item should be put on the next agenda for the parish council to discuss and agree a scheme to improve the highway through the village so that they could apply for a grant from this budget. Michael also informed members that he was meeting with Colin Fletcher from County Highways on Thursday 7th August at 10.30 to try to resolve the problem of people parking their vehicles on the pavement outside the Half Moon pub.

33. COUNCIL MATTERS:

- (a) To receive Playingfield Inspection reports from the relevant councillor and agree any actions arising.

There were no problems that required attention at this time. The clerk was instructed to revise the members' rota for inspecting the recreation ground and play area, adding Lydia Gane and Tony Cavalier.

- (b) Employment: To receive the recommendation of the interviewing committee with regard to the appointment of a new Clerk and agree approval of the proposed appointment.

The interviewing committee recommended that the parish council employed Sue Graham as the new clerk and explained the reasons for this recommendation.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to offer the post of Clerk to Mudford Parish Council to Sue Graham.

- (c) Co-option: To co-opt two new council members – voting will take place via a show of hands.

This item was dealt with after item 28 above.

34. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) To consider the end of year accounts; to agree the figures as presented; to agree the responses to the questions in section 2 of the Annual Return.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the figures as presented. The answers to the questions in section 2 of the Annual return were agreed.

- (b) To approve the Financial Risk Assessment.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the Financial Risk Assessment as presented.

- (c) To discuss the acquisition of Speedwatch signs and agree which signs to purchase.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to allow a spend of up to £150 for Speedwatch signs, but to defer the choice of supplier until more research has taken place.

- (d) To hear a request from the organisers of the Village Fete for a contribution towards the cost of the insurance premium for the event.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to pay the full cost of £212.12 for the insurance for this event.

- (e) To approve the cash book and bank account reconciliation for June 2014 as presented.

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were verified by June Lydon.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presents.

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(f) To approve the following accounts for payment and two signatories for cheques:-

Zöe Godden	Salary and expenses July 2014	£ 160.58
K M Dike	Recreation ground and cemetery maintenance	£ 977.84
Accounts and Audit Services	Internal Audit fee	£ 195.30

Invoices checked by June Lydon. Cheques signed by Stephen Bartlett and Michael Jones

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the payments as presented.

(g) To note the following receipts:

SCC	Health and Wellbeing Grant for Sport 50 club	£ 530.00
Richard Green	Memorial fee for Puddy, plot C1/5	£ 110.00
A J Wakely	Interment of ashes - G M Gully plot D1/19	£ 80.00
Richard Green	Additional inscription - G Gully plot D1/19	£ 25.00

NOTED

35. CORRESPONDENCE

None

36. NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Thursday 25 September 2014, Thursday 27 November 2014

Further meetings will be called as necessary usually on the last Thursday of the month.

Items for the next agenda: The seating in the recreation ground needs either repairing or replacing. The council to consider the need for any additional seating.

The meeting closed at 20:43.