

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL –Thursday 28th February 2019, Mudford Village Hall at 7.00pm

PUBLIC SESSION. Members of the public raised the following points:

PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE - APP/R3325/X/18/3214005 – Land at West Farm.

Generally further frustrations at the ongoing attempts for Mr Gunning to evade the enforcement process and the ineffectiveness of SSDC planning department to deal with this were voiced. Formal letters of complaint directed at the planning department's management of this case had been sent to SSDC (copied to Mudford PC & Ward member) along with a detailed timeline since the unlawful use started in 2015. Concerns about the amount of money that has been spent from the Councils budget were expressed. It was reminded that back in 2016, when the appeal was first refused but extra time was allowed for compliance by the planning inspector, Area East Committee said that no further appeals would be allowed.

As this was a second appeal and the first appeal had been refused, the case might not get heard as the court may throw it out.

Mike Lewis suggested asking the MP to take this to the House of Commons, he also recommended that as many Parishioners as possible attend the court case, to be held at Yeovil Magistrates Court on 13th March at 12pm. Mr Capozzoli said he would be present at the court in support of the enforcement action.

Other comments received regarding the 'New' SSDC website. Problems accessing the Planning Portal by many individuals had been encountered. PS added that it took over 1.5 hrs to report the abandoned vehicle in the layby just up from the Cemetery.

Christopher Le Hardy introduced himself to the Parish and announced his intention to stand in the May Elections.

SB presented a letter received from the owner of Green Close Farm, Mudford and his concerns about the re-opening of the public footpath and bridge (See Clerks report below). Residents present expressed pleasure at once again being able to walk the route. SB invited parishioners to provide their views/comments for the next meeting. It is understood that the owner, Mr Mulford is intending on being present at the March PC meeting.

1	Attendance and to receive any apologies for absence and to consider acceptance of the reason. Present: Stephen Bartlett (SB), Tony Cavalier (TC), Phil Sargent (PS), Nick Lanigan (NL), June Lydon (JL), Kay Mackenzie (KM), Lawrence Weir (LW). In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Clerk), Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor), Mike Lewis (County Councillor) Jean Jones (Village Hall Committee), 6 members of the public. There were no apologies.
2	Declarations of Interests. KM declared an interest in Item 7: Planning appeal APP/R3325/X/18/3214005 PS declared an interest in Item 9: Financial Matters; Payments - PS Services.
3	Reports. To hear reports from: County and District Councillors. Mike Lewis reported that the County Council have this year balanced the budget with £1m in reserves. This is to be transferred to the Highways budget and has helped ensure that the gritting be re-instated across South Somerset from April onwards. There is still financial pressure on Adult & Children's Services however. Mike reminded the Council that the County Council elections are not for another 2 years, so there would be a continuity of County Councillors if not District Councillors. Tony Capozzoli declared his intention to stand for re-election and said he would continue to work hard for the Parish if re-elected. He explained the newly created NIST Ward (see item 10) with 3 Wards now becoming one and 3 Councillors covering the area who were not necessarily localised to any part. He also reported that Limington & Yeovilton have decided to join together to form a larger Parish, with Chilton Cantelo & Ashington currently remaining as they are. SSDC have been investing in property outside the local area to maximise their income, having recently acquired an Industrial Unit in Sedgemoor and Linden House in Clifton, Bristol. Councillors expressed disappointment at the lack of confidence this shows in and around Yeovil. Police. Thelma Mead had emailed the Clerk, reporting 2 domestic heating oil thefts from Barn Court, Mudford Sock between 18 th -22 nd Feb with reassurance patrols, Farmwatch & Rural Crime having been notified. The abandoned car and caravan in the layby had also been reported. SB commented that he had clearly observed activity from County Lines drug dealing repeatedly in the local area, with details of times/places having been reported to the Police. Disappointingly, it is not believed that there has been any Police intervention into the illegal activities at this time. Village Hall Committee. Jean Jones reported that they had just concluded a very successful Panto season with the efforts of the Mudford Players raising just under £2K, around half the proceeds going into the Village hall 'pot'. She thanked everyone for their help & support, with special thanks going to PS. The efforts on behalf of the villagers to keep the car park free for patriots of the Panto were much appreciated. In an attempt to fulfil the treasurer vacancy, the committee have temporarily 'shuffled' roles and caretaker treasurer is now appointed. She also welcomed KM to the committee. <u>Dates for the diary:</u> 15 th March – 7pm Next meeting 5 th April – Quiz night

	<p>18th April – Easter Café, this was proving very popular with elderly villagers and £200 was raised from the Christmas meal. Parish Environment Warden. There is currently nobody fulfilling this role, therefore a decision to remove this item from the Agenda was taken.</p> <p>Clerk. The Clerk had attended Election training for the forthcoming Council Elections and was in receipt of Parish & Town Council Nomination Packs for anyone wishing to stand in May. Notices would go up on the 18th March and completed forms need to be hand delivered to the Council offices before 4pm on 3rd April.</p> <p>An email had been received from the owner of Green Close farm relating to concerns about the re-instatement of a public footpath and bridge across his property. It was agreed that this would be on the Agenda for discussion in March.</p> <p>A request to run a Playday in Mudford this summer had been received, it was agreed for this also to be on the March Agenda.</p>				
4	<p>To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2019. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held.</p>				
5	<p>To consider the following planning applications and make recommendations to the planning officer: None.</p>				
6	<p>To receive the following determination of planning notices: None.</p>				
7	<p>Other planning matters. Consider the following planning appeal: KM left the meeting whilst APP/R3325/X/18/3214005 was discussed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="172 663 1501 992"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="172 663 794 696">Ref</th> <th data-bbox="794 663 1501 696">Detail</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="172 696 794 992"> <p>TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 78 PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE - APP/R3325/X/18/3214005 APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE: 18/01767/COL APPEAL STARTING DATE - 4 February 2019 APPEAL TYPE: Written Representation APPEAL BY - Mr Philip Gunning</p> </td> <td data-bbox="794 696 1501 992"> <p>Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use - Parking on land and servicing within a building of two HGV lorries operating in general haulage, alongside uses specified in planning application 16/03580/COL dated 21 October 2016.</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was agreed that comments would be provided to the Planning Inspector in the event that the case is heard: The Parish Council & the Parish as a whole strongly support the enforcement of the compliance action by the SSDC. The Ward member (Mr Tony Capozzoli) and Mr Mike Lewis (County Councillor) wish it to be noted they also support the enforcement of the refusal of planning on this site. It is the Parish Council's hope that the case will be concluded and the unlawful use will finally cease.</p>	Ref	Detail	<p>TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 78 PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE - APP/R3325/X/18/3214005 APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE: 18/01767/COL APPEAL STARTING DATE - 4 February 2019 APPEAL TYPE: Written Representation APPEAL BY - Mr Philip Gunning</p>	<p>Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use - Parking on land and servicing within a building of two HGV lorries operating in general haulage, alongside uses specified in planning application 16/03580/COL dated 21 October 2016.</p>
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8	<p>Council Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree Clerk's contract. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the Clerk's contract as provided 3/12/18. SB and Clerk to sign. • Consider purchase of new laptop. The Clerk reported problems with the laptop not charging the battery and keyboard problems. Funds of £700 had been earmarked in the current financial year for laptop replacement. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to allow the Clerk to replace the laptop, software and licences within the budgeted £700. <p>Cemetery. PS reported that Mr Taylors family headstone has been satisfactorily relocated to its new agreed position. Also he had replaced a standpipe due to a water leak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery headstones risk assessment. There was nothing to report. • Consider standard burial/internment plot size. Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that 8ft 6"(approx. 2.5m) was sufficient space for a burial plot, allowing for the possibility of an extra row to be created in the future. It was also decided to remove the quoted plot size on the Table of Fees, Payments and Sums, as over time this becomes irrelevant. Clerk to update Table of Fees, Payments and Sums. • Quotes for removal of 2 Cherry trees. After further discussions it was agreed to re-visit this item in September. Clerk to note. <p>ML left the meeting.</p> <p>Playing Field and Play area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive playing field inspection reports and agree any actions arising. There were mixed opinions regarding the effort required to turn the newly installed cycle so it was agreed to ask the consultant who arranged the installation to visit and check the cycle action. Clerk to arrange. Clerk reported that a Post Installation Report Risk Assessment had been received and all risks were identified as low or very low. <p>Highways and Parish Paths. To receive reports regarding highways and agree any actions arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider finger posts maintenance and decide whether to buy this service. LW agreed to rearrange a meeting with Luigi Capazzoli who was offering this service. SB suggested that missing parts/metalwork for damaged posts might be found in the area around the posts/hedge. Clerk to leave on Agenda for discussion at the next meeting. 				

- Consider putting RTA reports on village website/newsletter? PS suggested that the Newsletter could provide useful information relating to accidents in the village. Councillors agreed. Clerk to note for Newsletter (12). SB reported that signs on the Mudford Bridge relating to the River Yeo required repairs. Clerk to report.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS.

To approve the following payments and two signatories for cheques: Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments and for NL & PS to sign cheques. TC signed the cheque for PS Services.

Salaries	Clerk	£410.98
HMRC	PAYE	£97.60
Stationary and mileage	February 2019	£17.90
Westcotec	Repair speed sign	£501.60
PS Services	Rock salt	£34.40
LQM Ltd	Anthrax report	£3345.60
PS Services	Cemetery caretaker	£72.00
HAGS-SMP Ltd	Play park equipment	£17040.00
Data Protection	Annual fee (payment by DD)	£35.00
Appleby & Childs	Memorial re-siting (Taylor)	£198.00

Other finance matters.

- To approve the cash book and bank account reconciliation for 25 January 2019 – 28 February 2019. Resolved: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the cashbook as set out below.

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL 28 February 2019			
Receipts & Payments 25th January 2019 - 28th February 2019			
	Balance 25/01/19		£ 58,629.35
RECEIPTS			
	Bank interest		£ 5.36
	Bank interest		£ 4.59
	Total Receipts		£ 9.95
PAYMENTS			
	28/02/2019	K M Dike (Cemetery Maintenance)	£ 1,068.52
		Hall Hire Fee	£ 30.00
		S Graham (Stationary)	£ 13.99
		HMRC	£ 97.80
		Salaries	£ 410.78
		Postage telephone and mileage	£ 13.47
		P S Service (Cemetery Caretaker)	£ 147.00
		CPRE (Annual subscription)	£ 150.00
		Chris Lee (Tree Surgery)	£ 1,350.00
		Total	£ 3,281.56
	Balance		£ 55,357.74
BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS			
	Current Account		£ 100.00
	Business Account		£ 29,609.25
	Business Reserve Account		£ 27,012.48
	TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS		£ 56,721.73
	Add outstanding lodgements		
	Less outstanding payments	Chris Lee £1350, Sue Graham £13.99.	£ 1363.99
	Balance		£ 55,357.74

- To consider ytd budget expenditure. Resolved: Ytd budget expenditure was circulated, checked and signed.

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Correspondence. Consider the following correspondence and agree any actions arising:

- Parish Briefing on the new Northstone, Ivelchester, St Michaels Ward. Following on from Mr Capozzoli's explanation of the Briefing, it was noted that Ivelchester would now reside in the NIST Ward which encompassed an area from

	<p>Montacute to Barton St David and the Charltons. This area would be represented by 3 District Councillors, therefore electors will be asked to vote for 3 candidates for the new NIST Ward in the upcoming election.</p>
11	<p>LIST OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED AND AVAILABLE SINCE LAST MEETING: Rural Services Network News Bulletins; SWP newsletter; Avon & Somerset Police newsletter; CPRE Newsletters/Campaigns; NALC Bulletins; SORTED!; Wessex Flood Warden Newsletter; Tree Guardian; Somerset Community Foundation Newsletter; Promotion of District Councillor Notices; Fit for my future; Great British Spring Clean.</p> <p>Interest in the Great British Spring Clean was expressed with suggestions of a river walk based litter pick. Clerk to add to March Agenda.</p>
12	<p>Newsletter. Item relating to traffic incidents and for information to be passed to Clerk for Parish Council accident record.</p>
13	<p>Challenge to development at up Mudford. To resolve to exclude the press and public under s1 (2) Admissions to Public Meetings Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (professional advice) Planning Application 14/02554/OUT. Receive update on legal / professional advice and consider any actions arising. There was nothing to report.</p>
14	<p>NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: 28 March 2019. Further meetings will be called as necessary.</p>