

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – Thursday 26 October 2017 at Mudford Village Hall at 7pm

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION.

The following concerns were raised:

Speeding traffic

New residents – Mr and Mrs Horsman had noticed the speed of traffic (30mph limit not observed) and danger while living on the main road. They felt that the fixed speed camera had slowed traffic until the road had been resurfaced and the associated white lines had not been repainted. It appeared that Lyde Road closure had brought additional traffic through the village, this had continued in spite of the road now being open.

They had contacted Avon and Somerset Police who were also concerned

The Parish Council acknowledged this concern, volume weight and speed of traffic was continually raised by parishioners and was an ongoing problem. Frustration with authorities not acknowledging this was expressed.

It was noted that mobile speed cameras were regularly in attendance. Mike Lewis reported he was looking to implement a small improvement scheme on the A359 between Yeovil and Sparkford.

Philip Edgeworth (resident of Hillview) suggested that residents take positive action by congregating to continually cross the road at the zebra crossing. This would cause significant traffic disruption. The press / police would need to be involved.

It would be necessary to establish local interest in such a demonstration on a weekday morning (Monday / Tuesday) morning.

A query was raised about whether Helicopters were flying within the agreed limits, and according to published schedules. The County and District Councillors noted that this had been raised by other villages (West Camel, Yeovilton) Stephen Bartlett offered to check this.

1	Attendance and to receive any apologies for absence and to consider acceptance of the reasons. Present: Stephen Bartlett SB; Tony Cavalier (TC) June Lydon (JL) Phil Sargent. In attendance: Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor) Mike Lewis (County Councillor) Sue Graham (Clerk) Jean Jones (Village Hall Committee) 4 members of the public. Apologies were received and accepted from Nick Lanigan, Geraldine Mabey.
2	Declarations of Interests. Request dispensation for decisions regarding Planning Application 14/02554/OUT. All councillors present had been granted a renewed dispensation with the exception of SB who had not been present at the August meeting. A dispensation for Stephen Bartlett was agreed as without a dispensation being granted, the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.
3	Reports. To hear reports from: County and District Councillors. Mike Lewis (County Councillor) reported the following: Dualling of the A303 had been announced, he hoped that members would take the opportunity to attend consultation events on 7 and 10 November at Haynes Motor Museum / Wincanton / Yeovil Library. He noted that Highways England had selected option 1, and that 64% of those who responded to the initial consultation had preferred option 1. Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor) reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He had met with Marcus Fysh who had confirmed that there was no time limit on his petition about flooding. Tony Capozzoli had noted problems with the A359, but Marcus Fysh had referred to this as a County Council issue.• The Marks and Spencer building in Yeovil had been bought by SSDC as an investment and source of rental income• SSDC had undergone a 'transformation' process – this had resulted in a number of staff leaving including Dave Norris.• The planning appeal for Hales Meadow appeal had been dismissed. Police. The police were not present. Village Hall Committee. Jean Jones reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There would be a Halloween party on Saturday 28 October.• The Pantomime was planned for 8,9,10 February.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs listed on the newsletter need updating – relevant details would be sent to the clerk. <p>Parish Environment Warden. Geraldine Mabey was not present.</p> <p>Clerk. SALC Bulletin- The clerk referred to the SALC bulletin that had been circulated amongst councillors, specifically the data protection regulations (she would be attending training once available) and comments that Ministers expected councils to show restraint when setting their precepts.</p>						
4	<p>To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 September 2017 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</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="188 387 1516 1086"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="188 387 391 421">Ref</th> <th data-bbox="391 387 1516 421">Detail</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 421 391 555">17/03525/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="391 421 1516 555"> The erection of a porch (part retrospective) 36 Stone Lane, Yeovil. SB explained the plans. Comments were invited and observations made as follows: No objections. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval. </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 555 391 1086">17/03999/LBC 17 / 03998/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="391 555 1516 1086"> Conversion of barns to five residential units and reinstatement of cottage of residential use, including associated internal and external alterations erection of extensions and erection of car ports / garaging. Stone Farm, Stone Lane, Yeovil. Application not in parish but adjacent to it. SB explained the plans. Comments were invited and observations made as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application stated that this application was not in Mudford Parish – the site <i>is</i> in fact in Mudford The farm was now redundant – therefore there would be no impact on farming / tenant / business. There was unlikely to be a flooding impact. It was hoped that the car ports would not be converted to dwellings in the future Landscaping was acceptable. It would be wise to consider the access arrangements with at least 12 additional cars using the access. At face value this represented an improvement No objections - an improvement and asset to the parish. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref	Detail	17/03525/FUL	The erection of a porch (part retrospective) 36 Stone Lane, Yeovil. SB explained the plans. Comments were invited and observations made as follows: No objections. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.	17/03999/LBC 17 / 03998/FUL	Conversion of barns to five residential units and reinstatement of cottage of residential use, including associated internal and external alterations erection of extensions and erection of car ports / garaging. Stone Farm, Stone Lane, Yeovil. Application not in parish but adjacent to it. SB explained the plans. Comments were invited and observations made as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application stated that this application was not in Mudford Parish – the site <i>is</i> in fact in Mudford The farm was now redundant – therefore there would be no impact on farming / tenant / business. There was unlikely to be a flooding impact. It was hoped that the car ports would not be converted to dwellings in the future Landscaping was acceptable. It would be wise to consider the access arrangements with at least 12 additional cars using the access. At face value this represented an improvement No objections - an improvement and asset to the parish. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
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6	<p>To receive the following determination of planning notices: No notices had been received.</p>						
7	<p>Other planning matters. A planning application had been received 17/04235/FUL Meadowbank, Main Street, Mudford with a deadline falling before the next meeting. The clerk was asked to request an extension to the deadline, failing this, a meeting would be held on 2 November.</p>						
8	<p>Council Matters Cemetery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemetery Warden’s Update. Seat – needed to be repaired / replaced. This had been agreed at previous meeting. PS wondered whether it would be more appropriate to spend the money on a bench for the bus stop at the top of the hill. The clerk confirmed that there was money in the budget (Parish Projects / maintenance / cemetery maintenance) for both a seat at the bus stop and at the cemetery. PS felt that a seat / bench in the cemetery would be more in keeping if made of wood as opposed to the one at the bus stop (recycled plastic) as had been agreed at the previous meeting. A seat for £165 from Street Furniture Direct had been identified as suitable. This represented good value for money in relation to the price of other similar benches which had been considered at the previous meeting. The clerk would enquire with the Highways Officer about locating a seat at the bus stop. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to order a bench for the cemetery (Cemetery maintenance budget.) It was suggested that the inscription on the original seat could be preserved and put up in the cemetery. Topple Test - Cemetery Headstones Risk Assessment. Update. PS was continuing to monitor headstones that were at risk and the clerk was liaising with families where possible <p>Playing Field and Play area To receive playing field inspection reports from the relevant councillor and agree any actions arising. TC had completed the inspections. It was noted that the recently planted trees were growing quickly, and the PC should possibly consider removing some of them. SB would look at this with a view to moving this winter</p> <p>The annual risk assessment and annual inspection had been received, this required the following actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rope wear to be monitored Damage to scramble net to be monitored Uneven tarmac surfacing caused by tree roots to be monitored (it was noted that the tree roots had been treated with brushwood killer – the surface would be monitored and re surfacing considered again once it was clear that the roots were dead. Rusty goal posts- to be painted (this was planned) 						

Discuss ownership and management of recreation ground and development plans, including car park. The following was noted:

- The ownership of the village hall had been clarified at the previous meeting. Jean Jones reported that this did not include a separate piece of land donated to the village hall.
- Planned improvements would be funded via grant applications. SB suggested that a Parish Councillor should become a member of the village hall committee.
- There were no plans on the part of the Parish Council to change the ownership arrangements regarding the recreation ground. This was owned by SSDC and managed by the Parish Council and was a satisfactory arrangement.
- New Goal Post – consider provision of new goal post. This had been raised at the previous meeting. Discussion took place about the need for another goal. Concern was raised that this could result in spending money on something not guaranteed to generate any interest. The clerk would speak to SSDC (Steve Barnes) to enquire about removing the existing goal posts and replacing with two new goals on a three quarter size pitch.

Mike Lewis and Tony Capozzoli left the meeting

Highways and Parish Paths

To receive reports regarding highways and agree any actions arising.

- The no cycling sign as discussed at the previous meeting had now been agreed by Highways and would be put up.
- SSDC had offered grit for the village. It was noted that this was not required – grit was left over from previous years.
- Village Gateways – village signs. PS and TC had looked at the possibility of siting these at the top and bottom of the village. The clerk was asked to find quotes and further information on these.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1

To approve the following payments and two signatories for cheques

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments, and for TC and PS to sign cheques (SB to sign the cheque for PS Services).

Salaries	October 2017	£517.79
Postage telephone and mileage	October 2017	£ 40.99
Nest Pensions Direct Debit	Direct debit payment	£27.54
PS Services	Cemetery Caretaker September	£33.00
Vision ICT	Website hosting and support	£140.40
KM Dike	Recreation and Cemetery maintenance	£1,037.40
Community Magazine Printing	Newsletter printing	£34.50

The following receipts were noted

Bank interest - £0.56

VAT repayment - £257.23

9.2

Other finance matters

To approve the cash book and bank account reconciliation for 28 September – October 26th 2017

Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation as set out below:

Receipts & Payments September 28 2017 - October 26th 2017			
	Balance 28/09/217		£ 69,650.48
RECEIPTS			
	Bank interest		£ 0.55
	VAT repayment		£ 257.23
	Total Receipts		£ 257.78
PAYMENTS			
	31/08/2017	Salaries	£ 517.79
		NEST Pension	£ 27.54
		PS Services	£ 24.00
		MCPS Back up	£ 48.00
		Grant Thornton Audit fee	£ 240.00
		Total Payments	£ 857.33
	BALANCE		£ 69,050.93
BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS			
	Current Account		£ 100.00
	Business Account		£ 41,968.95
	Business Reserve Account		£ 26,981.98
	TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS		
	Add outstanding lodgements		
	Less outstanding cheques		
	Balance		£ 69,050.93

To consider ytd budget expenditure. YTD budget expenditure was circulated and checked by Councillors

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Village hall car park – Receive response about enforcement query. The clerk had queried with SSDC whether anything could be done about overnight parking. She had received a response and this was discussed. The PC was advised to report vehicles infringing the 12 hours stay or any of the other restrictions and they would endeavour to resolve.

	<p>It was reported that cars were parking permanently in the car park / one appeared to be abandoned. The clerk was asked to contact SSDC report cars parked permanently in the car park, misuse of the disabled space, and ask it to enforce the 12 hour restriction. It was noted that parked cars at the bottom of the village were restricting the pavement. The clerk was asked to report this to the police, together with those in the car park.</p> <p>It was reported that some trees in the carpark had honey fungus, the clerk was asked to report this to SSDC.</p>								
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12	<p>LIST OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED AND AVAILABLE SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <p>Rural Services Network News Bulletins; Somerset Community Foundation Newsletter; SALC October Bulletin; SWP Newsletter; Area East Bulletin, East Somerset Business event invitation; Sing For Somerset Event; Community Council for Somerset – Hinckley Point Fund consultation; power point presentation from SSDC planning training events on 5 and 12 October.</p>								
13	<p>Items for village newsletter</p> <p>It was agreed that the newsletter should be distributed 4 times per year, not necessarily quarterly but to coincide with news (Christmas / Easter etc.) Items for the next (Christmas) newsletter were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas tree recycling • Updated Village hall clubs • Local plan consultation • Church information • Christmas refuse collections • Reference to agendas on the Parish noticeboard, minutes in village hall available to read at coffee mornings • Looking to improve opportunities to play football - Request for feedback regarding provision of football goals to improve opportunities to play football. 								
14	<p>Challenge to development at up Mudford</p> <p>Resolved- It was proposed and unanimously agreed to exclude the press and public under <i>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.</i> (professional advice)</p> <p>Planning Application 14/02554/OUT. Receive update on legal / professional advice and consider any actions arising. Receive updated report from Land Quality Management consider, and agree any actions arising, including distribution.</p> <p>An update was provided.</p>								
15	<p>NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:</p> <p>November 30th 2017. Further meetings will be called as necessary.</p>								