

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL –Thursday 31st October 2019, Mudford Village Hall at 7.00pm

PUBLIC SESSION

The sunken manhole on the A359 had been repaired, but it appears that the Clerks reports were not being acted on. Clerk agreed to follow up. The post for the River Yeo sign had also been repaired. Residents were still hoping for traffic calming measures in the village.

There followed much discussion about the SSDC decision relating to Primrose Lane development and the huge disappointment after the Regulation Committee voted to approve the application. Those who attended the meeting spoke of underhand practices, breaches of the Code of Conduct, insufficient declarations of interest, committee members actions being seen to influence those of others and many other unsavoury practices. The meeting was described as a farce and a ridiculous situation. The main points of contention were;

There was no explanation from each member of why they voted for the application.

Serious concerns over the Anthrax Expert, Dr Tim Brooks and his failings to emphasis the fatal consequences of inhaling anthrax spores.

Clear breaches of the local plan and the National Planning Policy Framework in the approved development.

There are many reservations over the way in which planning permissions are being dealt with within the District Council.

Why did Area South Committee vote on this application, as it's believed that all of the development sits in Area East?

7.55pm – Meeting opened

1	Attendance and to receive any apologies for absence and to consider acceptance of the reason. Present: Stephen Bartlett SB, Nick Lanigan NL, June Lydon JL, Kay Mackenzie, KM, Phil Sargent PS. In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Clerk), Mike Lewis (County Councillor), Neil Bloomfield (District & County Councillor), 5 members of the public (including Mike Hayton & Rowlie McBeath – Queen Thorne PC). Apologies received and accepted: Tony Cavalier TC, Lawrence Weir LW, Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor), Thelma Mead (PCSO)
2	Declarations of Interests. PS declared an interest in Item 9.1 – Financial Matters, JL declared an interest in 7 – Other planning matters
3	Reports. To hear reports from: County and District Councillors. Mike Lewis reported that Somerset Highways are still working hard to get a traffic calming scheme in place on the A359, applications for a grant from the Healthy Living budget needed to be made before the end of November. He apologised to the Parish Council for failing to get the Regulation committee to refuse the application and was further very disappointed in the lack of support shown by both District Councillors, Tony Capozzoli who was on holiday and Paul Rowsell who voted to approve the application, without reason. It was explained that District Councillor Charlie Hull had taken the time to properly research the application, read the reports that had been provided by the PC and made an informed vote against the application. The Parish Council thanked County Councillor Mike Lewis for his support and felt equally disappointed in both Tony Capozzoli & Paul Rowsell, however grateful to Councillor's Charlie Hull and Neil Bloomfield (also present) for their considered decision in voting against the development. Councillor Lewis praised Mudford Parish Council for doing its utmost to represent its residents magnificently, for attending the meeting & speaking out against it and trying to protect the community from an overwhelming development. He felt that Mudford PC had done all of the work that SSDC ought to have done, but didn't. He believed that the weight of public opinion was against this development generally. Police. The PCSO had sent her apologies. Village Hall Committee. Jean Jones reported that the Village Hall had that morning held a very successful Macmillan Café raising around £350 for this very worthy cause
4	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2019. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held.
5	To consider the following planning applications and make recommendations to the planning officer: The Clerk had received a planning application that morning for a Solar Park at the existing park at Chilton Cantelo; Application No 19/02847/S73A – Application for the erection of a solar farm, Chilton Cantelo Solar Park, BA22 8BQ The PC had no comments to make on the application.
6	To receive the following determination of planning notices: There were no determinations to receive.

7	<p>Other planning matters. Outcome of Primrose Lane development planning application (Area East & South Committee meeting 29/10/19). Following on from discussions in the public open session and after considering the many comments made by the all present it was decided that a vote of No Confidence should be taken against District Councillor Paul Rowsell. RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to record a vote of No Confidence in District Councillor Paul Rowsell to the leader of SSDC and the Chairmen of the Area East & Regulation Committee's on which he voted. ACTION: Clerk to arrange</p> <p>In light of the questions surrounding why Area South was given a vote on the application & the confusion surrounding the possible justification, it was agreed that the question should be put to the Chief Executive Alex Parmley, and SSDC legal department, having previously been left unanswered by the Planning department. RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed for Mudford Parish Council to ask SSDC Chief Executive for an explanation as to why Area South Committee (and therefore the Regulation Committee) voted on this planning application. ACTION: Clerk to arrange</p>																																					
8	<p>Council Matters. Cemetery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemetery headstones risk assessment. PS reported that there was no change and nothing to report. <p>Playing Field and Play area. To receive playing field inspection reports from the relevant councillor and agree any actions arising. There was nothing significant to report.</p> <p>Highways and Parish Paths. To receive reports regarding highways and agree any actions arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Tor View Close issues. The Clerk reported that Streetscene had carried out maintenance on the close and provided residents with a map showing ongoing maintenance and areas of responsibility. A new sign was in production and everyone was understood to be happy. Update on response to Bluetooth connectivity for SIDs and SID County Council agreement. A quote of £850 + VAT had been received from Westcotec. It would not be possible to gather further quotes due to the bespoke nature of the SIDs. RESOLVED: It was agreed to go ahead with the enhancement providing remote data gathering of the camera, in the interest of safety for the Clerk. Clerk to try to negotiate the call out fee and ask Westcotec to check the alignment of the SIDs. ACTION: Clerk to arrange Somerset County Highways response to request for quieter road surface through Mudford. John Nicholson from Somerset Highways had responded to the email saying that the Marston Magna had a smaller stone size as a top dressing, as part of research carried out by Ulster University. The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Clerk of Marston Magna and it was to be noted that no reduction in noise was evident. Mudford had already received a top dressing and would not be considered for another 7 years. Gary Warren (Somerset Highways) had provided 3 options for signage at either end of the village which had been shown to be effective in other locations. It was decided to look into this further at the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to arrange 																																					
9	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS.</p> <p>9.1 To approve the following payments and two signatories for cheques: RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments, SB, NL & PS to sign cheques as appropriate.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="172 1601 1182 1861"> <tr> <td>Salaries</td> <td>October 2019</td> <td>£444.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>October 2019</td> <td>£103.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vision ICT</td> <td>Annual website hosting charge</td> <td>£140.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P. S. Services</td> <td>September cemetery maintenance</td> <td>£102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K M Dike Nurseries</td> <td>Ground maintenance July-Sept</td> <td>£1068.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Buxton</td> <td>Solicitor fees – Up Mudford challenge</td> <td>£1164.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phil Sargent</td> <td>Parts for repair to swing</td> <td>£14.58</td> </tr> </table> <p>9.2 Other financial matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the cash book and bank account reconciliation for 25th September 2019 – 11th October 2019. RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the cashbook as set out below. <table border="1" data-bbox="172 2007 1554 2143"> <tr> <td>MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>31st October 2019</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Receipts & Payments 25th</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2019 - 11th</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Salaries	October 2019	£444.85	HMRC	October 2019	£103.40	Vision ICT	Annual website hosting charge	£140.40	P. S. Services	September cemetery maintenance	£102.00	K M Dike Nurseries	Ground maintenance July-Sept	£1068.52	Richard Buxton	Solicitor fees – Up Mudford challenge	£1164.00	Phil Sargent	Parts for repair to swing	£14.58	MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL				31st October 2019				Receipts & Payments 25th				September 2019 - 11th			
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October 2019			
	Balance 25/09/19		£ 57,071.66
RECEIPTS			
25/09/2019	Bank interest		£ 5.14
	Bank interest		£ 4.59
	Exclusive Rights & Interment - Ivy May Ley		£ 175.00
	Memorial - Sylvia Davis		£ 60.00
Total Receipts			£ 244.73
PAYMENTS			
25/09/2019	Salaries & Expenses		£ 447.87
	HMRC		£ 103.20
	P S Services - Cemetery maintenance June & July		£ 21.00
	Such Salinger Peters - Drainage assessment		£ 480.00
	Land Quality Management - Responding to SSDC		£ 600.00
	Vision ICT - Hosted email account (K Mackenzie)		£ 21.60
	PFK Littlejohn - Audit Charges		£ 360.00
	Milborne Port Computers - Livedrive backup		£ 48.00
	P Sargent - Reimburse flowers		£ 30.00
	total		£ 2,111.67
Balance			£ 55,204.72
BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS			
Current Account		£ 100.00	
Business Account		£ 28,062.41	
Business Reserve Account		£ 27,048.31	
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS		£ 55,210.72	
Add outstanding lodgements		£ -	
Less outstanding payments		£ 6.00	
Balance			£ 55,204.72

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

- 10 Correspondence.** Consider the following correspondence and agree any actions arising:
- Response from SALC regarding ID badges for Parish Councillors. A response from SALC did not recommend pursuing this as it could be confrontational. It was agreed to not issue ID badges to PC members.
 - Response from SSDC regarding Village Hall Car Park matters. SSDC agreed to provide signs for dog fouling & send an occasional patrol. They would arrange for the tree to be attended to and were continuing to look into the transfer of the ownership of the car park to the PC.
 - Highway Matters – Winter Service 2019-2020. Noted, the clerk was to request a dumpy bag on salt for the Village Hall car park. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
 - ESET Internet Security Renewal Notice. The Clerk was to check if this was required and report back at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
 - Mudford Street lighting – resident’s letter. The letter was read out and there was discussion regarding both sides of the argument – for & against street lighting. It was agreed that this would be on a future agenda for full consideration. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
 - St Margaret’s Hospice – Yeovil Without PC. This would be considered when agreeing the budget at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

- 11 LIST OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED AND AVAILABLE SINCE LAST MEETING:** All noted.
- Highways England – Outline traffic management plan
 - Article for Marie Curie helper & companion publicity
 - October brief from David Fothergill
 - Somerset rivers authority annual report 2018-2019
 - SWP briefing
 - Notification of Area East & South Committee meetings for Primrose Lane development decision
 - Brexit Readiness: Defra food & farming briefing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SORTED! CPRE Newsletters/Campaigns
12	Newsletter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to postpone the next Newsletter until more content was available.
13	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) All discussion had taken place in the public session and under Item 7, in the public domain.
14	Agenda Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider items for next PC meeting. There was nothing identified at this time. NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: 28 th November 2019. Further meetings will be called as necessary.

8.55pm – Meeting closed