

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020, AT 7:30PM.**

Present:

Cllr. V. Pitman (VP) Acting Chairperson
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)
Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)
Cllr. D. Sowden (DS)
Cllr. R. Poole (RP)

Apologies:

Also in attendance:

Zenah Rowe (ZR)
Carly Payne (CP)

There was a 10 minute open discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

Declaration of Interest: None.

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed by PC and signed by VP.

Police Blog: PCSO Henderson's Blog was shared.

Finance & Legal:

- a) **Banking Change of Information Confirmation:** Margaret Norvell has become a signatory for the Parish Council account, and Janice Middleton and Roger Poole have been removed.

Planning Applications:

Case Ref: 21/20/0001 – *Siting of static caravan for welfare purposes in connection with horticultural business (works already undertaken) on land north of 1 Higher Houses, Runnington, Langford Budville:* After hearing parishioners' views, the Parish Councillors unanimously voted to oppose this application.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

<https://www2.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/asp/webpages/plan/plapplookup.asp>

6. Footpaths Report: ZR has not been out due to inclement weather. 12 people have been on Church lane to clear the lane. The PC is most grateful for parishioner's assistance and time clearing footpaths. RP mentioned the footpath from Crownfield to the bottom. DF reported grooves, six inches deep, and chipping has washed away. The black plastic footpath lining is showing. Since this is the main footpath to get to the dog bin, it is important to maintain the footpath soon. The Village Hall committee are responsible for this footpath so DF will chase it up.

7. Sprucing up Langford Budville & Runnington: DS would like to make the village more colourful with wild flowers and bulbs. He has identified areas that we could make use of. The Village of the Year award could be a goal. The aim will be to take more pride in the village. DS will generate an acceptable list of things to do, ready for the next meeting.

8. Finger Post Surround: DF contacted Highways. The stones have been pressed into the ground, which is why finger posts have been damaged. The stones cannot be replaced, say Highways, because if a car hits the new stones then the PC are liable. DF has said that is unacceptable so James Hunt is looking into it with Highways for us. A specialist contractor is needed.

9. Litter Pick Feedback: 8 people attended the Litter pick. 10 bags of rubbish were collected. Disturbing things were found, including drug paraphernalia and nitrous oxide cylinders. The PC is most grateful to those that attended the Litter Pick and to those that regularly keep the Parish clean by picking up litter. DF has cleared the layby and both sides of the road up from the River Tone to Malthouses (stopping at Malthouses due to the increasing traffic). Stags sign needs removing from along the road.

10. Latest News on Work Hubs and Broadband: The Government pledged £500 million. Gigaclear may still continue to work with some areas. DF has re-registered with Gigaclear to see what happens. Relevant links:

<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-and-gigaclear-reach-settlement/>

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/cds-launches-new-procurement-process/>

Correspondence: The PC discussed the effects of Coronavirus on the parish and has agreed that the next issue of the Roundabout magazine will carry a reminder of the village Emergency Plan and its contact numbers, should any resident require help.

**The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 14th April 2020 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
All welcome.**