

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020, AT 7:30PM.**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr. R. Poole (RP)
Cllr. G. Wren (GW)

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 Report: No report received. PCSO Henderson's Blog was shared.

Finance & Legal:

a) Consultations – JPAG & Governance and SWTC Strategy:

With regards to the Governance of the Council, DF has responded. Councillors also agreed that DF should respond to the SWTC Strategy consultation on behalf of the PC.

b) Play Area Improvements - Purchase of Top Soil and Grass Seed:

DS found the best quote from COS in Taunton (1 tonne = £50 +VAT + £10 delivery). The PC agreed to purchase this and will organise delivery to the play area.

Planning Applications:

Case Ref: 21/10/0019: Replacement of Dutch barn with the erection of carport and workshop at Malthouses, Milverton Road, Runnington.

The PC responded to point out that the plans submitted had a different road layout from the original. The issue has been rectified and the PC continues to support this application.

Results of Wellisford Appeal - APP/D3315/Y/19/3232862 and APP/D3315/W/19/3232887:

The appeal has been dismissed.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

6. Footpaths Report - Rights of Way Volunteer & Trails Officer:

(i) ZR confirmed that the lower part of Ramsey Lane is flooded. Drainage work years ago rectified it further up but there is still a problem at the bottom. It is now impassable. ZR has reported this to Martin Cooper without a reply yet. The PC agreed that major work is needed.

(ii) ZR informed the PC of a potential problem in Runnington regarding the fencing at the bottom of Ramsey Lane, on the footpath that goes down to the river. The fencing is supposed to be 1.5m, which it is just about, but there is a hedge and there are concerns that when the hedge starts to grow, there will be little room between the hedge and the fence. The PC agreed that an eye needs to be kept on the maintenance of the hedge by the farmer.

7. Finger Posts – quotes from Somerset Forge Ltd.:

DF and VP discussed the state of the finger posts and how best to protect them if they are replaced and refurbished. Quotations for works to finger posts on Wiveliscombe Road and at the Runnington turning were discussed: £1010 and £885 respectively + VAT. Boulders are a potential solution to protect the finger post at the Runnington turning from large turning vehicles and DS will look into this further. Highways will also be consulted and DF will obtain a quote for moving the finger post back, on the Wiveliscombe Road, to protect it from vehicles.

8. Emergency Plan – Extra Salt:

MN discussed a potential Salt Bin for Runnington with Martin Stone in detail. However, the bottom line is that SCC does not support a salt bin in Runnington so one cannot be located there. There are 3 people in Runnington from whom salt can be collected. Keith Moore has kindly agreed to take care of the salt for Bindon. The PC agreed to purchase more salt for the Bindon area.

9. Drain Clearance:

DF notified the PC that drain clearance has been completed from the River Tone up into the village. He mentioned that they have missed some drains and that the drain clearance will now be on just a 4-yearly cycle.

10. Triangle Trees:

VP and DF met the Trees Officer. It was a productive meeting. The Officer has agreed to give 2 specialist employees a day's work to coppice the hazel and they will supply chipping for pathways for free. DS suggested that bird boxes are added to the Triangle and the PC suggested that the Primary School might like to become involved in this project.

11. Dirt on Roads:

Chorwell Lane has been a problem due to building work being carried out. VP has spoken to the home owner about clearing the road, to which they kindly obliged. Rain has also washed some dirt away. The information gathered from the Police, with regards to dirt on the roads from construction projects, will be published in the Parish Magazine to raise awareness of the law.

Correspondence

1. Reminder of the dates of the next litter picks: Sun. 1st March and Sunday 29th November, 10am at The Triangle.

The next meeting will be held on 9th March 2020 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.