

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2019, AT 7:30PM.**

Present:

Cllr J. Middleton, Chairperson (JM)
Cllr. V. Pitman (VP)
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)
Cllr. R. Poole (RP)
Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)

Also in attendance:

Carly Payne (CP)
6 members of the Parish

Absences:

Zenah Rowe (ZR) – Footpaths Officer
Cllr. Gwil Wren (GW)

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 Councillors and signed by JM.

Police Report:

There were 220 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of October 2019. This is 28 fewer than last month. This does not include calls involving Wellington Town. 2 calls involved Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. This is 6 calls down from last month.

Reports of Antisocial Behavior: There were 10 calls to police for ASB across the whole of the rural beat in October. 0 ASB log for the area Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville.

A.O.B: Please be aware there have been calls pretending to be from HMRC. Please do not give any details and if you can block their number on your phone please do. There has also been a Facebook attempted scam from a company called Powerball Mega. They pretend this is from a friend on Facebook, saying they have won lots of money. My advice is to not give them any information.

Finance & Legal:

- a. **Consultation confirming SWTC local plans.**
No document received from SWTC so this will be an agenda item for Dec.
- b. **Invoice for printing – Lighton Waymouth.** Councillors agreed to pay £26.40.
- c. **Invoice for printing – Carly Press.** Councillors agreed to pay £6.89
- d. **CIL – Meaningful Proportion.** Councillors voted to transfer the sum of £1809.57 from the PC current account into the savings account.
- e. **Extra grit/salt for winter (Emergency Plan).** JM proposed to double the amount of salt this year for Parishioners to use on the highway (only). The PC voted on an approximate £200 spend on salt from Build Base.
- f. **Setting the Precept for 2020-21 Financial Year.** Councillors discussed the PC's finances in order to consider the figure, which needs to set for the precept next year.

Planning Applications: None.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

6. Footpaths report.

During the last PC meeting, ZR was very concerned about ploughing across a footpath on a field owned by a local farmer. Without ZR at this PC meeting to make comment, this will be an agenda item for the Dec. meeting.

7. Hedges.

The trees opposite Courtlands have been felled. With regards to the hedge on the bank opposite the School, adjoining Swifts, VP has tried to reach the Council on numerous occasions to get it cut. Darren Hill has been notified but, so far, no-one has been to the site to carry out the work.

CP to follow up.

8. Highways Winter Service – www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/snow-and-ice/

Parish councillors agreed that this is a useful website for Parishioners so the link will be sent to the Roundabout Magazine.

9. Report back for the Remembrance Service at St. Peter's Church, LB on 10th Nov.

Councillors Faulkner and Poole attended the Service. Unlike usual, however, they were not asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish.

10. The December Meeting.

The December meeting may include mince pies!

AOB: With much regret, JM resigned from her position of Chairperson with immediate effect due to personal circumstances. The Parish Council are most grateful for all of the hard work and support during her time as a Parish Councillor, and they wish her all the best in the future. VP has stepped-up as acting Chairperson for the time-being, until a new Parish Council member is elected or co-opted.

The next meeting will be held on December 9th 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.