

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019, AT 7:30PM.**

**Present:**

Cllr J. Middleton, Chairperson (JM)  
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)  
Cllr. R. Poole (RP)  
Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)  
Cllr. G. Wren (GW)

**Also in attendance:**

Zenah Rowe (ZR)  
Carly Payne (CP)

**Absences:**

Cllr V. Pitman, Vice-Chairperson (VP)

*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 248 calls into 101 and 999 in the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of September 2019. This does not include calls involving Wellington town. 8 calls involves Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville. There were 10 calls of anti-social behaviour across the whole of the Rural Beat in September. 1 ASB log for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville. On the 12/09/19, there was a fire at M J Motors, High Poole. Due to reports of people going onto the site, Police are present at the site to proactively discourage anyone from entering. Please note that a lock was cut at Higher Poole but no access was gained.

**Finance & Legal:**

a) **Consultation confirming SWTC local plans.**

JM confirmed that the PC had responded to Stage 1 of the consultation in good time. Stage 2, during which Parishes are asked for comments on localities, should come to the PC for response in November. So far, only the PC comments on their initial thoughts regarding clarity on proposal to move the Parish boundary at Low Moor. JM has spoken to the necessary parishioner.

b) **Appeal.**

On 07/10/19, SWTC advised the PC that there would be a hearing into the appeal for Planning Application 21/18/0019: Former walled garden, Wellisford Manor, Langford Budville. This will start on 20/01/2020 at 10am.

**Planning Applications:**

**Application no.: 21/19/0012** - Variation of condition No.02 (approved plans) of prior approval 21/18/0027 at Malthouses, Milverton Road, Runnington.

*The PC does not object to the variations and therefore support this application.*

**Application no.: 21/19/0014** – Erection of a conservatory to rear elevation at 7 Courtlands, Langford Budville.

*The PC support this application. They mentioned that, although the scale of the planning is rather large, it is still in proportion with the dwelling.*

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

**Footpaths report:**

Footpaths Officer ZR informed the PC that there has been a recent problem with the footpath which comes from Runnington up to the Church. Because the Farmer has ploughed the field, it is now inaccessible. It is believed that they will reinstate the path in 2 weeks so this will be monitored. ZR and the PC discussed trying to gain a more collaborative relationship with the Farmers since this footpath in particular is an important path along the West Deane Way. They were also grateful to several local residents who do work to maintain the footpaths by cutting hedges and by looking after the styles. The PC feels fortunate that local residents contribute to keeping these rights of way tidy.

**Hedges:**

In VP's absence, JM read out a note on her behalf. VP has spoken with Darren Hill who has promised to cut the hedge on the bank opposite the school within the next 2 weeks. Also, VP has made numerous phone calls over the last 2 years complaining of the 2 'dead' trees in the hedge at the council property opposite Courtlands, at the end of Swifts. VP is currently waiting for someone to contact her about this obvious hazard.

**Purchase of salt/grit for the winter:**

James Hunt is to be emailed to see if he can assist in obtaining information regarding the purchase of a new salt bin for Runnington. Area Highways Office to provide salt and replenish grit bins when necessary.

**Finger posts – SCC:**

SCC do not get directly involved with arranging or ordering any work that might be required for finger posts other than supplying a list of approved foundries in the handbook. There will be other local blacksmiths, metalworkers, engineering and paint workshops capable of undertaking many aspects of the repair and restoration works. They will obviously be able to quote for any works that the PC wishes to be carried out. The PC has decided to leave the finger posts for now since they have not allocated money to it for this financial year, and it is not in the top priority section for the 4 year plan.

**Gigaclear Broadband:**

Last month the government announced that they have terminated their contract with Gigaclear. There will be at least a 1 year wait before a new contract is awarded and it could be as long as 5 years. DF has been in contact with Rebecca Pow MP who commented that it is deeply disappointing that Connecting Devon and Somerset's broadband roll out has been delayed further. She said that it is an unacceptable situation for so many and, on hearing the news, she convened an urgent meeting in Somerset with the Digital Minister, which took place recently to look to the future. Ms Pow had many questions from constituents about provision from other operators and regarding voucher schemes, and whether or not to accept them. She agreed with the Minister that a programme of engagement through Parish Councils, direct communication and other means should start to help residents and businesses decide how best to act. She is having a further meeting with the Minister in the coming weeks to discuss next steps and she will keep the PC updated.

**Permission for Christmas Fair Posters:**

The PC had no objections to posters being displayed around the village for the Christmas handmade fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 3:30pm at the Village Hall in aid of the Forever Hounds Trust.

**Village Hall Representative:**

With regret, due to the Councillors' current commitments, no-one was able to volunteer to become a Trustee for the Village Hall committee.

**Emergency Plan:**

GW agreed the programme format for the Emergency Plan meeting on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.  
*CP will send letters to ask key people with 4 wheel drives to assist in an emergency.*

**Rota for clearance of dog bin by Village Hall:**

JM and DF organised the rota for the coming weeks.

**Somerset Rivers Authority Annual Report:**

DF shared this information. People and places across Somerset have benefitted from extra SRA-funded flood protection and resilience. In 2018-19, the SRA spent just over £3.8 million on actions designed to protect both people and property. Because there is no one simple solution to Somerset's flooding challenges, and everyone in the county is affected in one way or another, the SRA invests in a wide range of actions to reduce flood risks and increase resilience when floods do occur. All works are additional to those carried out by other Flood Risk Management Authorities in Somerset. Please see the annual report on the link:

<http://www.langfordbudvillevillage.co.uk/pdf/somersetiversauthority2018-19annualreportsummary1mb15410.pdf>

**Correspondence:**

1. Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm Signage: The PC had no objections to signs being displayed around the village for the sale of Christmas Trees at Langford Lakes from 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.
2. DF informed the PC that there is a children's party at the Village Hall on Sun 1<sup>ST</sup> Dec, which conflicts with the start of the litter pick. Therefore, the new meeting point is at the Triangle at 10am.

**The next meeting will be held on November 11th 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.**