ABBAS AND TEMPLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on the
10th MAY 2022

PRESENT Councillors R Cave (Chairman), S Webb (Vice Chair), C Hukins, A Kerry, D Seares, G Wilson, S Hood

IN ATTENDANCE
4 Parishioners, Sarah Dyke (County Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
PCSO Will Mortimer, Mr Hayward Burt (District Councillor), C James

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
S Webb declared her dispensation in respect of Slades Hill development. A Kerry independently declared an interest in Agenda item 9) Update on traffic calming modifications. D Seares declared an interest in the Slades Hill development if the matter is mentioned during the meeting. S Webb would now complete a new Dispensation.

3 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THE 12th APRIL 2022 AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH APRIL 2022
It was proposed by S Webb and seconded by C Hukins that the draft Minutes, as previously circulated, from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th April 2022, be agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.
It was proposed by S Webb and seconded by A Kerry that the draft Minutes, as previously circulated, from the Meeting held on the 12th April 2022, be agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 12TH APRIL2022
Chairman reported that the Templars Tennis Club apologised for not attending the Annual Parish Meeting and had submitted the Club's report.

5 CORRESPONDENCE
Received since the last meeting as discussed: -
1) Letter dated 9th May 2022 – C Scott. Chairman read out the letter concerning the reprinting of the Templecombe Memories book. The profits from the sales will be donated to the Village Hall. It is intended to print 200 costing £1,203.00. A donation towards the printing would be considered under Accounting Matters.

6 PLANNING

1) Applications (if applicable – received since publication of the agenda that require a decision prior to the next meeting)

a) Application no 21/02436/FUL – Additional information – Demolition of the existing buldings and the erection of 18 bungalows with associated parking and access – Knights Templar Court Nursing Home Throop Road Templecombe
Members agreed that the Drainage Statement did not address the issues previously raised.

<u>Consultation on Potential Leisure Planning Obligations – 21/02436/FUL</u>
Chairman referred to an email dated 5th May from South Somerset District Council giving details of the proposed Outdoor Playing Space, Sport and Recreation Planning Obligations. The Parish Council had been asked for their comments. Members considered the distribution of the contributions and strongly feel that the proportions are too high on the side of Equipped Play space/area and feel that the higher amounts should be given to youth facilities.

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b) Application no 22/00673/LBC – To dig back bank and erect new retaining wall and steps to back garden, demolish existing porch and erect new porch in its place – Stowell Farm Stowell Road.
Members discussed the above application and were fully supportive of the proposal to replace the current lean to with the proposed stone replacement which is more in keeping with the original building.

2) Determinations (if applicable)
None.

3) Other

Clerk reported receipt of planning application no 22/00748/FUL – The erection of a single storey dwelling and widening the existing vehicular access thereto – Land adjoining The Orchard Combe Hill, which was received on the 9th May. This application will be discussed at the June meeting and extension of time requested.

7) REPORTS

a) Village Hall

Chairman reported that he had not heard back from Batten and Co Solicitors, who dealt with the surrender of lease. He had chased the matter up prior to the meeting.

b) In Bloom Group – (J Carr)

The group were meeting regularly in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee.

8) ACCOUNTING MATTERS

1) To approve accounts and sign cheques

It was proposed by A Kerry and seconded by C Hukins that the following cheques be paid: -

Water2Business – water charges 21.10.21 to 7.4.22 – Social Club/ Changing rooms	329.72
Glasdon UK Ltd – 5 x benches/5 x Platinum Jubilee plaques	3,506.31
D Seares – Refund for materials for installation of benches	58.82
Yeomarks Lining Limited – white lines at School Lane	612,00
Arthur J Gallagher Insurance – Premium 2022/2023	3,078.21
Newhouse Farm Partnership Limited – Knee rails and installation	8,268.00
D Vanstone – fee for Internal Audit y ren 31.3.22	60.00
J Pratt (Groundsman) – Salary/Expenses April 2022 – Rec/Bgd/Cyd	431.92
T Chapman (Clerk) – Salary/Expenses May 2022	479.92

Following cheques received

None

Online Payment (automatic credit)

None

Transfers

None

Following monies received

NatWest Business Reserve Account	-	£0.17 as at 31.3.22 (£19,472.20)
NatWest Business Reserve Account (Play Area)	-	£0.01 as at 31.3.22 (£82.51)

Also Direct Debit payments - Utility Warehouse electricity account for April 2022 amounted to £45,72
Biffa Waste Payments 21.2.22 - £43.68 21.3.22 - £43.68

2) Completion of Annual Return year end 31.3.22

a) Completion of Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

Chairman read out and completed the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22. The form was signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

b) Completion of Accounting Statements 2021/22

Chairman referred to the Accounting Statements 2021/22 and the statements were approved. The form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

3) Future Projects – update if applicable

a) Vehicle Activated Speed Signs/Speed Indicator Devices (SID) (A Kerry)

Chairman reported that he had submitted a Grant application, for £2,500, towards the project with Avon and Somerset Police.

b) New bench locations – update (D Seares)
Chairman thanked D Seares and G Wilson for the installation of the benches in the Village and at the Recreation Ground and Gartells for supply the concrete pads and labour. Clerk would write to thank Gartells.

4) Other
Members discussed the request for financial assistance from C Scott as reported under correspondence, for the reprinting of the Templecombe Memories Book. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Village Hall as they will be receiving any profit from the sale of the books. Chairman will inform C Scott and raise the matter at the next Village Hall meeting.

9 UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING MODIFICATIONS (A KERRY)
A Kerry reported that he had now just received a Consultation document from Somerset County Council (SCC) which he would look at and circulate to Members.

10 HIGHWAY MATTERS
1) Clerk to update on various highway issues if applicable
Collapsed wall on the A357 High Street – Clerk had received a copy of an e mail to a Parishioner from SCC Highways, indicating the failed section of the retaining wall is not within SCC ownership and SCC are endeavouring to ascertain the owner to instruct them to effect repairs, which is protracting the matter. Options are being investigated to see if the traffic lights could be removed and an alternative system put in place.
Kington View footpath – A Parishioner indicated that he had now obtained a copy of the Land Registry paperwork for the area which may provide some information in connection with the footpath.
2) Other
D Seares offered to dig out around the dog bin/litter bin on the corner of School Lane car park and stabilise it. He would also improve the litter bin at the same time.
Somerset Bus Partnership – update (S Webb)
No matters to report.

11 ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP (D SEARES/G WILSON)
a) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – update
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. G Wilson reported the following: -

- A cubic metre of concrete would be needed for the installation of the beacon. G Wilson will approach Andrew Hopkins
- The Village flagpoles have been donated by Stalbridge Timber
- Marshalls are making the basket for the beacon and will only be charging for materials

Clerk reported that insurance information had now been received and referred to the Chairman. As the working party is being run under the governance of the Parish Council cover is provided under the Employers 'and Public Liability sections of the policy for no additional premium. Risk assessments will be required.
b) Other
G Wilson reported that where the work had taken place, on Slades Hill, to install a Wi-fi box the ground had been left with stones on the surface. Bulbs and cowslips had been disturbed an attempt had been made to level out the area using compost. Clerk would inform SCC Highways as they would have needed to provide a licence for the works to be carried out.

12 FOOTPATHS REPORT
D Seares reported that he had been contacted by the landowner of a footpath on Bowden Road. Two notices had been provided to inform users of the footpath which way they should walk, and it was felt another notice was needed. A notice could be provided by Vale Signs and Print at a cost of £15. It was agreed to order a notice and ask the landowner to pay for it.

13 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT (C JAMES)
No matters to report.

14 BURIAL GROUND/CLOSED CHURCHYARD REPORT (CLERK)
No matters to report.

15 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS/CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
A) Play Area Report
Repair to the WeHopper – Kompan have indicated that they will carry out the repair during the week commencing the 6th June. They have been asked to let the Clerk know when they are coming so that someone can be present when the work is carried out.
1) Replacement Bollards/proposed knee rail – update
a) Addition of keep clear lines – it was felt these were not necessary.

Chairman read out P Batchelor's notes as a result of a site meeting, as follows:-

- It was suggested with the new pin and latch mechanism that a chain could be welded to the top of the pin and secure the chain with a staple to the gate upright to avoid losing the pin which has been purposely made and would be difficult to replace
- It was felt that both gates needed to be secured when in the open position and the gate posts should be lowered
- R Pike would be back during the week commencing the 16th May and a further site meeting would be arranged with him to agree any changes.

2) Other

D Seares reported that a dog waste bin would need to be relocated as it was too close to one of the benches. He suggested using paving slabs to create a concrete base which would make using the bin easier during the winter months. Members agreed for D Seares to carry out the work and he confirmed he would liaise with Groundsman as to the relocating of the bin.

B) Social Club

1) Social Club Report (C Hukins/C James/S Hood)

Report circulated prior to the meeting. The AGM would take place on the 26th June at 3 pm.

C) Other

No matters to report.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY 14th JUNE 2022.

Clerk would put up a notice indicating co-option of three Parish Councillors. Notice would be included on the website. Applications would be considered at the June meeting.