ABBAS AND TEMPLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on the
9th AUGUST 2022

PRESENT Councillors R Cave (Chairman), S Webb (Vice Chair), C Hukins, , D Seares , A Kerry, S Hood, D Savage, P Bassett

IN ATTENDANCE
Nicola Clark (County Councillor)

Chairman opened the meeting and invited Nicola Clark update. She reported that the Press Releases will continue and the meeting with Sarah Dyke and herself, with Highways, was still outstanding.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mr Hayward Burt (District Councillor), Mr William Wallace (District Councillor), Sarah Dyke (County Councillor) C James, G Wilson

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
S Webb declared her dispensation in respect of Slades Hill development. D Seares and S Hood declared an interest in the Slades Hill development. A Kerry declared an interest in Agenda item 10.

3 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THE 12th July 2022
It was proposed by A Kerry and seconded by C Hukins that the draft Minutes, as previously circulated, be agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 12TH JULY 2022
None.

5 CORRESPONDENCE
Received since the last meeting as discussed: -
1) South Somerset Community Accessible Transport (SSCAT) – Acknowledgement of Donation 2022/23. Noted.
2) New Somerset Council – Press Release – Consultation on council tax scheme launched. Noted.
3) Community Review Project – Smart Communities – email date 9.8.22 Chairman reported that the Parish Council's Register of Interest had been successful. They had supplied a Community Review Project Agreement and a Guide to Establishing a Steering Group. A signed copy of the Agreement needed to be returned by the 7th September and a steering group formed. An initial online meeting will be held on the 7th September, one Member of the steering group or the Lead Contact can attend. Members discussed whether the Parish Council should take part, the following comments were made: -

- D Seares had concerns as to whether we could meet the targets as completion is expected by the 31st March 2023
- Members of the Community will be needed to make up the steering group and identified key roles will need to be undertaken

Chairman proposed that we should carry on and sign the Agreement to take the matter forward and he was happy to be the lead contact for now. Members agreed.

6 PLANNING

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

a) Application no 22/01907/FUL – Erection of single detached dwellinghouse and associated works (variation of conditions for plot 2, approved under 17/02551/FUL) Retrospective – Land OS 4148 Part Lily Lane Templecombe

Members discussed the above application and had no objections but wished the following comments to be taken into account: -

- The amendments do lead to a larger footprint but not over development
- Lily Lane represents a significant variation in building style already
- The amendments do appear to contribute to a more environmentally friendly build with the inclusion of solar panels
- The Parish Council would ask that an electrical car charging point is included if not already included

- Any damage of the verge and road, due to construction, is repaired on completion of the build and within three months of occupation
- All construction parking to be on site and not on Lily Lane
- No bonfires on site

b) Application no 22/02009/HOU – Proposed demolition of conservatory and erection of single rear extension on similar footprint. The demolition of existing garage and construction of a replacement single storey side extension on similar footprint. The replacement of roof to the porch and front drive/parking adjustments – 6 Manor Close Templecombe

Members discussed the above application and found no reason to object to the application as the proposals are on the same footprint. They consider that all construction vehicles should be parked on site during the working being carried out and not on Manor Close. No bonfires on site.

2) Determinations (if applicable)
None.

3) Other

a) Slades Hill Development (S Webb)

S Webb reported the Blackmore Vale Close are waiting for the Legal Department – SSDC to come back in respect of the planning enforcement.

7) REPORTS

a) Village Hall – Lease/Deed of Surrender

Chairman reported that the draft Lease had now been received and would be sent around to Members and the Village Hall Committee.

b) In Bloom Group – (J Carr)

The In Bloom group had taken on the maintenance of the rose bed in the Burial Ground.

c) Weed Out (S Hood)

S Hood reported that he is hoping to set up a Weed Out group to deal with various areas of the Village that are suffering from excessive weed/vegetation growth. He is intending to start with the area from Slades Hill to the bridge and will be advertising for volunteers. Clerk had contacted SSSDC to see if a Village weed spray will be carried out as in previous years.

8) ACCOUNTING MATTERS

1) To approve accounts and sign cheques

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

D Seares – Refund for materials – Graffiti removal, slabs dog bins and Drain inspection cover – Rec	97.59
T D J Hunt – Oil leak work to tractor	216.84
J Pratt (Groundsman) – Salary/Expenses July 2022 – Rec/Bgd/Cyd	445.10
T Chapman (Clerk) – Salary/Expenses August 2022	461.70

Following cheques received

Peter Jackson Funeral Services Ltd - £276.00 – S E Padfield deceased

Online Payment (automatic credit)

None

Transfers

None

Following monies received

NatWest Business Reserve Account	-	£1.60 as at 36.5.22 (£19,476.86)
NatWest Business Reserve Account (Play Area)	-	£0.01 as at 3.6.22 (£82.54)

Direct Debit payments - Utility Warehouse electricity account for July 2022 amounted to £21.80
Biffa Waste Payment July 2022 - £54.60

Chairman referred to the Bank Reconciliation and reminded Members of the various restricted funds that are held within the bank balance namely Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), funds budgeted for the SIDs and repairs to Churchyard walls. It was agreed to review the work to the Churchyard walls. The sum of £20,000 is available for general expenses.
SWebb reported she had 14 Platinum Jubilee mugs left over and would contact the School after the holidays.

2) Future Projects – update if applicable

a) Vehicle Activated Speed Signs/Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) (A Kerry) – Update if applicable

A Kerry had circulated an update prior to the meeting. Confirmation of the grant of £2,250 from Avon and Somerset Police had been received. Members agreed A Kerry could plan and proceed with the project. He would suggest a project plan and contact the supplier. It was also agreed to hire a device for a month costing £250 plus VAT, to help gain knowledge of the operation and identify any unforeseen issues. D Savage agreed to help A Kerry with the project.

3) On-line Banking Arrangements (R Cave)

Clerk had started to collect details from Members to commence the process to complete the application form.

4) Other

No other matters to report.

9 Community Fridge (S Hood)

S Hood had circulated an e mail prior the meeting to inform Members that he had been approached as to the possibility of having a Community Fridge in the Village. The following points/comments were discussed: -

- Locations for a Community Fridge/who would be responsible for the electricity costs
- The role of a Village Agent
- Support available for families in other ways
- Engaging with the School
- Support from Somerset County Council
- Need to look at the wider issues that are going to have an affect on families. Getting information out to families via the websites
- The introduction of community lunches/provision of a warm safe place

S Hood agreed to look at putting together a group of volunteers and come back to the Parish Council with a plan.

10 UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING MODIFICATIONS (A KERRY)

A Kerry had circulated his report prior to the meeting. He had received a further modified proposal from SCC Highways – M Evans in response to his e mail of the 6th July, It does not meet the need for protection of the cottages with bollards as they are insisting on a 5m carriageway for two way traffic. It makes no comment on removal of parking on the left-hand side of the road, after the cottages, to improve visibility a response had not been received from the Traffic Management Group. Nicola Clark will contact A Kerry to arrange a site meeting along with Sarah Dyke.

11 HIGHWAY MATTERS

1) Clerk to update on various highway issues if applicable

a) Fallen/bulging wall both sides of road – A357 High Street

Northbound section - Chairman reported update from J Nicholson – SCC Highways. He had attended a meeting on the 25th July with SCC Legal department and SCC will be commissioning a survey of the wall within the next three weeks to identify options for the Traffic Management and remedial works required by the wall owners, the Land Registry Title holders will then be put on notice via the Highways Act 1970 Section 167 to carry out works. Ownership is still disputed by the title holders.
Southbound section – SSDC Building Control have discussed the deterioration with the property owners and SSDC Legal Department have been asked to establish ownership as the property owners do not believe it is within their property responsibility.

b) Templecombe Village Sign – Tower Hill – update

Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Andy Barron – SCC Traffic Engineer he will chase the matter up and if it has been overlooked a new order will be placed.

2) Village Noticeboards (S Hood) – update

S Hood had circulated a report prior to the meeting giving details of possible noticeboards. He had looked further into wall mounted noticeboards and had contacted Helliers, Landlords for the Co-op, who would be happy for a wall mounted noticeboard. Chairman also felt that there should be a further noticeboard on the Social Club. S Hood would further investigate styles of noticeboards.

3) Sewage smell – Entrance to Church steps/School Lane Car Park (P Bassett)
P Bassett reported a strong smell of sewage at the bottom of the steps to the Church, from School Lane car park. Clerk would report matter to Wessex Water.

4) Other
Somerset Bus Partnership – update if applicable (S Webb) S Webb had no further update to report.

12 ENVIRONMENTAL/OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP (D SEARES/G WILSON)
a) Electronic Vehicle Charging points (D Seares)
D Seares circulated an update prior to the meeting. He had contacted Plug-n-go and exchanged e mails with the Chair of Milborne Port Parish Council and would be investigating the matter further.

b) Other (if applicable)
S Hood asked if concrete slabs could be installed at the approach to the two dog bins in Lily Lane. D Seares agreed to carry out the work.

13 FOOTPATHS REPORT
WN29/4 – Empire Farm - The overgrown vegetation on the path had now been cut.
WN29/2 – Pedestrian crossing over railway – Chris and Paula Batchelor had now cleared the sleepers so that you can access the footpath more safely. Network Rail had now installed a new metal gate on the south side.

Chairman reported that Andy Greene Garden Maintenance had provided a quote to cut back and clear the footpath from the A357 to Merthyr Guest for the sum of £200. It was agreed to accept the quote and ask him to carry out a cut at the end of September/beginning of October.

14 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT
a) Horse Chestnuts – Recreation Ground
Chairman reported that a quotation had been received from B and G Down to fell the two dying Chestnuts to include chipping, to grind out main root and level off area for the sum of £820 plus VAT. It was agreed to accept the quote and ask for advice as to replacement trees.

15 BURIAL GROUND/CLOSED CHURCHYARD REPORT (CLERK)
a) Churchyard double gates on to Church Hill A357
Clerk reported that Alan Berry had removed the gates and was in the process of renovating and painting them.

16 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS/CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
A) Play Area Report
Chairman reported that everything was in good order.

1) Other
D Seares report covered the following matters: -

- Items on the Groundsman's weekly report now completed – missing fence bolts, replacement of inspection cover
- MUGA – copies of he fencing quotes had now been received and enquiries would be made as to grant funding options
- Dog bins – 3 dog waste bins now had stepping slabs in front of them
- Litter bin by youth shelter – had now been fixed to stop it sliding to the ground
- Wood preserver will be obtained for to paint the knee rails. Chairman offered to help with the painting.

B) Social Club
1) Social Club Report (C Hukins/C James/S Hood)
S Hood circulated a report prior to the meeting. The Club was looking very positive and asked for permission to have pizza van in the car park. It was felt this would be better placed on the grass area by the Social Club itself. Commercial vans would need permission from the Parish Council.

C) Other
1) Defibrillator
Chairman reported that the Parish Council were now taking over the checks and maintenance of the defibrillator on the Social Club. Mr Tim Benjafield had offered to pay for the future replace pads. Clerk would write expressing the Members thanks.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022 S Webb reminded Members of the issues of Phishing emails as they had been occurring again.