

# Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30pm

## PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Janet Albano

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Paul Smith

Cllr Peter Perryman

3 Parishioners

Cllr Caroline Ellis

County Councillor Ian Hall

## 1 **APOLOGIES** Cllr Matt Craker, District Councillor Iain Chubb

2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were accepted as a true record and will be duly signed by Cllr Colin Corbett.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none

## 4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES**

4.1 **Donations** – the Council agreed to maintain the level of last year’s donations to CAB, Ring and Ride, Royal British Legion and the Parish Newsletter. **ACTION** Clerk to arrange payment of the donations.

4.2 **Reading Room** - the clerk outlined the possible ways forward with the Reading Room Trust and asked the Councillors to give the options some consideration. The Councillors agreed that, if possible, winding up the Trust and putting the funds towards the DAAT Night Landing Site project would be preferable. **ACTION** Clerk to pursue this option and complete necessary paperwork.

4.3 **Precept** – Council discussed level of precept and agreed on £8,000. **ACTION** Clerk to complete form and email it.

## 5 **ACCOUNTS**

5.1 **Transactions for December** – the following payments were approved by Cllr Perryman and Cllr Ellis.

HMRC PAYE (Dec)	13.60	G
Clerk Salary & Expenses (Dec)	250.56	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Nov)	90.24	G

5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the October and November 2020 Treasurers Statement. The accounts had been reviewed by the Chair and all Councillors prior to the meeting and reconciled with the corresponding bank statements.

## 6 **PLANNING MATTERS**

### Decision Notified

**20/1047/FUL – Musbury School, Church Hill, Musbury, EX13 8BB** Construction of covered and partially sunken outdoor classroom and demolition of existing shed.

**20/1819/TCA – Orchard Lee, Rosemary Lane, Musbury EX13 8AS** Remove 1 no. C. leylandii hedge, Fell 1 x Eucalyptus, reduce 1 x Cherry from 7m to 3m. Clerk to submit comments. **ACTION**

### Decisions Awaited

**20/2197/FUL – 27 Northfield, Musbury, EX13 8DB** Construction of Garden Shed **AWAITING DECISION**

**20/2573/FUL – 10 Higher Doatshayne Lane, Musbury, EX13 8BG** Construction of Workshop / Summerhouse. **ACTION** Clerk to add comments: Musbury Parish Council has some concerns about the scale of the proposed building in comparison to the original house and in response to the views expressed at the Parish Council meeting, we would value a site visit from a member of the planning team.

**20/2567/ADV – Hartgrove Hill Farm, Trinity Hill Road, Musbury** **ACTION** Clerk to add comments: Musbury Parish Council supports the position of Uplyme Parish Council as this is a non-retail site and should therefore not require large advertising signs on the verge which would pose a distraction to all road users.

## **7 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC SPACES**

**7.1 VAS Signs** – The Clerk re-iterated Cllr Hall’s email regarding potential costs. Cllr Hall stated that the village would need two poles – at a cost of £350 each and one unit, costing around £3000-£3500. These costs would be shared with other parishes in the project and some funding was available from the Locality Budget. The Council agreed to continue with the project. **ACTION** Clerk to email Amanda Pitchford to confirm that we would need two posts or if the posts were moveable.

**7.2 Marlborough Road Trees** – The clerk has now received the SCAT report and has been told by Highways that it is safe to proceed. We are still waiting for a response from Devon Highways Tree Officer as to the suitability of the suggested species. The Clerk read out an update from Rod Powell. Cllr Corbett thanked Mr Powell for his input.

**7.3 Lengthsman** – Cllr Craker is continuing to work on this project.

**7.4 Bins** – EDDC have confirmed that they are unable to collect bin bags from the kerb due to health and safety issues – rubbish has to be in a rigid wheelie bin. The Council discussed paying to have it emptied weekly by EDDC at a cost of £91 + vat a year and whether this could be one of the jobs the lengthsman could do as the clerk feels the bin only needs to be emptied every two weeks at the most. **ACTION** Cllr Corbett will investigate possible volunteers to help with emptying this bin.

## **8 P3 FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Albano has been working hard to find a new contractor and will be meeting a potential contractor in the new year.

Cllr Smith will be carrying out his annual survey of the footpaths in the next few weeks.

## **9 DEVON AIR AMBULANCE**

**9.1** The Clerk has received a generous donation to the DAAT Night Landing Site of £300 from a parishioner and has contacted EDDC about match funding. The Clerk has taken part in an introductory session on crowdfunding. The Council discussed various methods of raising funds and have agreed that the Crowdfunding approach can be used if / when needed. **ACTION** Clerk to work with DAAT on producing the ‘page’ for the appeal.

## **10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**10.1** Please refer to separate report from Councillor Hall, Axminster Division Report for December. Cllr Hall also wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and a much better 2021.

**10.2** Cllr Hall confirmed that the yellow cones had been put in place by Devon Highways and they were just waiting for a dry day to paint the double yellow lines.

## **11 POLICE REPORT**

### **Musbury –KA/2M**

No Reported Crimes

The Clerk is still waiting for November's Crime Statistics as PCSO Bolsover has now retired and our new PCSO had not realised that each parish has been sent their individual crime stats.

**12 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

**12.1** Playground – A parishioner has raised the issue of the playground equipment with the Council as there are areas in need of attention, particularly as there has been more activity than usual due to the restrictions of the pandemic. **ACTION** Cllr Corbett will visit the playground and address the bolts on the swings and look at the hand and footholds of the climbing wall. **ACTION** The Clerk will contact Kilmington Clerk and Cllr Maher for advice / contacts on how they funded and maintain their play area. **ACTION** The Clerk will again look into possible sources of funding for the refurbishment of the area.

**13 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

**13.1** Is it possible to send a clear message across the area that it is an offence not to clear up this dog fouling and that they as owners are liable to a fixed penalty if the mess is not cleared up? Also, can we have signs put up on the community notice boards to highlight the penalties if caught? The Clerk has put up posters and new stickers and will again raise the issue in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter. **ACTION**

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:45

**Proposed date of next meeting: Monday January 25th 2021 at 7:30pm**  
**Venue to be confirmed**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**