

# Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30pm

## PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)  
County Councillor Ian Hall  
2 Parishioners

Cllr Matt Craker  
Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Caroline Ellis

- 1 **APOLOGIES** Cllr Peter Perryman, Cllr Paul Smith, Cllr Janet Albano
  
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 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 **Asset List** – was considered and the Council agreed to add the playground equipment to the list. **ACTION**
  - 4.2 **Budget** - the clerk explained the budget for this year and the following two years. Cllr Ellis suggested that an Election Fund should be added. **ACTION** The council agreed the budget.
  
- 5 **ACCOUNTS**
  - 5.1 **Transactions for October** – the following payments were approved by Cllr Craker and Cllr Ellis.

HMRC PAYE (Oct)	13.60	G
Clerk Salary & Expenses (Oct)	256.56	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Sept)	90.24	G
  
  - 5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the September 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

**20/1786/FUL – Sunnyside, Axminster Road, Musbury, EX13 8AZ** Construction of first floor extension with overhang to create covered walkway **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

Decisions Awaited

**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**

## **7 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC SPACES**

- 7.1 VAS Signs** - The vision is to purchase one or two (more if needed) VAS signs that will be solar powered that will need to be strategically placed around the Division to have the maximum effect to help change the mindsets of irresponsible drivers. Uprights will be placed with input from the Parish Councils so the VAS signs can be placed and that the actual VAS signs will be moved easily around the Division on an agreed timetable. Our Highways Officer has already been identifying suitable locations. Any posts need to be a least 450mm away from the edge of the carriageway and in locations suitable for the solar panels to operate effectively (ie; not blocked by trees etc... some identified locations already having footings in place). Councillors were asked to consider the following:
- 1) Would your Parish be interested in being part of this proposed partnership initiative?
  - 2) Would Cllr's consider that Parish Councils contributing funding towards this initiative?
  - 3) I would consider a grant from the 'Locality Fund' to help with capital expenditure - would Cllr's find this agreeable?

The Council agreed to all of the above. Cllr Hall stated there had been interest from other parishes and asked the clerk to send both he and Amanda Pitchford at DCC the minutes. **ACTION**

- 7.2 Marlborough Road Trees** – Mr Mike Lock has visited Perryhale to source appropriate specimens. The Clerk has sent a map / What3Word references and the suggested species to Devon for their recommendations. The NHO will need to do a site check to ensure the locations are safe in terms of utilities / pipes / cables etc. Clerk to liaise with all parties to arrange a site visit. **ACTION**
- 7.3 Allotments** – The Clerk informed the Council that all but one of the Plot holders have paid their annual rent. Mr Parkman has indicated that he will relinquish Plot 13 to the only villager on the waiting list. There are currently 5 people on the waiting list with one being a Musbury resident. The Council agreed that the clerk would now offer the only remaining half plot to the first person on the waiting list. **ACTION** The water will be turned off at the end of November.
- 7.4 Lengthsman** – Cllr Craker has completed the contract / job list and will follow up with several potential people recommended by Colyton Clerk and Cllr Hall. The Clerk will advertise the position in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter if required. **ACTION**
- 7.5 Bins** – The Clerk has twice reported the bin at the bottom of Church Hill to EDDC and has put up a notice asking residents to take their litter home if the bin is full. She has also contacted Streetscene to try and ascertain when and how frequently this bin is emptied – this has now been confirmed as weekly, generally on a Thursday, although EDDC admitted it had fallen off the rota. So far, the Clerk has been unable to get a response from EDDC about the possibility of the rubbish from the playing field bin being collected by the refuse lorry. She has approached residents on the Close who have agreed to put a bag in their black bin until a more permanent and official solution is reached. To have it emptied weekly by EDDC would cost £91 + vat a year.

## **8 P3 FOOTPATHS**

- 8.1** The Clerk has contacted other parishes to ask about the contractors they use and has shared their responses with Cllr Albano. Cllr Albano will ask Ros for her opinion. Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Albano and Cllr Smith for the marvellous work they do on our footpaths. Musbury is a super example of what can be achieved.

## **9 DEVON AIR AMBULANCE**

- 9.1** The Clerk has completed the Grant Acceptance paperwork to secure the funding and sent this to Toby Russell and received confirmation from him. The Parish now need to raise the outstanding £4,200. The Clerk will be promoting the project in the Parish Newsletter **ACTION**. The Clerk will investigate the possibilities of online funding / donations **ACTION**. Cllr Craker will email Cllr Hall about Locality Funding from DCC. **ACTION** The Clerk will contact EDDC to see if there are any funding streams the Parish can access. **ACTION**

**10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**10.1** Please refer to separate report from Councillor Hall, Axminster Division Report for October. Cllr Hall also reported that he was now receiving almost daily updates on Covid 19 cases, which are rising here as across the country, but that he felt the most important thing was to stay positive. Cllr Hall asked about the double yellow lines and will chase this issue again. Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Hall for his valuable and valued input to our meetings.

**11 POLICE REPORT**

For period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Reported Crimes

**Musbury –KA/2M**

- 1x Other Offences
- 1x Other Theft
- 1x Trafficking of Drugs

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

**12.1** The Council received an anonymous request for an update on Mountfield House. It is normal practise not to respond to anonymous enquiries however the Council appreciate the frustrating nature of the situation. There have been no planning applications relating to Mountfield House and the Council only have a right to be consulted on planning applications and further enquiries should be made to the District Council. The Council is unaware of any visit / investigation by Environmental Health. The Clerk will contact the owner to request an update on any progress made regarding the property. **ACTION**

**12.2** Cllr Corbett thanked Paul Chapman, Noel Jacks and Cllr Craker for digging the hole in preparation for the Christmas Tree.

**13 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

**13.1** A parishioner has asked if the Council have any advice regarding the rooks at Mountfield House. The Council have previously explored several possible solutions, including sampling the droppings, with no success. They are a protected bird under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The Clerk has contacted Environmental Health to ask for advice and is awaiting a response.

**13.2** Cherry Sargent asked about the types of trees proposed for Marlborough Road. The Clerk will send the list by email. **ACTION**

**13.3** An enquiry was made about the situation with Baxter’s Farm. Cllr Hall informed the meeting that he was continuing to regularly pursue the issue.

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:40

**Proposed date of next meeting: Monday December 7th 2020 at 7:30pm**  
**Venue to be confirmed**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**