

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Janet Albano

Cllr Peter Perryman

Cllr Caroline Ellis (V-Chair)

Cllr Gary Knight

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

6 Parishioners

1 **APOLOGIES** – County Cllr Ian Hall, Cllr Matt Craker, Cllr Paul Smith

2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Tuesday 12th July 2021 were accepted as a true record and were duly signed by Cllr Colin Corbett.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Corbett declared his interest in Sellerswood Farm Planning application as he is a near neighbour.

4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES**

4.1 **Standing Orders** – The Clerk asked Councillors for comments or amendments to the suggested additions and will update the SO accordingly. **ACTION**

5 **ACCOUNTS**

5.1 **Transactions for September** – the following payments were proposed by Cllr Perryman and approved by Cllr Albano

Clerk Salary & Expenses (Sept)	247.96	G
Clerk PAYE (Sept)	16.20	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Aug)	94.80	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Verges & corner)	172.80	G

5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the July 2021 Treasurer's Statements. The accounts had been reviewed by the Chair and all Councillors prior to the meeting however due to the Clerk's illness, Cllr Ellis had not received the invoices to check against the statements so these will be approved at the next meeting.

6 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Decisions Awaited

21/1625/FUL – The Old Reading Room, Axminster Road, Musbury, EX13 8AZ - Change of use from artist studio (suis generis) to hobby room ancillary to main dwelling (C3). The Council heard from the applicant that the request is to change from a business use to a domestic use which is ancillary to the main house. The Parish Council supports the application. Clerk to submit comments. **ACTION**

21/2297/FUL – Sellerswood Farm, Musbury, EX13 8SR - Replacement of thatch roof, conversion of Roof space to habitable use to include three front dormers, extension of existing outbuilding and installation of PV panels on barn. The Council has some concerns about the significant change of appearance to a building in a prominent position and request that EDDC planners visit the site to give the benefit of their expertise and guidance. Clerk to submit comments. **ACTION**

7 Highways and Public Spaces

7.1 Benches – The Council confirmed their approval for the maintenance of Mary Day-Lewis bench. Cllr Corbett will remove the bench at the Maidenhayne junction as it is no longer safe to use. **ACTION**

7.2 Noticeboards – Cllr Perryman has obtained a quote from a local company for a replacement noticeboard at the Northfield site. The Council have asked the Clerk to obtain a quote from Mr Rorstad and from The Clerk's Direct magazine. **ACTION**

7.3 Playing Fields – The Clerk informed the Council that she has been approached by a parishioner who would like to set up a 'community group' to fundraise, research and potentially purchase equipment for the fields which would then be donated to the Parish Council to insure and maintain for future generations. Having discussed this idea with DALC, the Clerk feels this is the simplest way of getting help from outside the Council whilst retaining ownership of the resources. The Clerk asked the Council if there were any objections to the group being set up with this intention. The Council agreed that this was a positive way forward and Cllr Knight agreed to be the Council member representative in this new group.

Cllr Knight reminded the meeting of the two costs for replacement 'mini-soccer' goals and after some discussion, Cllr Perryman proposed purchasing a steel set of goals, Cllr Ellis seconded and the Council agreed. Cllr Knight will apply for funding from the Football Foundation. **ACTION**

7.4 Trees – The Chair has liaised with parishioners to remove / stake the trees in need and this will be done in the next month. **ACTION**

8 P3 Footpaths

Cllr Albano reported that the new finger posts were now in place and new 2 in 1 gates have been ordered which should help with stock control as there have been reports of walkers leaving gates open and cattle wandering. Cllr Smith has also strimmed several areas of the footpaths allowing the parish to save money and have the job done by someone who is trained and experienced in working on agricultural land.

Cllr Albano included the new Countryside Code in the Parish Newsletter and is planning to display more copies on specific gates around the parish.

The steps at the top of Mounthill (Fp32) will be re-instated, an expensive task which will be funded by the PROW.

Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Albano and Cllr Smith for all their hard work, their teamwork and their good working relationship with PROW and footpath colleagues at all levels.

9 Reports from District and County Councillors - There were no reports provided.

10 Police Report – No reports or communications have been received from the police.

11 Matters brought forward

11.1 Cllr Albano has received reports that the brambles are rather overgrown and difficult to pass between Allways and Doatshayne Lane. This was passed on to the landowner.

11.2 It was also raised that there are a lot of weeds / grass encroaching on the bus shelters and into the drains on the main road. The Clerk will enquire of Halcyon and Devon Highways as to whether anything can be done. **ACTION**

11.3 Cllr Perryman raised the issue of the red car which has been left in Axminster Road for several months. He stated that it has been reported but requested that the Clerk would try reporting it again. **ACTION**

12 Questions from Parishioners

12.1 A parishioner raised the issue of cars parking too close to the Marlborough Close junction and also blocking the wheelchair access to the pavement. It is understood that EDDC can apply for a parking warden to visit areas at issue if there is enough public support. The Clerk will contact Cllr Chubb to investigate whether this is possible and how the parish could go about it. **ACTION**

12.2 Parishioners requested that the Council look into painting a 20mph sign on Doatshayne Road between Church Hill and Mounthill as there are increasing numbers of vehicles speeding on that stretch. The Clerk will enquire of Devon Highways. **ACTION**

12.3 A parishioner requested that the black Musbury Castle sign at the bottom of Church Hill be looked at as it is showing some signs of wear and tear. The Clerk will contact Mr Rorstad / Mr Hearne to ask for advice. **ACTION**

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:55pm

Proposed date of next meeting: Monday October 18th 2021 at 7:30pm
Venue: The Village Hall Meeting room

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Chairman

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Date