

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 19th December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

PRESENT:

Cllr Matt Craker (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Ian McCoulough

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Janet Albano

Cllr Peter Perryman

6 Parishioners

Cllr Gary Knight

County Councillor Ian Hall

- 1 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Corbett has sent his apologies.
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 7th November 2022 were accepted as a true record and will be duly signed by Cllr Matt Craker (Vice-Chair).
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none.
- 4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES**
 - 4.1 **East Devon Local Plan** – Although the current local plan runs from 2013-2031 due to constant changes in government policy this is updated every 5 years; a new plan covering the time span to 2040 is being prepared- hence yet another public consultation.
In order to assess the impact of phosphates on the water quality of the river Axe, a water cycle study and a nutrient budget calculation has been commissioned. Details of both processes can be found online.
The consultation relating to proposals in this next version of the local plan can be found on the EDDC website and is aimed at obtaining the views of individuals so if there are any comments, please air them on this site (deadline, Jan 15th 2023).
The Baxter's Farm site is the preferred site in Musbury (p156 of the 2040 draft plan); it is up to individuals to comment on the type development in the East Devon area and particularly Musbury.
 - 4.2 **Donation Request** – The clerk summarised the request from The Flamingo Pool and the Council agreed to donate £300 to the cause. **ACTION** Clerk to arrange payment.
- 5 **ACCOUNTS**
 - 5.1 **Transactions for December** – the following payments were proposed by Cllr Perryman and approved by Cllr Knight

Clerk Salary & Expenses (December)	268.56	G
Clerk PAYE	7.60	G
P Smith - Scalpings	82.06	G
 - 5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the November 2022 Treasurer's Statements. The accounts had been reviewed by the Chair and all Councillors prior to the meeting and reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and were duly approved by the Council. Cllr Knight has checked the accounts, bank statements with the invoices and bank receipts. The Accounts were proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Craker.
6. **PLANNING – 22/2517/TCA – Cherry Tree House, Church Hill, Musbury** - The Council agreed to follow the advice of the EDDC Tree Preservation Officer. **ACTION** Clerk to add comments.
- 7 **DAAT** – The clerk informed the meeting that the Village Show had been refunded their £1000 and that the paperwork has been completed and accepted for the DCC Locality Grant and the switch to the Playground Fund had been made.

8 Highways and Public Spaces

- 8.1 **Allotments** – Gentle reminder letters have been sent to 8 ploholders. One ploholder has relinquished their plot, 5 have made some efforts at tidying their plots. No response from 2 so far.
- 8.2 **Axminster Road Drainage** – The Council will request to view the video footage of the drain in question and send Cllr Hall an email requesting a site meeting with Dave Ashford from Devon Highways. **ACTION** Clerk to email Cllr Hall.

9 P3

Repairs have been completed on FP20 and FP16. Mary Jacks has made two replacement plaques for FP 14 and FP15 at no extra cost. The Council extend their thanks to Mary for her skill and generosity. Cllr Albano requested some help on mounting the new plaques. **ACTION** Clerk to contact Beer Men’s Shed to see if they could help. Please contact Cllr Albano, Cllr Smith or the Clerk if you notice anything which needs attention on our footpaths.

10 Reports from District and County Councillors

Monthly report from Cllr Hall has been circulated to the Council. Cllr Hall wished everyone a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year. He summarised the information on the Axminster Newsletter and advised parishioners to screen shot any messages sent to the police so there was a paper trail. He meets with the local police every 4-6 weeks. Cllr Hall was pleased to confirm that the Chair’s Civic Event will be held in Musbury on either the 23rd or 30th April 2023. More details will follow.

11 Police Report – An Axminster Newsletter had been sent by email today (19th Dec). Axminster Rural Crime Statistics are as follows:

Vehicle crime: 8	Violence & sexual offences: 7
Other theft: 6	Criminal damage & arson: 3
Anti-social behaviour: 1	
TOTAL: 25	

12 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

- 12.1 Cllr Perryman suggested a Coronation Picnic on the Baxter’s Farm Paddock again.
- 12.2 The Council thanked Stuart Heal for all his amazing work gritting the roads, virtually single-handed. Parishioners are reminded that the grit is not for public use and that extremely small quantities are needed – a bucketful will grit a football field sized area. Please leave gritting to the snow warden, who would appreciate some new volunteers coming forwards.
- 12.3 The Council would also like to thank all those members of the public who keep an eye on the drains, clearing them when required. Particular thanks go to Mr David Antell who works hard to keep the gully along Combyne Road clear.
- 12.4 Cllr Craker thanked Paul Chapman, Noel Jacks, Ollie Rowsell and Ed Johnson for their excellent help with putting the Christmas tree up this year.

13 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

- 13.1 A parishioner asked if the metal objects left on relinquished allotment plots should be collected in one point. Cllr Craker requested that they be put in one place and then he will arrange collection. **ACTION** Cllr Craker to arrange collection of metalwork once gathered.

With no further business outstanding, the Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20:25

Proposed date of next meeting: Monday 6th February 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

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Chairman
Date