

# Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

## PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Peter Perryman

County Councillor Ian Hall

7 Parishioners

Cllr Matt Craker (Vice)

Cllr Gary Knight

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Janet Albano

Cllr Paul Smith

## 1 APOLOGIES – None were received

Cllr Corbett congratulated Cllr Craker on his successful cycle ride from Santander and charity fundraising.

Cllr Corbett congratulated Cllr Hall on becoming Chairperson of Devon County Council.

## 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Monday 7th March 2022 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 - AGAR

4.1 **Internal Auditor's Report** – was read, discussed and approved

4.2 **Annual Governance Statement** - was considered, approved and signed

4.3 **Annual Accounting Statement** – was considered, approved and signed

4.4 **Exemption** – Councillors certified that MPC will be exempt from a limited assurance review. **ACTION** Clerk to send the certificate to PFK.

4.5 **Exercise of Public Rights** – the clerk set the date of – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for the exercise of public rights. **ACTION** Clerk to publish all relevant documents on the website.

4.6 **Co-option** – **ACTION** The council agreed to approach anyone they knew about joining the Council, the clerk would create and circulate a poster and request a post on Musbury Magazine Facebook page.

4.7 **Cllr Ellis Gift** – Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Smith for his work on the Beacon lighting and for his choice of Cllr Ellis to light the bonfire and his well-received speech acknowledging her contribution to the village. The Council discussed various options of recognising the service of Caroline Ellis to the village. **ACTION** The Clerk will contact EDDC to enquire about a certificate and presentation. **ACTION** Cllr Perryman will contact a family member to enquire as to the most appropriate gift.

## 5 ACCOUNTS

5.1 **Transactions for June** – the following payments were proposed by Cllr Smith and approved by Cllr Albano

Clerk Salary & Expenses (June)	264.16	G
Kay Short Jubilee Expenses	82.29	G
Martin Minter internal Auditor	50.00	G

**5.2 Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the April and May 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.

## **6 PLANNING MATTERS**

No Applications have been received.

**7 DAAT** – The Chair updated the Council and meeting. The Night Landing Light has now been installed in the School field, 5 trees were moved and the contractor has been paid. However, the Chair and Council have now been informed that a practice daylight exercise has shown that the site is unsuitable for safe landing due to operational issues, including the size of the field, the approach available and the change in helicopter model. The Council have been assured that no one will be out of pocket financially. Devon Air Ambulance Trust want to find an alternative site so that the village has access to this resource. **ACTION** Cllr Craker to contact Toby Russell to request a letter of explanation to be shared with donors and the community. **ACTION** Clerk to contact DALC for some legal advice on this matter and to contact the donors to explain the situation with the DAAT letter to follow.

## **8 Highways and Public Spaces**

**8.1 Grass Cutting** – The new contractor has begun work for the parish and is responsive to feedback. The Clerk asked if the Council would like him to cut back the hedge behind the bus shelter in the autumn and spray the weeds along Marlborough Road. The Council agreed to both – with the proviso that the impact of spraying the weeds is monitored. **ACTION** Clerk to pass this on to the contractor.

**8.2 Playing Field** – The group are planning several preliminary meetings at the field, initially to litter pick and discuss 'easy win' jobs that can be done by the community and then to plan other additions which will require some fundraising.

**8.3 Bus stops** – The clerk informed the meeting that the bus stop opposite the garage will be getting a dropped kerb but DCC could not give us a timescale.

**Having contacted AVMT, the clerk confirmed that the bus stops at the Axminster Road junction are request stops only and would not have a sign.** The grass contractor has been asked to keep a small area of the verge cut shorter to make it easier to alight / more obvious to stop or wait at.

**9 P3** – Cllr Albano reported that although we have received more funding from PROW, there are currently no materials in stock so we are unable to carry out any further work at present.

## **10 Reports from district and County Councillors**

**No report received from Cllr Chubb – EDDC**

**DCC** – Cllr Hall offered his support to any in need in these challenging times. He flagged up the holiday activities and support on offer from DCC for young people and the issue of fostering in Devon, reporting that there are over 800 children in need of homes in Devon and the priority is to keep siblings together and keep the children in Devon.

Cllr Hall also reported that Phase 1 of the Axminster Skate Park was due to be completed in the next few weeks with Phase 2 occurring in the summer. This is a great resource for the community and has come about after much hard work, time and energy from many parties, especially Eve Chubb and Andrew Moulding.

**11 Police Report** – No reports have been received.

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

12.1 Cllr Smith suggested that scalplings be laid on the Doatshayne close path as the surface has deteriorated over the winter. ACTION PS and CC in July.

12.2 Cllr Corbett remarked on the successful Platinum Jubilee celebrations held in the village. He proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Kay Short for her tireless work in making sure the occasion was marked by the community. ACTION Clerk to send letter. Cllr Corbett also thanked Cllr Smith for his work on the Beacon lighting, Cllr Knight for his help erecting the flagpole, Allen and Brenda Parkman for looking after the War Memorial garden for the event and the month of June and Cllr Smith for taking this task on from July.

12.3 A parishioner also thanked Cllr Perryman for his work on the Jubilee celebrations as he was an integral part of the team.

12.4 Cllr Perryman informed Cllr Hall that the Village Hall are interested in purchasing the Paddock from DCC as a community resource. Cllr Hall suggested a letter detailing an expression of this wish be sent to him to start the ball rolling. ACTION Cllr Perryman to discuss with the VH committee ideas of potential uses of the area and the Clerk to draft a letter.

**13 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS There were none.**

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

**Proposed date of next meeting: Monday July 25th 2022 at 7:30pm Village Hall Committee Room.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**