

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Paul Smith

County Cllr Ian Hall

4 Parishioners

Cllr Janet Albano

Cllr Gary Knight

District Cllr Iain Chubb

Cllr Peter Perryman

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

1 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Caroline Ellis

2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 24th January 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**

4.1 **Platinum Jubilee Donation** – Councillors discussed and agreed to consider a donation to marking the Queen's Jubilee and that the tree should be planted in the allotment/playing field area. **ACTION** Cllr Corbett to liaise with Mr Parkman and relay position to the Clerk this week.

4.2 **AGAR 2022** – Council agreed appointment of Martin Minter as the Internal Auditor for our 2022 AGAR.

4.3 **Dates of Meetings 2022-2023** – Council agreed the dates of Council meetings for the next year. **ACTION** Clerk to check with VH bookings secretary and send to Gerard Wood for publication on the website.

Mon 25th April – APM and AGM

Mon 13th June

Mon 25th July

Mon 19th September

Mon 7th November

Mon 19th December

Mon 6th February

Mon 20th March

5 **ACCOUNTS**

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

Clerk Salary & Expenses (Mar)	255.16	G
Clerk PAYE (Mar)	9.00	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Mar)	94.80	G
Village Hall Rental (Mar)	15.00	G
Acres Overland (Steps)	514.32	P

5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the January and February Treasurer's Statements. The accounts had been reviewed by the Chair and all Councillors prior to the meeting and Cllr Knight has checked the invoices against the statements.

6 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Comments Required

22/0346/FUL - Yew Tree House, Musbury, EX13 8AR – Installation of greenhouse. The Council supports the application. **ACTION** Clerk to submit comments.

22/0491/TCA – Laurel Cottage, Church Hill, Musbury, EX13 8BA – Fell three conifers to increase sunlight to garden. The Council request a visit from the Tree Officer. **ACTION** Clerk to submit comments.

7 Highways and Public Spaces

7.1 Pudleylake Road – Councillors discussed the state of the road and Devon Highways' response. **ACTION** Clerk to send Cllr Hall the email and Cllr Hall to have a look at the road.

7.2 Bus stops – Marlborough Road – Clerk updated Council that the Highways Officer has submitted a request for a dropped kerb at the bus stop in Musbury after a resident was unable to alight the bus on their mobility scooter.

7.3 Playing Field – Clerk reminded attendees of upcoming meeting on Saturday 12th March.

8 P3 Footpaths

8.1 Annual Review – Cllr Smith has carried this out which has informed the bid to PROW by Cllr Albano. The main focus of works this coming year will be on FP20 and FP10.

Cllr Albano pointed out the PROW no longer supply stile kits so if a landowner specifically wanted them used, they would have to purchase them themselves.

The Clerk relayed that FP17 signpost had come down from the post and needed re-attaching.

8.2 Green Lane update Barley Close/Mulberry House – Cllr Albano has looked in to the matter for a third time and confirms that the Green Lane along Mulberry House has no recorded highway status and is considered a private accommodation road. **ACTION** Cllr Albano to forward her information to Cllr Chubb.

9 Reports from District and County Councillors

9.1 County – See separate report from Ian Hall.

Cllr Hall also thanked the Council and parishioners for their support over the last few months. He offered to contribute items to the Parish Newsletter regarding the various sources of help/grants available for those who are struggling financially and re-iterated to all to contact himself or Cllr Chubb if they could be of assistance. **ACTION** Clerk to pass on contact details for Parish News.

Cllr Hall is aware that both Airband and Jurassic Fibre are doing a lot of work locally to improve broadband access.

Cllr Hall continues to work on an integrated healthcare system for Devon and is pushing for consultations on the uses of NHS land such as that at Axminster Hospital.

9.2 District – Cllr Chubb reported that there are still no physical meetings being held by EDDC which is frustrating for all concerned. He reported that charges in many East Devon car parks will be going up from £1/hr to £2/hr.

There are still some ongoing issues with Waste and Recycling collections due to staff absences and rising costs.

It is best to contact Cllr Chubb by phone or his Devon County email.

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

11 **Matters brought forward** – There were none.

12 **Questions from Parishioners**

12.1 – A parishioner suggested halving one of the allotment plots soon to be available to offer the rental opportunity to more people and make it more appealing to potential allotment holders. **ACTION** Clerk to arrange this when she receives notification of the plot being relinquished.

12.2 – A parishioner asked about the sale of the green next to the garage and raised village concerns about the future of the Millennium Seat. **ACTION** Cllr Hall will investigate whether it is feasible for the land at the corner of the Garage to be sold in the first instance.

12.3 - A parishioner asked when the field would be cut next. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the contractors to ask this very question and was told in the next few weeks.

12.4 – A parishioner asked about the millennium noticeboard. The Clerk confirmed it was being repaired but that safety glass had had to be ordered which was delaying the work. Cllr Smith suggested putting a note up asking people to ensure they closed the doors securely to prevent a repeat of the damage.

12.5 – A parishioner requested a letter be sent to Mr Apps requesting that the hedge along the boundary of his property be cut as the brambles and foliage are encroaching significantly on the pathway adjacent. **ACTION** Clerk to send letter.

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Proposed date of next meeting: Monday 25th April 2022 at 7:30pm
Venue: The Village Hall Meeting room

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Chairman

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Date