

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Janet Albano

Cllr Gary Knight

Cllr Ian McCoullough

County Councillor Ian Hall

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

10 Parishioners

- 1 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Craker, Cllr Smith and Cllr Perryman have sent their apologies.
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 26th September 2022 were accepted as a true record and will be duly signed by Cllr Colin Corbett.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none.

Additional Item – Welcome and Introduction of Mrs Clair Murrell– Head of Musbury School. The head confirmed 45 children on role at school and that she was looking at ways to integrate the school and wider community more, including opening up the nativity to the whole parish by holding a performance in the village hall.

4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- 4.1 **Co-option** – the Council agreed to co-opt Ian McCullough to the council.
- 4.2 **Budget** – the council confirmed the precept bid for the next financial year would be £9000.
ACTION Clerk to complete and send in request.
- 4.3 **Spend Review** – the clerk gave a brief summary of the spending so far and what was to come. There were no questions. The Council discussed the level of donations to local charities and organisations and agreed the following amounts: Parish Magazine - £100, Royal British Legion - £60, Axe Vale Ring and Ride - £75, East Devon CAB - £70 and TRIP Honiton - £100. **ACTION** Clerk to arrange these payments.

5 **ACCOUNTS**

- 5.1 **Transactions for November** – the following payments were proposed by Cllr Knight and approved by Cllr Albano

Clerk Salary & Expenses (November)	268.56	G
Clerk PAYE	7.60	G

- 5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the September and October 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 Albano and seconded by Cllr McCoullough.

6. **PLANNING** – no applications have been received
- 7 **DAAT** – The clerk informed the meeting that the money had been refunded to the council and letters have been sent to all the donors offering a refund, transfer to the Community Playing Field Fund or to another local group. The Clerk has made three refunds, seven transfers to the CPF fund, and one transfer to Friends of Musbury Church. We are still waiting to hear from DCC and Musbury Village Show. Martin Minter confirmed that the Village Show would be requesting a refund and will send the clerk the account details. **ACTION** Clerk to refund Village Show.

8 Highways and Public Spaces

- 8.1 Allotments** – The council agreed to split plot 8 and to clear plot 8 and plot 18. **ACTION** Cllr Corbett to visit allotments to decide on which plots need reminder letters.
- 8.2 Playing Field** – The clerk informed the meeting that a parishioner has made and will donate a noticeboard to the CPF Fund. The Council agreed to fund the £25 lettering costs for this. Cllr Corbett thanked the Community Playing Field group for all their hard work and time resulting in the improvements already seen. The Council agreed to the installation of two new items of equipment – a nest swing and toddler rocker – so that fundraising can commence.
- 9 P3** – Cllr Albano reported that a bridge on FP20 and a post on FP16 required attention and both jobs are with the contractors.
FP36 – Cllr Corbett thanked Chris Irving for his work clearing huge quantities of rubble etc from this path. The surface of the path is greatly degraded and needs regular monitoring. **ACTION** Cllr Albano will contact Ros Davies of PROW to discuss a way forward.

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 will be circulated to the Council.
Cllr Hall reported that DCC were facing significant challenges to meet their legal duty and make the budget balance due to well known global and national circumstances but their scrutiny committees would be looking carefully at where savings could be made.
He reported that cuts had already been made, especially to civic events but requested the Parish Council consider whether they would like to hold a civic event for the Chair of DCC as he felt a particular connection to the village both personally through family members and professionally in his role as County Councillor.
East Devon Police now have a dedicated Speed Response Team.

On behalf of EDDC, Cllr Hall also informed the meeting that Exmouth District Council offices were opening, Blackdown offices were gradually re-opening and in-person meetings are beginning to return.

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

12 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

- 12.1** Carols around the tree will be on Sunday 18th December – all are welcome.
- 12.2** Lifelong Musbury resident, Paul Pomeroy has again been nominated onto the England Bowls Team and will be representing England at the World Championships next February. The Council congratulates Mr Pomeroy on this wonderful achievement.
- 12.3** Cllr Corbett read a letter from Caroline Ellis thanking the Parish Council and the wider community for her send-off.
- 12.4** Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Smith and Stuart Heal for their help with clearing the earth from the bank and around the drains on Doatshayne Lane.

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

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:35

Proposed date of next meeting: Monday 19th December 2022 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

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Chairman

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Date