

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room where the following business was conducted.

Present: Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair), Cllr Matt Craker (Vice) Cllr Peter Perryman, Cllr Andrew Moulding, Cllr Ian Hall, Mrs S Coombe (Clerk) & 16 Parishioners

41/23 APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Cllr Hall & Cllr Chubb.

42/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 30th October 2023 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

43/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest.

44/23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- a. **Co-option** - We have 2 residents that have come forward for co-option to the Parish Council. Councillors chatted with them at the end of the meeting & both are happy to progress. Clerk to send forms for completion & signing at the next meeting. This will still leave 1 vacant seat for co-option.
- b. **Clerk Salary Increase** - All councillors approved the Clerks salary increase IAW Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023

45/23 ACCOUNTS

- a. The following transactions were presented for approval, they were duly approved, proposed by Cllr Perryman & seconded by Cllr Moulding.

Musbury Village Hall	Hall Hire - 30/10/23	£20.00
ICO	Renewal	£35.00
Axe Valley Ring & Ride	Donation	£100.00
TRIP Community Transport	Donation	£100.00
S Coombe	Virus Software (Split BSM PC)	£26.50
S Coombe	Clerks Salary - December + Back Pay	£451.40
HMRC	PAYE - December	£112.80

- b. **Monthly Treasurers Accounts** - The Clerk presented the November 2023 Treasurer's Statements. These were reviewed by the Chair and Councillors, reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and duly approved.
- c. **VAT Refund** - The clerk has submitted the refund for £3238.70 & is awaiting the payment into the bank account.

46/23 Planning - 23/2434/TRE - Endellion, Axminster Road, Musbury, EX13 8AZ - G1/2 - Lime: Remove the tree & replant with another of the same species in a similar location - **The parish council had no objections to the application however East Devon District Council granted permission to reduce the crown of the tree back to the old pollard points, with pruning cuts made distal (outside) the historical topping points to leave the pollard heads fully intact. EDDC refused permission for the felling of the lime.**

47/23 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES

- a. Allotments - The clerk reported that another full plot has become available for let. There is currently no waiting list so should anyone wish to take on a plot please contact the clerk.

The clerk has received an email from a parishioner who wishes to purchase/contribute to a bench seat for placing at the allotments/playing field. Clerk to liaise with the regeneration project team to decide where to position it.

The Chair spoke about the replacement jubilee tree that was planted & said that it should be left until spring to see if it has died.

2 trees on the main road have died & the parish council agreed to replace them.

- b. **Playing Fields** - The team have decided to wait until early spring to replace the chains & seats on the junior swings. There are enough funds to purchase the toddler rocker, the team need to decide whether to purchase it direct from the manufacturers & install it themselves or get SNC Southwest to supply & install it. Moving forward the plan in spring is to continue ongoing maintenance & to build a picnic table.
- c. **Footpaths** - The path that runs down Doatshayne Close is not a classified Footpath & is privately owned by the houses in the close. Therefore, it is not the responsibility of the council however they are aware that a lot of residents within Musbury actually use the path. The council have agreed to have a site meeting with the residents of the houses. The stones have been cleared & the blocked drain reported.

The chair had several calls re the flooding on Rosemary Lane, he has taken a look & asked someone to make it easier for the water to divert into the field away from the lane.

- d. **Drainage/Flooding** - There was a discussion with the residents of Whitford Road regarding the flooding over the past few weeks. The clerk has forwarded the email received to Cllr Hall, Cllr Chubb & Dave Ashford & is awaiting a reply. A significant problem is the cars that continue to use the road when it is badly flooded. Councillors agreed to continue looking into the problems voiced by the residents.

48/23 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS** - None in attendance

49/23 **POLICE MATTERS** - Councillor Craker urged residents to report issues with parking via the smartphone app. Anything re speeding & police matters ring 101 which now has a ring back service.

50/23 **MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** - Nothing for discussion.

51/23 **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS** - Nothing for discussion.

There being no further matters for discussion the Chair wished everyone a happy Christmas & the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

The proposed date for the next meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

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Chairman Date

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Clerk Date