

# Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

## PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett  
Cllr Peter Perryman  
District Councillor Iain Chubb  
8 Parishioners

Cllr Matt Craker (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Paul Smith  
Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Janet Albano  
County Councillor Ian Hall

- 1 **APOLOGIES** – Received and accepted from Cllr Gary Knight and Cllr Ian McCoulough
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 19th December 2022 were accepted as a true record and will be duly signed by Cllr Corbett.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Corbett declared his interest in the planning application at item 6 of the agenda.

## 4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES**

4.1 **Spending Review – Quarter 3** – There were no questions on the Review and the clerk reported that the expenditure is roughly in line with the predicted budget.

4.2 **Election and Coronation Dates** – The clerk informed the meeting that the date of the elections is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Nominations must be received by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. **ACTION** Clerk to disseminate forms once received from the Local Authority.

The Coronation will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May with a Big Lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May and a Big Help Out day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Perryman proposed using Baxter's Paddock once more for a picnic on the Sunday. **ACTION** Cllr Corbett to contact DCC to request permission.

4.3 **Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023 – 2024** – **ACTION** The Clerk will send the dates to the Councillors and once agreed will publish on the website.

## 5 **ACCOUNTS**

5.1 **Transactions for February** – the following payments were proposed by Cllr Perryman and approved by Cllr Craker

Clerk Salary & Expenses (February)	268.56	G
Clerk PAYE	7.60	G
Flamingo Pool	300.00	G

5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the December 2022 and January 2023 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 Corbett and seconded by Cllr Smith.

## 6. **PLANNING**

**23/0111/AGR – Castlewood Farm, Musbury, EX13 8SS - Agricultural building for storing farm machinery ACTION** Clerk to add comments – The Parish Council have no environmental concerns regarding this application.

## 7 **HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC SPACES**

7.1 **Drainage – Rosemary Lane and Combyne Road** – The Clerk informed the meeting that Devon Highways had visited the sites on 20/1/23 and cleared haunches, gullies and blockages to both issue sites.

**Valley View** – The Clerk informed the meeting that David Ashford attended the site on 27/1/23 with the Mini Jetter and discovered a chamber completely buried below the hedge which was dug out.

The pipe under the orad was clear and the pipe leading from the chamber to the open ditch in the field was jetted and appeared to be clear.  
Another chamber was found buried further along in the hedge and it is believed that there could be another even further along. Although there is still the potential for water to back up due to the stream, Highways are hopeful that the main issue has now been resolved.  
The Parish Council would like to thank David Ashford and his Devon Highways team for looking again at this issue and pursuing all lines of enquiry to reach a resolution.

## 8 **P3**

Cllr Smith has completed a very comprehensive survey of our footpaths and identified some minor issues to be addressed. Cllr Albano will complete the necessary paperwork to acquire funding for these jobs. Cllr Corbett thanked Cllrs Smith and Albano for their excellent work maintaining Musbury's many footpaths.

Please contact Cllr Albano, Cllr Smith or the Clerk if you notice anything which needs attention on our footpaths.

## 9 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Chubb reported that EDDC are now meeting in person and informed the meeting that Exmouth had recently been awarded c£15 million from the Levelling Up Fund. There are still issues with recycling collections due to staffing shortages and EDDC have restarted the collection of large items. Cllr Chubb reminded the meeting that you would need proof of ID when voting in May's elections for the first time.

Monthly report from Cllr Hall has been circulated to the Council.  
Cllr Hall also reported that an extra £1 million has been set aside for drainage and that he was lobbying the Department for Transport and Dorset County Council to protect and improve the local bus routes.  
Cllr Hall thanked Cllr Albano for attending the opening of the new Trim Trail at Musbury Primary School and Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Hall for opening the resource.

## 10 **POLICE REPORT**

No report received. County Cllr Hall suggested a PC representative accompany him to a local meeting with the police and Cllr Craker offered to attend.

## 11 **MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

- 11.1 Allotments** – The Clerk requested that a plot be divided into three smaller plots to attract more people to take on an allotment as it was felt the size of many current plots and even half plots could be overwhelming. The Council agreed to trial one plot to begin with.
- 11.2 Allotments** – The Clerk requested some additions to the tenancy agreement: to include a clause stating the allotment must be used for its original purpose and not just left untouched; to include a clause stating at the end of the tenancy, if the plot was not cleared, a professional gardener would be asked to quote on clearing the plot and the tenant would have the choice of paying that fee or clearing it themselves within a certain time frame. The Council agreed. **ACTION** Clerk to make changes to contract.
- 11.3 Community Playing Field** – The Clerk thanked Annie Stark and the volunteer group for putting together a bid for some lottery funding. **ACTION** The Clerk will circulate the bid to councillors for comment and questions.
- 11.4 Thanks** – Cllr Corbett thanked Cllr Smith for removing the overgrowth and branches from around the telecoms cables in the hedge at Valley View.

## 12 **QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

**12.1** A parishioner asked about the Musbury Castle sign. The Council agreed to ask Peter Rorstad to make a new sign as close to the original as possible but using letter transfers for ease. **ACTION** Clerk to contact Mr Rorstad.

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

**Proposed date of next meeting: Monday 20th March 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**