

# Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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) & 13 Parishioners

24/23 APOLOGIES - No apologies received.

25/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 31st July 2023 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

26/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Corbett declared an interest in planning application 29/23 (a)

27/23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- a. Co-option - The clerk reiterated to parishioners the need to recruit new councillors.

28/23 ACCOUNTS

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

S Coombe	DCT Membership	£50.00	
Musbury Village Hall	Hall Hire		£20.00
SNC Southwest	PF - Resurface		£9237.00
S Coombe	Minute Book		£41.69
S Coombe	Clerks Salary - August		£285.00
HMRC	PAYE - August		£71.20
S Coombe	Clerks Salary - September	£285.00	
HMRC	PAYE - September		£71.20

- b. Monthly Treasurers Accounts - The Clerk presented August 2023 Treasurer's Statements. These were reviewed by the Chair and Councillors, reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and duly approved.

29/23 Planning - Ratification of decisions submitted on East Devon planning portal

- a. 23/1477/FUL - Parmiters, Combyne, Axminster, EX13 8TE - Change of use of land to residential garden.

**Decision noted on EDDC Planning Portal - Parmiters has an orchard adjoining the property and wishes to site a mobile home on the site for the benefit of an individual who currently lives in the main house. An application has therefore been made to change the use of the orchard to be part of the curtilage of the main building. Musbury Parish Council considers that the proposed change of use would be inappropriate in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The position of buildings on this land (where a large wooden hut has already been sited) is out of keeping in this countryside location and should be resisted. There is also some concern that there does not appear to be any established means of sewage treatment within the proposed garden.**

**Musbury Parish Council therefore considers that this application should be refused.**

- b. 23/1716/FUL - Lilac Cottage, Whitford Road, Musbury, EX13 7AP - Two storey rear extension with associated alterations to the existing cottage.

**Decision noted on EDDC Planning Portal - Recommended for approval.**

- c. 23/1722/FUL – The White House, Rosemary Lane, Musbury, EX13 8AT – Proposed single storey extension place of existing timber structure.

**Decision noted on EDDC Planning Portal – Recommended for approval.**

30/23 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES

- a. Allotments – Allen has agreed to clear the allotments where he is able. It was discussed about ensuring the clause is in the rental agreement for new tenants about clearance when relinquishing a plot. Often, they are left in a poor state & the deposit doesn't cover paying someone to clear it, therefore the clause should inform tenants that if they don't wish to clear their own plots a quote will be obtained & sent to them for payment minus the deposit held by the parish council. This was agreed to be a better option than increasing the deposit on plots.
- b. Playing Fields – Thanks to all the people who turned up & helped prepare the playing field ready for the resurfacing. The contractor's have commenced work & all is going well. There has also been another 2 donations for the Playing Field Fund.
- c. Footpaths – There was an issue reported with regards Footpath 7, which should hopefully be rectified in the next couple of weeks.
- d. Dog waste bin – The parish council have had a request for an additional dog waste bin on Doatshayne Lane however it is thought that we already have the allocated number of Dog Waste Bins allowed & any additional ones would be at cost to the parish council. Clerk to enquire at EDDC.
- e. Grit Bins – Need to be checked ready for winter although Cllr Corbett believes they are filled during the summer. Cllr Corbett to speak with the snow warden.

31/23 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

**Cllr I Hall** reiterated from his September report about Reinforced Autoclaved Aeriated Concrete (RAAC). It has not presently not been identified in any of our public schools. There are robust surveys underway to continue investigations & is hoped that it won't be at a cost to the taxpayer.

Vaccinating your child protects them, but also others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people. Children who are aged two or three by Thursday 31 August 2023 will be invited for vaccination at their registered GP practice, as well as any children who are at greater risk from flu to enable them to access the vaccine as early as possible in the flu season. Annual flu vaccinations are also available to all school children from reception age to year 11, and these are usually given at school. The vaccine for children is given as a nasal spray.

He also spoke about safeguarding cash as a vital payment method for many people. Devon County Council is a member of the Rural Services network <https://rsnonline.org.uk/> and they have joined a coalition of businesses, charities and consumer groups to issue an open letter to Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging for the protection of cash as a critical payment method for both consumers and businesses. As the cost-of-living crisis escalates, cash has become an essential tool for budgeting, allowing for greater financial control and flexibility. More details regarding this can be found in the September report on the Parish Council website.

There was discussion about the considerable disruptions around the road closure in place for Airband who are laying cables. There was a query from a parishioner re them also erecting additional poles even though they aren't needed. Cllr Hall has agreed to look into this.

32/23 POLICE MATTERS – No report received. Cllr Craker reported that he has forwarded the information gathered from the speed monitoring system (VAS) to those concerned on the rural beat network who are being very proactive. Waiting for Inspector Gray to come back to him regarding it. It was sited at the north end of the village for traffic heading towards Axminster over a 10-day period. During that time there 53,000 vehicular movements in that direction with speeds ranging from 15mph – 75mph & 6000 of them were breaking the speed limit. Peak time in the week is 11am & 4pm on a weekend. If all of those had received a fixed penalty it would have raised £408,000.00 in fines. When we get the machine back it will be placed on the other side of the carriageway for the same period of time to get a true reflection. Following on it will be done for a further period of time 50% North/South split. Cllr Craker will present his findings to the team at the next meeting. A

parishioner also noted that speeding isn't just a problem on the main road but also through the lanes within the village.

29/23 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a. Troughs & Trailer situated outside Baxters Farmhouse - Concerns were raised about them being situated on the highway & if there is indeed any insurance should there be an accident. The owners said that they have a problem with a lack of light when there are high vehicles parked in front the Kitchen, one of only 2 windows on the entire length of the farmhouse ground floor. They are in discussion with the Highways Officer re their Right to Light under the Act 1959 without impeding the highway. The trailer is parked legitimately on the Highway in order for them to turn their cars in the garden. The parish council are aware of the issue with parking on yellow lines & too close to junctions & urged parishioners to report problems via the portal on the council website.
- b. Complaint re Tree's on Higher Doatshayne Lane - a resident has brought it to the attention of the parish council that the tree's on Higher Doatshayne Lane are overgrown & in a state. The higher side is a light & view issue & the lower side is a parking problem. Unsure as to whether the trees are the responsibility of EDDC. Clerk to check
- c. Jubilee Oak Tree - The chair raised about the Oak Tree dying that was planted for the jubilee, an e mail was sent out requesting the current situation but no follow up since. Clerk to follow up for guidance.
- d. Trees on the Main Road - The chair reported that a couple are dead & will look to replace in the autumn.

30/23 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS - There were no questions from parishioners.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

The proposed date for the next meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

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