MUSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15^{th} July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room where the following business was conducted.

Present: Cllr Matt Craker, Cllr Pete Perryman, Cllr Nigel Starey, Cllr Francis Belcher, Cllr Morag Hughes, Sue Coombe (Clerk), Cllr Ian Hall & 6 Parishioners

- 85 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received & accepted from Cllrs C Corbett & A Moulding.
- **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Monday 29th May 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
- **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

88 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

1st Quarter Spending Review was shared with the committee & approved accordingly.

89 <u>ACCOUNTS</u>

i. The following transactions were proposed by Cllr Perryman, seconded by Cllr Hughes and approved for payment by all councillors.

Musbury Village Hall	Hall Hire	£22.00
Martin Minter	Internal Audit	£50.00
Zurich	Insurance	£534.00
S Coombe	Clerks Salary – June	£305.80
HMRC	PAYE - June	£76.40
ElectricFix (M Craker)	Noticeboard Repair	£6.29
Ian Churchill	Grass Cutting	£1033.00
SLCC (S Coombe)	SLCC Membership	£91.50 (Half Annual Fee split with BSM)
S Coombe	Clerks Salary – July	£305.80
HMRC	PAYE - July	£76.40

ii. Monthly Treasurers Accounts - The Clerk presented the May & June 2024 Treasurer's Statement. These were reviewed by the Chair and Councillors, reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and duly approved.

90 PLANNING

24/1089/FUL Maidenhayne Farm Cottage, Maidenhayne Lane, Musbury, EX13 8AG — Demolition of existing concrete panel Shed & erect 2 no. smaller sheds in the garden — No objections

91 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES

a. <u>Allotments</u>— There are complaints again regarding overgrown & unkempt allotments. Some residents are unhappy about a potential rent increase when the parish council are considering paying someone to clear allotments that have been left overgrown by previous tenants. The annual rent fee increase has been deferred to the next meeting for a decision.

- <u>Playing Fields</u> The swing seats & toddler rocker have now been installed. There has been some antisocial behaviour regarding some of the equipment in the playing field. Action is needed to nip it in the bud asap.
- Footpaths –P3 representatives met with Emma Hellier the PROW Warden in the village regarding the local footpaths. They have recommended that Footpath 36 be resurfaced & a handrail installed, this will be done in due course.
- **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS** Cllr Hall reported that 12 million 92 has been transferred into the 2024/2025 budget & has been allocated to patching, pot holes & white lining. There were reminders about preparing for emergencies, for example additional support required for gas, electricity & water suppliers & smoke alarms. He also shared concerns about the fact that it is alcohol awareness week, many have addiction & moderation is the best approach. Education & prevention is the way forward & is encouraged.
- 93 **POLICE MATTERS** – No report received but a police advocates meeting is scheduled for 25th July 2024. Cllr Craker to report back at the next meeting.

94 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Perryman asked that a letter be sent to Paul Chapman re his voluntary work through the village prior to the Scarecrow Weekend. Following on from this the Vice chair asked the clerk to contact Josh for an update re Mountfield House.

Cllr Perryman commented about the skips of rubbish outside vacant properties in the village & a concern with regards encouraging rats. Clerk to email the council & copy in Cllr Chubb.

Cllr Belcher has agreed to become a liaison with the primary school. Hopefully this will encourage communication between the school & village issues.

95 **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

There was a question re the speed monitors & their location within the village. This is still unknown & will be raised at the Police Advocates meeting.

A parishioner asked when the noticeboard would be placed back on Church Hill. Clerk emailed & due to extensive work required to repair the noticeboard it was taking longer than usual & was hoped to be back in place by week ending 26th July 2024.

There was a concern raised regarding ivy growing on the trees along Marlborough Road.

Further matters were discussed with regards allotments & it's funds. It is thought that a future meeting with allotment holders would be beneficial.

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

The date of the next meeting is Monday 2^{nd}	September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
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Vice Chairman	Date

	2nd September 2024
Clerk	Date

