

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room where the following business was conducted.

Present: Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair), Cllr Peter Perryman, Cllr Andrew Moulding, Cllr Morag Hughes, Cllr Nigel Starey, Sue Coombe (Clerk) & 10 Parishioners

63/23 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Cllr M Craker, Cllr I Hall & Cllr I Chubb.

64/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 5th February 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

65/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

66/23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- a. **Co-option** — Frances Belcher has come forward to fill the vacant seat on the Parish Council. Councillors agreed to co-opt Frances to the council. **Action: Clerk to send forms for completion.**
- b. **Internal Auditor** – The Parish Council appointed Martin Minter to carry out the Internal Audit.
- c. **Fixed Asset Register** – Councillors reviewed & approved Fixed Asset Register.
- d. **Risk Register** – Councillors reviewed & approved the Risk Register.
- e. **Proposed Meeting Dates 2024/2025** – Meeting dates for next year are as follows:

Monday 29th April 2024 - Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 29th May 2024 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council & Ordinary Meeting

Monday 15th July 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 21st October 2024

Monday 16th December 2024

Monday 3rd February 2025

Monday 24th March 2025

67/23 ACCOUNTS

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

Musbury Village Hall	Hall Hire 5/2/24	£20.00
A Parkman	Allotment Clearance – 4 Plots	£100.00
G Wood	Domain Renewal	£64.15
Christmas Tree	Purchase of Tree	£75.00
S Coombe	Clerks Salary – March	£305.80
HMRC	PAYE – March	£76.40

- b. **Monthly Treasurers Accounts** – The Clerk presented the February 2024 Treasurer's Statement. These were reviewed by the Chair and Councillors, reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and duly approved.

68/23 PLANNING

24/0470/TCA - May Cottage Combpyne Road, Musbury, EX13 8AR – Cherry Fell
Recommended for Approval

**24/0376/TCA – Crossway House, The Street, Musbury, EX13 8AU – Willow Overall
Reduction** - Recommended for Approval

24/0341/FUL – Drakes Farm, Seaton Road, Musbury, EX13 8AJ – Agricultural Livestock Building
- Recommended for Approval

24/0342/FUL – Drakes Farm, Seaton Road, Musbury, EX13 8AJ - Agricultural Livestock Building
Phase 2 - Recommended for Approval

24/0159/LBC – May House, Musbury, EX13 8AR – Insertion of new window in gable (side)
elevation - Recommended for Approval

21/3236/FUL – Mountfield House, Musbury – Renovation and restoration of a house with a single storey side extension, a single storey rear extension and conversion of a second floor bedroom into roof terrace with alteration to fenestration - The Parish Council supports the application to stabilise and restore this important listed building at the centre of Musbury's conservation area. The council is aware that the applicant has adjusted the plans to reflect the observations of the Conservation Officer - and supports the amendments that have been made. Musbury Parish Council is disappointed by the time it has taken to consider the determination of this application, as Mountfield House is such an important and distinctive feature in the village.

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Action: Whilst discussing the planning applications about Mountfield House the chair brought forward about the wall that is falling down on Axminster Road due to the tree that the parish council deem unsafe yet the Tree Preservation department at EDDC refuse to make a decision on. Clerk to write a letter to Tree Department to request a sight visit.

69/23 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES

- a. **Allotments** – The clerk reported that we have had a couple of applications for a plot. This means that there is now 2 half plots & 1 full plot empty. Although the full plot requires clearing so won't be available for a few weeks. **Action: Clerk to advertise locally & to the wider community.**

The Chair reported that he has an arborist coming out in the week to look at tidying the mature oak & the beech trees at the Allotments/Playing Fields.

The Chair has ordered the new replacement trees for the main road & will plant them on Sunday.

- b. **Playing Fields** – The PC have already agreed the purchase of 2 x Junior swing chain sets, 2 x Large flat children's swing seats & 2 x Chain sets for cradle seats (all 8mm chains), 1 x toddler cradle seat, 1 x bucket toddler seat & 1 x motorbike springy rocker. Costs for Chain sets and seats are £404 & rocker £1650. Leaves £303. We are expecting another £500 donation. The Chair thanked Annie & Graham for their hard work.
- c. **Footpaths** –The P3 Grant paperwork has been received & needs completing. The clerk requested an extension on the return deadline. Chair to liaise with P3 councillors & Janet to complete the paperwork.

70/23 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS – No councillors present.

71/23 POLICE MATTERS – No reports received.

72/23 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chair brought forward about the email received back from Dave Ashford re the flooding at Whitford Bridge/Road. The Flood Alleviation Scheme in the area between Whitford Bridge & Musbury, along the River Axe (Lower), aims to mitigate the risk of flooding for riverside properties & roads. The scheme plays a crucial role in safeguarding the community from potential flood risks. It is understood that EDDC are obliged to clear the silt from the drainage ditch after the last house on the left every 6 months. **Action: Clerk to write to EDDC & copy Cllr Chubb.**

Cllr Perryman brought forward about the road along Pudleylake Road between Trill Cross & Bulmoor Cross. The road is pretty much impassable in a car due to the road eroding away. **Action: Clerk reported to Highways reference number: W241732442.**

Cllr Corbett brought up about the garage owner parking his vehicles on the patch of grass on the left hand corner as you turn up into The Street. As the parish council pay to maintain the patch of grass there are concerns with regards the wet weather & churning up the grass. It was also considered a safety issue re the vehicles blocking the view for cars pulling out onto the main road. **Action: Clerk to write to the Garage Owner & request it be reinstated to grass once it's dried out.**

73/23 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

A MOP was asked to mention about the footpath on Axminster Road past the allotments, the bank has slipped down over the years meaning the pavement isn't very wide. **Action: Clerk reported to Highways, reference number: W241732436.**

A MOP queried whether there was still going to be a bench donated for the allotments/playing fields. Unfortunately, the anonymous donor has passed away since emailing the clerk offering to fund it so is no longer in the pipeline.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting & the proposed date: Monday 29TH April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall the next ordinary meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th May 2024 following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

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Chairman Date

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