

MUSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor C Corbett Parish Clerk: Mrs S Coombe

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room where the following business was conducted.

Present: Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair), Cllr Matt Craker, Cllr Andrew Moulding, Cllr Morag Hughes, Cllr Nigel Starey, Cllr Francis Belcher, Sue Coombe (Clerk), Cllr Ian Hall & 10 Parishioners

74 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Pete Perryman

75 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Monday 18th March 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

76 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest.

77 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- i. Internal Auditor's Report – Approved by all councillors present. The chair thanked Martin for carrying out the internal audit.
- ii. Agar Section 1 Annual Governance Statement signed by the chairman.
- iii. Agar Section 2 Accounting Statement signed by the chairman.
- iv. Date for exercise of public rights set for 17th June 2024 – 26th July 2024. This will be posted on the noticeboard & website with all relevant documentation.

78 **ACCOUNTS**

- i. The following transactions were presented for approval, they were duly approved, proposed by Cllr Craker & seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Musbury Village Hall	Meeting Hall Hire 18/03/24	£20.00
ICO	Subscription	£35.00
DALC	Association Affiliation	£225.56
Online Playgrounds	Swing Chains	£321.56
SNC (Southwest)	Rocker & Swing Seats	£2160.00
Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA	£112.80
S Coombe	Clerks Salary – April	£305.80
HMRC	PAYE – April	£76.40
Musbury Village Hall	Meeting Hall Hire 29/04/24	£22.00
S Coombe	Clerks Salary – May	£305.80
HMRC	PAYE – May	£76.40

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

79 **PLANNING**

24/0871/TCA The Old Cottage, Church Hill, Musbury, EX13 8BA – Tree Works

There were no objections so recommended for Approval

80 **HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES**

- a. **Allotments** – The clerk has received complaints regarding overgrown & unkempt allotments. The chair & clerk visited the allotments to discuss & have decided to write to all plot holders reminding them of the condition plots should be kept in. The chair also spoke about the Fence adjoining the allotments that’s falling over. He will liaise with the owners to rectify the problem.
- b. **Playing Fields** – The finishing touches are underway with the swing seats & toddler rocker. Cllr Craker apologised that he hadn’t had the time to touch base with Annie so currently no further update. The PC has received a letter from somebody requesting a skate park. It was decided that it would be a good idea to put the person in touch with Annie to discuss.
- c. **Footpaths** – Nothing to report however there was a discussion about overgrown footpaths & the possibility of employing someone to clear them. Councillor Moulding suggested it might be wise for the new P3 representatives to have a meeting with Emma Hellier the PROW Warden in the village to walk some of the footpaths & discuss any issues. Cllr Hall agreed to organise this.

81 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS** – On May 23rd Devon County Councils outgoing Chair Percy Prowse handed the reins to Councillor Hart, it followed his announcement that he was standing down as leader last month. The new leader of DCC is Cllr James McInnes who comes with a wealth of experience. Councillor Hall gave an update with regards the Devon & Torbay Devolution Deal & plans moving forward. Cllr Hall says that he continues to look into the telegraph poles/broadband he was asked about at a previous meeting & will be in touch as soon as he hears back. He said he’d been in touch with the office of Alison Hernandez regarding the need for a visit to the area before the year is out in order to discuss some issues, not least the problem with speed monitoring & correspondence that Cllr Craker has been received stating that “DCC have a permanent automatic traffic counter site on the A358 at Musbury within the 40mph speed limit, data shared from April this year indicates the majority of vehicles are travelling below the speed enforcement threshold, which would suggest mobile enforcement activity would not be required at this time”. No one is aware of where it is, what it is, what it’s doing or who it is reporting to & they are using this as a reason not to enforce the speed limits.

82 **POLICE MATTERS** – No report received

83 **MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

No Matters for discussion

84 **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

No questions

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

The date of the next meeting is Monday 15th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall..

..... 15th July 2024
Chairman Date

..... 29th May 2024
Clerk Date