

MUSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor C Corbett Parish Clerk: Mrs S Coombe

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room where the following business was conducted.

Present: Cllr Colin Corbett, Cllr Matt Craker, Cllr Andrew Moulding, Cllr Pete Perryman, Cllr Francis Belcher, Cllr Morag Hughes, Cllr Nigel Starey, Sue Coombe (Clerk) & 13 members of the public.

106 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr I Hall.

107 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

109 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ISSUES

- i. **Budget** – Council agreed to postpone reviewing the proposed budget for 2025/26 until the next meeting on 16th December 2024.
- ii. **Spending Review** – Clerk shared the 6 month spending review.
- iii. **Donation Request** – Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service Ltd have been in touch requesting a donation. Councillors agreed to an amount of £100.

110 ACCOUNTS

- i. **The following transactions were proposed by Cllr Belcher, seconded by Cllr Corbett and approved for payment by all councillors present.**

PKF Littlejohn	Limited Assurance Review	£252.00
Axe Skip Hire	Skip Hire Fee	£468.00
Musbury Village Hall	Hall Hire	£33.00
Annie Stark	Village Defib Training	£4.98
S Coombe	Clerks Salary – Oct	£305.80
HMRC	PAYE - Oct	£76.40
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- ii. **Monthly Treasurers Accounts** - The Clerk presented the September 2024 Treasurer's Statement. These were reviewed by Cllr Belcher, reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and duly approved by all Councillors.

111 Planning

- i. **24/1735/TRE** – Garden House, Doatshayne Lane, Musbury, EX13 8BD
Leylandii – Fell **Approved**
- ii. **24/1932/AGR** – Ashe Farm, Musbury, EX13 8AD – Erection of roof over existing open yards. Note: This is prior notification & only for the consultation of the siting & appearance of the proposal. **Approved**
- iii. Cllr Corbett said that the 70 page Ecology Report has been uploaded to the planning application for Mountfield House. This application is ongoing.
- iv. Cllr Moulding attended the East Devon Strategic Planning Meeting, the list of sites in Musbury had been broken down with only Baxters Farm likely for approval as a potential site for strategic planning.

112 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES

- i. **Allotments** – There was a further discussion with allotment tenants in attendance with regards forming an Allotment Association. The general opinion is that it's a good idea to form an association for policing the tenants but for the parish council to retain the monetary & insurance side of it. It was also discussed about having a joining fee instead of taking a deposit which can be used for upkeep of the allotment field. Clerk to produce a treasurer's report for the allotments & send updated list of contacts.
- ii. **Playing Fields** – Nothing further to report at present.
- iii. **Footpaths** – We have requested a new boundary map due to our current one being outdated but the plotter has been out of action but it should hopefully be with us soon. Waiting for quotes for work on Footpath 36 but no work will commence until at least April next year. There were discussions about footpaths that lead through swamps & underground springs & finding a solution to these problems. Gullies, Drains & Standing water in various areas were discussed.

Clerk to email re flood relief scheme on Whitford Road.
- iv. **Grit Bins** – A new bin has been requested to replace the one that was stolen/removed!
- v. **Pot Holes** – Pot holes are an ongoing issue within the village. Even when repairs are carried out they are very poor & don't last.

113 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports received.

114 POLICE MATTERS

No report received. Cllr Craker updated residents on the police advocates scheme. Speeding along Marlborough Road was also discussed at length with regards the councils refusal to put a speed check in the village due to data from a speed strip

that doesn't actually exist. Data from the VAS which was carried out over 11 months ago has still not been analysed & fed back to the council.

115 MATTERS B/F BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

A resident expressed concern with overhanging trees which are close to phone/power lines on the Axminster Road junction with Marlborough Road. The chair agreed to investigate.

A resident raised safety concerns about the wall belonging to Mountfield House. The tree & wall remains an ongoing concern for the council who are in constant contact with Josh & planning.

116 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident asked about clearance of gullies within the village & works needed on footpaths & the possibility of employing a Lengthsman to carry out works within the village.

A resident asked the Clerk to chase Dog fouling stickers from the council.

A resident brought up again about the overgrown bank on the path that runs from the allotment gate to Maidenhayne Lane. The clerk has reported it previously on 3 separate occasions & Cllr Craker has also reported it through the app. Clerk to chase again.

A resident questioned why there hasn't been any upkeep & maintenance to the footpaths since the last meeting when there is money available to spend in the P3 fund. The parish council will look to approach a neighbouring Lengthsman with a list of one of tasks to complete & to discuss potentially a bi-monthly visit to the village for completion of regular tasks.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 16th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Chairman

16th December 2024
Date

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Clerk

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