

MUSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor C Corbett Parish Clerk: Mrs S Coombe

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room where the following business was conducted.

Present: Cllr Colin Corbett, Cllr Matt Craker, Cllr Francis Belcher, Cllr Morag Hughes, Cllr Nigel Starey, Sue Coombe (Clerk) & 11 members of the public.

96 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllrs A Moulding, P Perryman & I Hall.

97 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 15th July 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Vice Chair.

98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

99 ACCOUNTS

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

i.	Musbury Village Hall	Hall Hire	£22.00
ii.	S Coombe	Clerks Salary – Aug	£305.80
iii.	P Rorstad	Noticeboard Repairs	£360.99
iv.	J Parry	Tree Works – Allotment	£100.00
v.	HMRC	PAYE - Aug	£76.40
vi.	S Coombe	Clerks Salary – Sep	£305.80
vii.	HMRC	PAYE - Sep	£76.40

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

100 PLANNING

24/1561/TCA - May House, Musbury, Axminster, EX13 8AR - Yew: pollard, leaving a trunk height of approximately 6m with branches being cut back to a union with the trunk. – No objections

101 HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SPACES

The Chair asked the clerk to write a letter of thanks to Paul Smith for clearing the overgrown foliage from around the bus shelters.

i. **Allotments** – Cllrs Corbett & Craker had a meeting with the Allotmenters to discuss the complaints regarding overgrown & unkempt allotments. There was a suggestion to cover vacant plots with plastic to prevent regrowth. Discussions were had with regards forming an Allotment Association. The parish council will be placing a skip in the field for any rubbish that has been left to fester on relinquishment of plots. Councillors hope to convene a working party on the weekend of 5th & 6th October 2024 to do this. Clerk to write to all plot holders. All councillors agreed a 10% increase on the annual allotment rent fee. Letters will be sent to all holders in due course.

ii. **Playing Fields** – The regeneration is nearly complete with just a new picnic bench needed to replace the old one & in due course a decision of where to put it. Thanks as always to Annie, Graham & their

team of helpers. The recent incidents in the playing fields have been reported to the police. Balance in the fund stands at £290.10 with another expected donation of £150.00.

- iii. **Footpaths** –P3 representatives have been in touch with PROW Warden re the clearing of footpaths but had heard nothing back however it has been noted that they have started clearance on some of the village footpaths.

The chair brought up about the overgrown bank on the path that runs from the allotment gate to Maidenhayne Lane. The clerk has reported it twice previously but will report it again & Cllr Craker will also report it through the app.

102 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports received.

103 POLICE MATTERS

No report received & the scheduled police advocates meeting was cancelled due to illness

104 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Starey brought up about Mountfield House. Renovations are still not underway & is unlikely to progress any further in the near future & the tree & wall remains a growing concern for villagers.

105 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

A member of the public asked about clearance of castle footpath, the P3 representatives said they are in the process of clearing & Musbury will be included. They also said that you can't open the gate on Footpath 17 going up to Keepers Cottage due to the overgrown foliage. Clerk to get contact for Chapter 8 Lengthsman.

A member of the public asked if someone from the parish council would be attending the Strategic Planning Meeting on the afternoon of 20th September 2024 where sites for development in Musbury will be discussed. Clerk to email Cllr Moulding to see if he is able to attend.

A member of the public reported that the school sign is badly rusted & needs replacing. The clerk said that it had already been reported & was deemed safe.

A member of the public asked if the parish council would consider employing a lengthsman to carry out works within the village. Clerk to enquire.

Concerns were again raised with regards vehicles parking on the patch of grass as you turn up the street.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 21st October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Chairman Date

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Clerk Date