West Huntspill Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 12th April 2021 via Zoom. Held during Covid-19 restrictions.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present via Zoom:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Palmer, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Gunnell-Parker, Cllr M Saunders, & Mrs A Harris (Clerk) | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of the public: None** |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present**: None – report from Cllr Healey by email |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: Cllr A Higgs & Cllr R Keen |  |
|  | | **The Chairman held a 2 minute silence in memory of Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh** |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Gunnell-Parker proposed the Minutes as a true record this was seconded by Cllr Saunders. The Council were all in agreement.  Cllr Wakefield proposed that the Clerks Report was accepted, and Cllr Gunnell-Parker seconded this. The Council were all in agreement. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
| **5.** | | **County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:**  Cllr M Healey report was received by email and distributed to all members. |  |
| **6.** | | **Planning**  **52/21/00003 Ms J Thompson Alstone Court, Alstone Lane**  Formation of a swimming pool, pergola and play equipment  Full Planning Application  **No observations**  **52/21/00004 Ms J Thompson Alstone Court, Alstone Lane**  Formation of a swimming pool, pergola and play equipment  Listed Building Consent Alterations  **No Observations**  **52/21/00006 Ms J Thompson Alstone Court, Alstone Lane**  Change of use of land from agriculture to dog agility training.  **This is a Major application**  Many objections received from neighbouring properties.  **The Council objected to the application on the following grounds:**  Overlooking into neighbouring property from the creation of a raised mound bordering the property, this will lead to loss or privacy.  Poor Access and poor visibility accessing the site  Increased traffic generation in a residential area  Excessive animal noise which will impact on the neighbouring residential properties. |  |
| **7.** | | **War Memorial Playing Field and Jenefer Tiley Pavilion**  Mr A Clapp is meeting with Mr D Counsell this week. Will report back at the next meeting. |  |
| **8.** | | **Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance**  Over hanging trees at Stoney Path – Cllr M Saunders will take a look at this  Quote needed for overgrown hedge next to 8 Alstone Gardens. The proprietor has sadly died and there is a need for the hedge to be cut back to allow access to the footpath.  Common – Electricity box needs a new door – Alan Higgs is looking into this.  Withy trees on Common are yet to be pollarded/removed due to the Covid-19 Restrictions. Clerk to Contact sub-contractor (Mark Fiddes) to try and arrange new date.  Letter received from Ms K Palmer regarding this matter – Clerk to respond  Bench opposite Old Pawlett Road still needs refurbishment | MS  AH  Alex |
| **9.** | | **Projects**  Cold Calling Zones – Clerk to contact PCSO (Sam) to discuss resurrecting this. Main Road is a particular problem. |  |
| **10.** | | **APM & AGM**  New Guidance is awaited regarding public meetings and Covid-19. It is expected that all Parish Council meetings will be required to be held face to face as of 17th May. All members mist attend in person and not Zoom otherwise they will forfeit their voting rights.  The APM will be held via Zoom on the 4th May 2021. The AGM will be held in person at the Balliol Hall on either the 17/5/21 or 24/5/21 depending on Balliol Hall regulations. |  |
| **11.** | | **Ilex Park**  In line with Government regulations the park has been re-opened. Cllr M Saunders has inspected the park throughout lockdown and will continue to do so. No issues raised. |  |
| **12.** | | **Clean Sweep**  The weather was not kind, but 12 bags of rubbish were collected and the feedback was very good. The next Sweep will take place in Sept/Oct |  |
| **13.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone** – Pot Hole outside 29 Ringstone  **Church Road** – Road surface breaking up at Plymor/Langlands Lane  **Main Road** – None  **Alstone** – Alstone Riding stables would like to look into getting a Defib. Costs given to Cllr Palmer to feed back. Already 3 in the village (Crossways, White Cottage and Balliol Hall) |  |
| **14** | | **Payments**  Clerk – Zoom upgrade £14.39  Clerk – Mrs A Harris - £591.65 – Salary  Website and Telephone £37.98  Steve Chick – Grass Cutting £375  Steve Chick – Footpaths £275  St Peters Churchyard -Grant £500  **All payments agreed by of Council.**  Grants and Grass cutting contract to be approved at the next meeting  Financial Report given  Accounts prepared for Internal Audit – P Williams  PK Littlejohn – Annual Return to be signed at next meeting |  |
| **15.** | | **Matters of report:**  Cllr Saunders– The Union Jack will be flown at Half-mast for period of mourning for HRH Prince Philip  Somerset Day 8/9th May – Cllr Saunders will fly the Somerset Flag.  Cllr Shaw – Sloway Lane – Map area needs some attention and bollards installed to stop parking. |  |
| **16.** | **Date & time of next meeting:**  4th May 2021 at 7pm – ZOOM – APM | |  |
| **17.** | The meeting closed at 8.01pm | |  |