West Huntspill Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 11th October 2021 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road following Covid-19 regulations.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr A Higgs, Cllr R Keen, Cllr R Palmer & Cllr M Saunders  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present via Zoom:** None |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present via Zoom**: Cllr Mark Healey & Cllr J Woodman |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: District Cllr J Keen |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Saunders proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on the 13/9/21. Cllr R Shaw seconded this and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr R Palmer approved the Clerks report and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
| **5.** | | **Police report – PCSO Piers unable to attend but report received** |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:**  Cllr Healey sent report by email  Cllr Woodman – advised the Parish Council to email him with their concerns regarding the yellow lines at the junction of Church Road and the A38. He also advised to email him regarding the previous requests for double yellow lines at the junction of Alstone and A38 and solid white lines at the junction of Ringstone and Withy Road to prevent dangerous parking.  Elections – There may be possible elections next year or they may be delayed until 2024 depending on the boundary commission and Unitary Authority bid. |  |
| **7.** | | **Planning**  **52/21/00010 Mrs L Craig. Land at, West Huntspill**  Formation of Concrete hardstanding  **No observations**  **52/20/00024 WH LVA LLP – Land South of New Road**  Outline development of 45 homes – Committee meeting – Discuss  Cllr Wakefield will present on behalf of the Council at the SDC Planning committee meeting. |  |
| **8.** | | **Common**  The door on electricity cabinet has been repaired. Cllr Higgs has a key.  A trench has also been dug to provide electricity to the Ken Hall Christmas tree when needed.  The layby project at Sloway Lane is currently on hold as machinery required, but boulders working well at present.  The Council agreed a Christmas tree would be purchased this year as the Ken Hall tree is not quite big enough yet. The tree will be erected the first weekend in December. |  |
| **9.** | | **Pavilion**  Cricket Club and Railway have asked to increase the parking at the site. This had previously be agreed. Chipping need to be quoted for.  New Defib installed by Football club. Agreement was that football club would maintain and replace pads etc as long as they are renting pitches with the Parish Council. The Clerk will confirm this with the Club as there has been recent discussions between the cricket club and football club requesting donations  n towards pads and upkeep. |  |
| **10.** | | **Clean Sweep**  The Clean sweep took place and 6 bags of rubbish were collected.  The next Clean Sweep will take place in March 2022 |  |
| **11.** | | **Ilex Park**  Cllr Saunders has repaired the Hip Hop play item.  The spinning plate needs to be removed and repaired asap.  Trees – Mark Fiddes has quoted to cut back the overhanging trees at the back of 99 Ringstone. Two further quotes are needed – Cllr Higgs will arrange this.  Directional sign has been made and just awaiting delivery.  Mr S Chick has advised hedges need cutting back and recommends installation of a bin. The Council disagreed that trimming if the hedges is needed. They will look into a possible bin, however previous ones have been vandalised. | AH  MS |
| **12.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone**  Clean Surroundings are now involved with 97,98 and 99 Ringstone and over-grown trees.  **Church Road** – Cllr M Saunders will look at trees on Common – to trim branches once leaves have dropped.  Breeze block wall in Silver Street near Mr O’Neil’s house is in poor state and possibly at risk of falling. Cllr Shaw will check house number and Clerk to write to owner.  Footpath running from Cadwells Lane to Laburnham House needs cutting back. Not a Parish Council maintained path need to contact landowner, Mr M House.  **Main Road** – Mr M Fiddes has quoted to pollard trees outside White Cottage. 2 x further quotes are required. This will be re-evaluated after the High Liners have trimmed back from overhead cables.  Notice Board near the school – Arien signs have quoted £1000 approx. for new metal board and installation. Cllr Higgs will get another quote to compare.  Sheppard’s Lane Bridleway has multiple dead trees which are at risk of falling. Clerk to contact SCC.  Huntspill Villa hedge is hanging over footpath and brambles present. Landowner not taking ownership and cutting back. Contact SDC.  **Alstone** – Two quotes have been received for the renovation of the phone box. A further quote is required. Cllr Gunnell- Parker will arrange this.  Footpath is still an issue at back of Alstone Gardens. 8 Alstone Lane has not yet sold and the solicitor still has control. The Clerk to write to Ashfords Solicitors and discuss overgrown hedge. | AGP  Clerk |
| **13.** | | **Platinum Jubilee**  June 2022 will be the Queens Platinum Jubilee.  The Council will discuss with the WI, Balliol Hall and other groups to discuss a joint venture.  The Council also agreed to purchase a commemoration gift for each school age child in the village. The Clerk will look at merchandise. | Clerk |
| **14** | | **Remembrance Sunday**  A full service will not be held this year at St Peters and All Hallows Church. However, Cllr M Saunders has informed there will be a ½ hour service outside the church instead. |  |
| **15.** | | Financial items:   * Statement of accounts * To agree the following payments   Mrs Alex Harris £598.76 – Clerk  Mrs Alex Harris £37.99 – Telephone and website  Mrs Alex Harris £14.39  Royal British Legion £50  Balliol Hall Hire £22.00  Mr S Chick Invoice 0147 £375  Mr S Chick invoice 0143 £250  Mr S Chick invoice 0137 £375  The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved. |  |
| **16.** | | **Matters of report:**  Bulbs ordered – SDC will deliver to the Clerk |  |
| **17.** | **Date & time of next meeting: 8th November 2021 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **18.** | The meeting closed at: 20.10pm | |  |