

# NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Neroche Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Members Present:** Cllrs. Bell (in the chair), Bray, Macey, Palmer, C Parsons, J Parsons, Pope, Street and Beck

**In Attendance:** Miss Harrop (Clerk), Cllr J Thorne (SCC), three parishioners

## **2020/01 Apologies**

No apologies

It was **resolved** that the absence of this Councillors be recognised as approved absences for the purposes of s.185 Local Government Act 1972.

## **2020/02 Declarations of interest and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2020/03 Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November 2019 and were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2020/04 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Thorne (SCC) circulated his written report to the council members.

Please find report attached.

## **2020/05 Questions from members under Standing Order 8**

There were no questions raised.

## **2020/06 Questions from members of the public under Standing Order 1 (d-h)**

There were no questions raised.

## **2020/07 Matters arising from the last meeting**

### **a) Update on development at land adjacent to Bakers Field**

Confirmation that planning application was withdrawn. Clerk confirmed that site will have to returned to its original state but is awaiting a time frame from planning office. Details will be circulated to councillors when received.

### **B) Speeding at Staple Fitzpaine**

Cllr Palmer will continue to research cost to hire SID's from other councils. This matter is ongoing but still remains expensive as speed monitoring has been carried out numerous times before.

**C) Use of foot path at T.2/7 as bridle way**

Clerk to confirm who land belongs to. Contact to confirm if landowner is happy for horses to use footpath. Ongoing matter.

**d) Defibrillator cabinet**

Clerk brought new defibrillator cabinet to meeting which arrived over the Christmas period. Cllr Jon Bell will now handle the placing of cabinet and ensuring emergency services are aware of the defibrillator's new position.

**2020/08 Finance Update and budgets 2020/2021 from Clerk**

The clerk circulated a finance report to councillors. It was unanimously agreed that 2020 precept will incur a seven percent increase. The increase will cover rising costs for parish maintenance and continued support towards the fingerpost project.

**2020/09 Fingerpost Project update**

Cllr John Parsons gave an update on the continued progress of the project and that phase one was now completed. There was a financial update that original budgets will be met and financially the project is on track.

**2020/10 Accounts for payment.**

**Resolved** that the following accounts be paid.

a. Salary and expenses of Clerk	£462.60
b. I Perry (Garden maintenance)	£120.00

**2020/11 Items of report and correspondence**

• **Hedge cutting – drainage**

It was brought to the councils attention that due to the debris from the recent hedge cutting drainage on Badger Street was causing floods. This issue was discussed and the council are happy that now we have seen a large amount of rain fall drainage shouldn't be an issue as debris should have now been washed away.

• **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

Cllr Beck, Bell, Street and Clerk will meet in February to confirm details and date of Annual Parish Council Meeting.

• **New Notice Board for Staple Fitzpaine**

Cllr Macey presented the new notice board to the council that was very kindly made and donated by Simon Chipchase. A token of thanks will be organised by Clerk and Chair Cllr Bell.

Cllr Bell and Palmer will now place the new notice board back in the original position of the church wall opposite the bus stop.

- **Planning application 28/19/0007 and 33/19/0013**

Both the above planning applications (which can be found on [www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning](http://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning)) were unanimously approved by the council with no objection made.

**2020/12 Items and date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12th March 2020, at 7.30pm.

Items to discuss will include:

Annual Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm