

- 25/26 /96 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Gowing, Vine and Welch.
- 25/26 /97 **ALSO PRESENT** - 4 members of the public.
- 25/26 /98 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from SCllr Munt who had sent a written report.
- 25/26 /99 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26 /100 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none declared.
- 25/26 /101 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were amended and signed. (25/26/83 Heading amended to read "Flooding, Cleanup & Drainage" for future clarification.)
- 25/26 /102 **GARDEN COMPETITION** - Winners were residents at Broadmead Farm who would receive the cup and a voucher. Second placed were residents at Lias Cottage who would receive a voucher.
- 25/26 /103 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26 /104 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt had provided a written report which had been forwarded to councillors.
- 25/26 /105 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS) AND ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - Cllr Welch reported that the LCN AGM was not quorate with regard to Somerset Councillors and therefore could not appoint a chairman. Cllr Heale reported that Mr Gill attended the meeting. Kiers would no longer deal with EHM so we would need to go direct to Somerset Highways for any work. It was noted that there are other licenced contractors who can undertake highways work including Kiel. (Highways refuse to give out names of licenced firms but Kiel have been seen operating in several areas recently.)
- 25/26 /106 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND ON THE NIDON)** - It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for Mr Kennedy's agent to apply for a grant. The Clerk would supply the Land Registry number. Cllr Vine would arrange for a brush cutter to undertake some clearance work.
- 25/26 /107 **AUTUMN CLEAN-OUT OF DITCHES** - It was agreed that the Council should not get involved with this because of highway safety concerns. If the separate village group, Willing Helpers, wanted to take on the task that would be entirely up to them.
- 25/26 /108 **FLOODING** - Cllr Charlesworth will discuss with Mr Gill.
- 25/26 /109 **HIGHWAYS**
- a Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Cllr Charlesworth reported that this is now back in place at the Chilton Polden end of the village. It now has a general alarm, a tracker alarm and CCTV coverage. A connector on the pole at the Catcott end of the village is being investigated for possible damage.
 - b Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - no update.
 - c Signs and white lining - white lining is OK in Edington at present. Cllrs to send Clerk details of any signs in need of attention so that a list can be compiled.
 - d Liaison with Kier/Somerset Highways - Cllr Charlesworth hopes to arrange a walkabout with Mr Gill to look at various problems. Cllr Heale would also be invited to take part.
 - e Problems arising and any other highway matters -
 - i. Grit bins - Highways will be replenishing the bins as required by our response to their information request on bin status.
 - ii. Redlands - it was noted that a quite ridiculous patching work had taken place here. Clerk to ascertain why money was wasted on this when there are so many other areas of highways in much greater need of attention.
- 25/26 /110 **PLANNING** -
- a 26/25/00002 - Outline application - White House, Broadway - 1 detached dwelling house - no update.

- b Pillar Barn - any updates - condition/listed status/planning applications - The Clerk had obtained an up to date register which still listed the same ownership as before. Situation and condition of the barn to be monitored by everyone.
- c Any other planning matters - 26/25/00006 Variation of conditions - Ballintaggart - application received this morning. Clerk to respond following consultation with councillors. It was noted that the construction would be smaller than previously agreed.
- 25/26 /111 **FOOTPATHS** - there is a problem with one path and the Clerk would see if she had contact details for the property owners.
- 25/26 /112 **NEWSLETTER** - Cllr Charlesworth has started working on this.
- 25/26 /113 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT - TRAINING** - arranged with Paul Cosh for 21st October at the Village Hall from 7-9pm. Free of charge but donations requested for the ambulance service. There is the possibility of a donation from MADL and Cllr Vine would initiate the application. Cllr Charlesworth will design a poster. Additional private training to include first aid can be arranged if required at a cost of £75.
- 25/26 /114 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - Possibility of re-applying for listed status to be investigated - Clerk confirmed that this had been refused in the past but that was several years. ago. One tender is still awaited. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting for the tendering process.
- 25/26 /115 **WEBSITE** - This item had been postponed from 14th November, minute no. 23/24/172. It was agreed that the Council should ask Parish Online to provide a new .gov.uk website. Because of new requirements the Clerk had already liaised with councillors and arranged for a new email address of clerk@edingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. This ensured that we would be the holders of the web address of edingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. There is another Edington Parish Council in Wiltshire and only the first one to apply would be granted the address we now hold. The Clerk would arrange for Parish Online to start the transfer process in the near future.
- 25/26 /116 **ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN** - Clerk to apply to Highways for permission for a dog waste bin to be installed next to the existing litter bin at the bus shelter site.
- 25/26 /117 **SALC AGM AND CONFERENCE** - Friday 3rd October - the Clerk has booked to attend. Cllrs Charlesworth or Vine might be able to attend but they would need to be booked in.
- 25/26 /118 **FINANCE**
- a Accounts check - the accounts and statements had been circulated to all councillors and were approved.
- b Pay agreement 2925/26 - it was agreed that this should be implemented and back dated to April in line with the clerk's contract of employment.
- c Cheques for signature - were approved for signature as follows:- Chq.1081 Land Registry (Pillar Barn) £19.95; Chq.1082 Village Hall (room hire) £49.50; Chq.1083 Clerk (salary and 2mths expenses) £519.43; Chq.1084 Royal British Legion (poppy wreath) £25.00.
- d Any other finance matters for information - CIL form has been submitted. Council confirmed that a Christmas tree would be required again this year.
- 25/26 /119 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Flood Warden; Step Ride Thrive; Hinkley Newsletter; Poldens Today.
- 25/26 /120 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 25/26 /121 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Garden Competition - Feb; Website; additional dog waste bin at bus shelter; Budget preparation; Remembrance; waste bin on Holywell Road South; village sign.
- 25/26 /122 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 9th October at 7.30 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15pm