

- 23/24/ 1 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Gowing, Vine and Welch.
- 23/24/ 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none.
- 23/24/ 3 **ALSO PRESENT** - SCllr Munt and 3 members of the public.
- 23/24/ 4 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24/ 5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none.
- 23/24/ 6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24/ 7 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - Late Village Cleanup - It was agreed to set the date at either 28th September or, failing that, 21st September. Venue for meeting up to be confirmed.
- 23/24/ 8 **SOMERSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - SCllr Munt reported on a bike health check service prepared to visit areas throughout the LCN area.
- 23/24/ 9 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS) AND ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - the next general LCN meeting is on 23rd April at Cossington or online. Cllr Welch will attend. The next EHM meeting is on 1st May at Shapwick. Cllr Heale will attend.
- 23/24/ 10 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND ON THE NIDON)** - no update.
- 23/24/ 11 **HIGHWAYS & FLOODING** -
- a. Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Now in its east end of the village location. Figures for the year in the previous position were given to the meeting. Vehicles are logged on approach and also on leaving the SID. Cllr Charlesworth was given permission to purchase a suitable padlock to secure the SID.
 - b. Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - no update.
 - c. Flooding - to be removed from agenda.
 - d. Nidon Lane - no update.
 - e. Broadmead Lane and Pillar Barn - It was understood that the field bordering Broadmead Lane may have been sold.
 - f. Problems arising and any other highway matters - the 30mph sign will be seen to. The previously promised additional signage for the village is also due to happen in the reasonably near future.
- 23/24/ 12 **PLANNING** -
- a. 26/25/00002 - Outline application - White House, Broadway - 1 detached dwelling house - no update.
 - b. Any other planning matters - Application 26/25/00003 change of use at unit on Suprema Estate had been received too late to add to the agenda - Clerk to respond following consultation.
- 23/24/ 13 **FOOTPATHS** - following discussion it was agreed that the stile from Chandlers Lane going uphill is not necessary.
- 23/24/ 14 **POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)** - no update.

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- 23/24/ 15 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - Cllr Charlesworth reported that she is arranging a refresher course on the use of the defibrillator. This will be paid for by donation. The council agreed to make a donation and would ask Catcott Parish Council to do the same. The Village Hall would make a donation and those attending would be asked for donations. Details will be provided once they are known.
- 23/24/ 16 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - when to install the seat in place is to be decided at the next meeting. Cllr Welch reported that the contact providing the specification has not yet finished it.
- 23/24/ 17 **GARDEN COMPETITIONS** - Cllr Charlesworth reported that there was not a lot of interest in these.
- 23/24/ 18 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check, ring fenced funds and village newsletter - the accounts and statements had been provided and were approved.
 - b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.1067 Zurich (insurance) £241.00; Chq.1068 SALC (subscription) £185.78; Clerk (salary and expenses) £439.53.
 - c. Internal and External Audits - The Certificate of Exemption was signed. The internal audit will take place when the Clerk can arrange to get the documents to the auditor.
 - d. Bank mandate - some new suggestions were put forward which the Clerk would look into. She would start a new mandate with the Nat West for the time being to remove three signatories and add two others.
 - e. Any other finance matters - none.
- 23/24/ 19 **VE 80TH ANNIVERSARY - 9TH MAY 2025** - it is not known what the Village Hall and CVA might arrange at present.
- 23/24/ 20 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 23/24/ 21 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 23/24/ 22 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - parish council computer; village newsletter; September Cleanup; determining ring fenced figures for the financial year.
- 23/24/ 23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 8th May in the Committee Room at the Village Hall immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting which is due to start at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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