

- 25/26 /73 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Gowing, Vine and Welch.
- 25/26 /74 **ALSO PRESENT** - 5 members of the public.
- 25/26 /75 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from SCllr Munt.
- 25/26 /76 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26 /77 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none declared.
- 25/26 /78 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved and signed.
- 25/26 /79 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26 /80 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt had provided a written report for the Catcott meeting two days ago and this was read to the meeting. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for Somerset Council staff to meet with Parish Council representatives.
- 25/26 /81 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS) AND ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - Cllr Welch reported on last night's LCN AGM meeting. The IT went wrong. There were not enough Somerset Councillors present to elect a chairman and vice-chairman. She reported on the Step, Ride and Thrive which appears to be going well. There are £1,000 grants available for various projects and help with clearing the BTMG would qualify. As far as EHM is concerned it has not met its aims and Kier will not be reducing their prices. The LCN web now has a directory including projects for the current and next 3 years. Comments on proposed boundary changes are encouraged. Training to enable working on the highway needs to be arranged.
- 25/26 /82 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND ON THE NIDON)** - Cllr Heale was thanked for mowing paths. Cllr Vine reported on a meeting with Mr Kennedy of WCW and parish councillors. It was agreed that some volunteers could undertake some of the work. On the Tod nursery there are 80-90 still growing. Over the next winter the weaker tots would be pruned out and replanted for future use. Tods can be harvested in three years time. The Parish Council trees now form rough woodland without any easy access. The larger trees will smother the smaller ones in due course. Tracks will need mowing again in September. In the future this will happen on a shared maintenance basis.
- 25/26 /83 **FLOODING** - it was agreed that the autumn village cleanup should take place on 28th September. Regarding drainage in the village the Clerk would contact Liam Gill (Highways) and Nathan (Kier) to get an up to date list of which drains had been cleared and when. Cllr Charlesworth reported that the Hall Committee were open to providing space for a storage site. Cllr Vine would look at the possibilities.
- 25/26 /84 **HIGHWAYS**
- a Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Cllr Charlesworth reported that it had been discovered that some sealant was required and this is now in hand. Electronics have been cleaned.
 - b Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - no update.
 - c Nidon Lane - has been sorted.
 - d Signs and white lining - some of the signing promised a couple of years ago has been installed. However, the no footway signs have not yet been put in place. All councillors were asked to email the Clerk with a list of road markings and road signs in need of any attention. It was also noted that some of the plastic black and white verge markers were missing.

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- e Problems arising and any other highway matters - It was agreed it would be extremely helpful if Highways/Kier could keep parish councils informed of actions taken, particularly with regard to drains.

25/26 /85 **PLANNING -**

- a 26/25/00002 - Outline application - White House, Broadway - 1 detached dwelling house - no update.
- b 26/25/00003 - change of use - Unit on Suprema Estate - granted.
- c Pillar Barn - any updates - condition/listed status/planning applications - the clerk was given permission to check every few months with regard to the ownership of this site. She would send a copy of the Land Registry paperwork she has to Somerset Heritage Centre.
- d Any other planning matters.

25/26 /86 **FOOTPATHS** - Our footpath liaison officer sent apologies. There is a sign near the Holywell Road grit bins opposite Church Road which he will reinstate when he is able to.

25/26 /87 **NEWSLETTER** - the clerk provided a printed copy of the latest Shapwick News.

25/26 /88 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT - TRAINING** - no update.

25/26 /89 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - a selection of suitable firms would be sent specifications for the work required and asked to submit tenders by 1st August. They would be kept sealed and opened at the September meeting.

25/26 /90 **GARDEN COMPETITIONS** - Winners will be announced at the September meeting.

25/26 /91 **FINANCE**

- a Accounts check - statements arrived today. Clerk would forward accounts to councillors when she is able to.
- b Cheques for signature - were approved for signature as follows:- Chq.1077 Land Registry (Clerk reimbursement re Pillar Barn) £24.00; Chq.1078 Somerset Council (dog waste bin emptying end of prev financial year) £178.46; Chq.179 Clerk (Salary and expenses July) £438.83; Chq.1080 Clerk (salary & reg expenses Aug) £431.08.
- c Bank mandate and possible change to Unity Trust Bank - there was no information on whether the mandate had now completed successfully. Of the cheques for signature three were for the clerk and one for Somerset. It was agreed that the two new signatories sign these and if there is any problem new ones would be issued and signed as replacements.
- d Any other finance matters for information - Clerk would complete a nil CIL return.

25/26 /92 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - SALC conference Friday 3rd October; C&CD.

25/26 /93 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

25/26 /94 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Garden Competition prize giving; Website; additional dog waste bins Holywell Road South and Crossroads; Speeding.

25/26 /95 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 11th September at 7.30 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall (no meeting in Aug)

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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