

- 25/26 /157 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Gowing, Vine and Welch.
- 25/26 /158 **ALSO PRESENT** -17 members of the public.
- 25/26 /159 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received from SCllr Munt.
- 25/26 /160 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26 /161 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Welch declared in interest in the Poldens Today. Cllr Charlesworth stated she is no longer involved with this enterprise.
- 25/26 /162 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - approved and signed.
- 25/26 /163 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** - Cllr Charlesworth had laid the wreath.
- 25/26 /164 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt provided a written report which was read to the meeting by Cllr Gowing.
- 25/26 /165 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS) AND ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - There had been no LCN meeting. A Highways Working Group (HWG replaces EHM) meeting is being held on 19th November at Shapwick from 10.00-12.00. Cllr Heale will attend.
- 25/26 /166 **BTMG (BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND ON THE NIDON)** - It had been too wet for mowing. It was noted that garden waste had been burned on the site but it wasn't known who was responsible.
- 25/26 /167 **AUTUMN CLEAN-OUT OF DITCHES** - Had been very successful and all who took part were thanked.
- 25/26 /168 **FLY TIPPING** - Rumours of additional costs to parishes regarding this were not valid.
- 25/26 /169 **HIGHWAYS**
- a Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - no update.
- b Signs and white lining - The 'no through road' sign at the entrance to Redlands and the Broadway sign opposite both still need reinstatement.
- c Problems arising and any other highway matters - Cllr Charlesworth apologised that because of the unprecedented amount of work created by the unlawful activities on land East of Holywell Road a lot of other work had been postponed. She reported on a pothole schedule received from SCllr Munt and is expecting a drains map in the near future.
- 25/26 /170 **PLANNING** -
- a 26/25/00002 - Outline application - White House, Broadway - 1 detached dwelling house - Permission granted. The applicant had written to thank the councillors for their support and included the following statement regarding a document removed (for legal reasons) from Somerset's website:- "In addition to the many redactions, made by Somerset Council, the single 35-page Objection also contained at least 53 false statements and false accusations, written about our family and our property and written against our family. Because of these 53 false statements and false accusations, Somerset Council has removed the entire single 35-page Objection from the Somerset Council website." This is the reason the document is no longer there.
- b 26/23/00006 - Land East of Holywell Road - Unauthorised work - A great deal of discussion took place with many members of the public speaking against this work. Cllr Charlesworth had compiled an excellent file of all the events known to date and would continue to update it. Planning Enforcement have intervened. Everybody was asked to notice when any activity took place, to write to the planning department and copy the information to the Parish Council. Fletcher Robinson from CPRE has been particularly helpful. There is unlikely to be an update from Enforcement until January at the earliest. Council agreed that Cllr Charlesworth be appointed as the Council's official representative to handle all matters relating to this. Various other official bodies had been alerted. The Clerk would give Cllr Charlesworth contact details for the Internal Drainage Board.
- c 26/25/00006 - Ballintaggart - this application for a variation of conditions has been withdrawn.
- d Any other planning matters
- i. Tessa Munt PM has called a meeting - This is a Teams meeting to discuss various planning matters and all councillors were urged to attend if possible.

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- ii. Concerns over work in Church Road - some work had been noted. Nobody knew exactly what was happening. This to be put on the next agenda.

- 25/26 /171 **FOOTPATHS** - There is a tree which Somerset had agreed needed removing from a footpath running from Chandlers Lane. Nothing had happened to date. The Clerk would chase this matter up.
- 25/26 /172 **VILLAGE SIGN** - Cllr Vine reported that this is being refurbished free of charge by a local business.
- 25/26 /173 **NEWSLETTER - "IT TAKES A VILLAGE"** - Free printing has been offered but paper would need to be provided. It was agreed that future editions should be compiled by Cllrs Gowing, Vine and Welch for final editing by Cllr Charlesworth.
- 25/26 /174 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT - TRAINING** - this had been exceptionally good. A grant from MADL and cash contributions on the day would be sent to SW Ambulance service. The Village Hall Committee is arranging a First Aid training session in the near future.
- 25/26 /175 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - It was agreed that a working party be set up to report back to full council as a matter of urgency as financial information is needed to set the precept. All councillors to be on the Working Party.
- 25/26 /176 **WEBSITE** - The new website is up and running but there is still a lot to do. Road closures will be posted in the 'News' section as will planning applications. A better picture is needed for the front page. Cllrs email addresses would be put on the site.
- 25/26 /177 **ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN AND LITTER BIN HOLYWELL ROAD SOUTH** - Somerset has confirmed that a dog waste bin at the bus shelter is acceptable and would be emptied free of charge. The Clerk will investigate various bins and costs. Regarding a litter bin on Holywell Road South a map with the position marked has been requested for consideration. Cllr Vine would undertake this.
- 25/26 /178 **FINANCE**
- a Accounts check - the accounts and statements to date were approved.
- b Cheques for signature - were approved for signature as follows:- Chq.1087 Clerk (salary & expenses) £451.18; Chq.1088 (Parish Online) £258.00.
- c **PRESENT** - Cllr Welch left the room.
- d Poldens Today request for funds - A Business Plan was provided. All councillors would study this and the matter would be properly considered after the precept has been set.
- e **PRESENT** - Cllr Welch returned to the room.
- f Budget setting to get under way - Because of the expenses to be met renovating the Holy Well all councillors would also look at the budget when the Holy Well working party meets. A likely increase in election expenses was noted.
- g Any other finance matters for information - Catcott half share of defibrillator expenses had been received; a grant from MADL had been received for passing on to the SW Ambulance Service for the recent Defibrillator training.
- 25/26 /179 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD
- 25/26 /180 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 25/26 /181 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - Dec - Church Road planning query re 26/21/00007; Jan - garden competition; Village Cleanup; Feb - NALC Standing Orders update; NALC Financial Regulations update.
- 25/26 /182 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 11th December at 7.30 in the Committee Room, Village Hall - to be followed by festive refreshments.

The meeting closed at 9.15