

- 25/26 /183 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Vine and Welch.
- 25/26 /184 **ALSO PRESENT** - 6 members of the public and SCLlr Munt.
- 25/26 /185 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received approved and accepted from Cllr Gowing.
- 25/26 /186 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26 /187 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Welch declared in interest in the Poldens Today.
- 25/26 /188 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - approved and signed.
- 25/26 /189 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26 /190 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCLlr Munt reported on several things including the chance for residents to submit an opinion on the Electoral Boundary Review; new contracts for various things including hospitality; Domestic abuse strategy; Local Care Networks; temporary Bridgwater library status; an on-line interactive map and One Network. The Clerk raised the matter of Somerset passing on the precept in two halves which would cause great difficulty with the restoration of the Holy Well. She has sent an email to the precepting team. SCLlr Munt would also pursue this.
- 25/26 /191 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS)** - Cllr Welch apologised that she would not be able to attend the next meeting on 7th January. The Clerk informed the meeting that the AGM is due to be held on 2nd July 2026.
- 25/26 /192 **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)** - Cllr Heale reported on the last meeting which had mainly been about large tractor problems in small country lanes. Accidents on the A39 were also discussed particularly with regard to the problems they cause through villages such as Edington.
- 25/26 /193 **NIDON LAND** - no update.
- 25/26 /194 **AUTUMN CLEAN-OUT OF DITCHES** - Cllr Munt provided the interactive drains map from one.network and this would be looked at in a later meeting.
- 25/26 /195 **FLY TIPPING** - covered last month.
- 25/26 /196 **HIGHWAYS**
- a Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - Cllr Charlesworth reported that this is ongoing but that the patch has burst and water is issuing on to the road again. She will get in touch with Mr Gill.
 - b Signs and white lining - no update. Remove from agenda.
 - c Speeding and SID data - a resident on Holywell Road had been in contact regarding speeding and SID information. Cllr Charlesworth had not had time to download the latest data yet.
 - d Problems arising and any other highway matters - Road closures and signals information is posted on the Edington website. Problems can be reported on line at the Somerset website.
- 25/26 /197 **PLANNING** -
- a 26/25/00002 - Outline application - White House, Broadway - 1 detached dwelling house - granted.
 - b 26/23/00006 - Land East of Holywell Road - Unauthorised work - Cllrs Charlesworth and Vine had met with the residents on site and had a fairly amicable discussion. They aim to build one dwelling and an outbuilding. The archaeology of the site is being investigated by a villager. The Clerk has requested some documentation from the Land Registry.
 - c 26/25/00006 - Ballintaggart - this application for a variation of conditions has been withdrawn.
 - d Any other planning matters
 - i. Tessa Munt PM meeting - The Clerk apologised that she had been unable to attend. Cllrs Charlesworth and Vine had attended and reported to the meeting. There had been 48 attendees. There is a large scale problem with regard to planning and enforcement. It is thought that Neighbourhood Plans would be more necessary than ever now. The system of delegation is likely to change in a way not advantageous to communities. The meeting will be repeated in 4-6 months time.

- 25/26 /198 **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 - again.
- 25/26 /199 **VILLAGE SIGN** - this is now back in place.
- 25/26 /200 **NEWSLETTER - "IT TAKES A VILLAGE"** - Cllr Vine reported that this has been printed but not yet distributed.
- 25/26 /201 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - Cllr Charlesworth said the Hall defibrillator is still not operational since it was used recently as new pads are currently unobtainable due to a microchip shortage. She had been advised that if we had out of date pads they could be used temporarily until new ones are available. The Clerk would contact Glastonbury Town Council to see if they have any spare pads.
- 25/26 /202 **HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - Grants are currently being looked at and will be applied for as soon as possible.
- 25/26 /203 **WEBSITE** - Some updating has taken place and it will be worked on when the Clerk has time available.
- 25/26 /204 **ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN AND LITTER BIN HOLYWELL ROAD SOUTH** - The Clerk reported on her investigations so far. She was asked to look into getting bins slightly larger than the previous ones.
- 25/26 /205 **FINANCE**
- a Accounts check - the accounts and statements to date were approved.
 - b Cheques for signature - were approved for signature as follows:- Chq.1089 Land Registry (documents relating to site East of Holywell Road) £58.00; Chq.1090 Clerk (salary and expenses) £464.33; Chq.1091 Stepping Out (grounds maintenance) £325.00; Chq.1092 Barnetts Dairy (Christmas tree) £70.00.
 - c Poldens Today request for funds - for consideration at a later meeting.
 - d Budget setting to get under way - Budgeting sheets were provided for everyone. The costs of restoring the Holy Well were explained to the villagers. At this point of the meeting SCllr Munt reported that it was almost certain that we would be able to get all our precept at the beginning because of the exceptional circumstances.
 - e Any other finance matters for information - none.
- 25/26 /206 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 25/26 /207 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 25/26 /208 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - Church Road planning query re 26/21/00007; Jan - garden competition; Village Cleanup; Feb - NALC Standing Orders update; NALC Financial Regulations update; Future proofing group.
- 25/26 /209 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7.30 in the Committee Room, Village Hall - moved from the regular 2nd Thursday as the Hall floor is receiving treatment and the Hall will be closed.

The meeting closed at 9.15

Chairman Date