

- 25/26 /207 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale and Gowing.
- 25/26 /208 **ALSO PRESENT** - 2 members of the public
- 25/26 /209 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received from Cllr Vine accepted and approved
- 25/26 /210 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26 /211 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none declared.
- 25/26 /212 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - approved and signed.
- 25/26 /213 **CASUAL VACANCY** - If no election was called then a co-option could take place at the next meeting.
- 25/26 /214 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26 /215 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - neither SCllr was present and there was no written report.
- 25/26 /216 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS)** - no update.
- 25/26 /217 **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)** - next meeting 24th February at Butleigh. Cllr Heale will attend.
- 25/26 /218 **NIDON LAND** - no update. Too wet to do anything.
- 25/26 /219 **GARDEN COMPETITION** - The judge was present and gave his suggestions for this year's competition. He could provide seeds, pots, compost. There was a potential for the following classes:- Baskets and tubs, Tallest sunflower, unusual containers like a Welly boot, Biggest tomato, Longest runner bean, etc. Children should be encouraged and it was agreed that visiting children should be able to take part provided the growing site was in the village. Grandchildren, friends' children, etc all welcome. Photos would be published in "It Takes a Village" after judging. A form for participants to complete would be devised. Email addresses for contact to judge and parish council would be made known. Cllr Charlesworth to make advertisement leaflet to go out with the next 'It Takes a Village'.
- 25/26 /220 **WESSEX WATER PUMPING STATION** - A representative had been met at the pumping station. The problem had been rectified. It was noted that the current system was not capable of handling the quantity of waste it has to process. This could be mentioned in responses to planning applications in all villages that have waste routed to Edington.
- 25/26 /221 **NIDON BRIDGE SLUICE KEY** - Cllr Charlesworth would enquire about whether a village representative could hold the key. The Clerk warned that this is unlikely as anything happening to the sluice would affect the water situation elsewhere.
- 25/26 /222 **HIGHWAYS**
- a Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - no update.
- b Speeding and SID - Clerk had written to see if another site for the SID, or other warning sign, could be installed. No data had been downloaded recently.
- c Safety at Broadway/Holywell Road crossroads - Clerk had reported the spate of accidents. Recently there had been considerable trouble with flooding. There is a collapsed pipe under the road. Highways acknowledge this is their responsibility. Gulleys would be cleared as soon as possible. Flood signs have been put in place.
- d Problems arising and any other highway matters - Cllr Heale would raise the problem of regularly overflowing drains at the next Highways Working Group meeting.
- 25/26 /223 **PLANNING** -
- a 26/23/00006 - Land East of Holywell Road - Cllr Charlesworth has written to Enforcement as they had originally said the occupiers would have 8 weeks to submit an application. It was now 16 weeks and there was still no sign of an application.
- b Any other planning matters - there was concern that a small section of the parish council response, taken out of context, had been included in a description of the land for sale

regarding application 26/25/00002. It was felt that this should be removed as it was out of context.

25/26 /224 FOOTPATHS - no update.

25/26 /225 NEWSLETTER - "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" - Currently with the printers. It is hoped to attach a slip regarding the garden competition to this for delivery as well as a slip about the village cleanup.

25/26 /226 DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT - Following discussion it was agreed that the same model as that purchased by the Catcott Village Association should be purchased together with a spare set of pads. Cost including VAT £1,134. Pads £44 (suitable for both adults and children). Clerk to take this to the next Catcott meeting for their approval.

25/26 /227 HOLY WELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT - Cllr Charlesworth is meeting with our representative shortly and will get a copy of the Historic grant application. This can be used as a model for further grant applications.

25/26 /228 ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN AND LITTER BIN HOLYWELL ROAD SOUTH - the Clerk would look at the bin possibilities once her sight problem was sorted. Cllr Heale reported fly tipping on Holywell Road South. Cllr Charlesworth would look at the exact locations and contact Karen Barnes.

25/26 /229 FUTURE PROOFING GROUP - Cllr Charlesworth gave a brief overview of what the group were meeting for and explained they would like to keep the Parish Council informed of their progress. Only to be on future agendas if Clerk notified of necessity a week prior to one of our meetings. Cllr Charlesworth would let them know.

25/26 /230 FINANCE

a Accounts check - the accounts and statements to date were approved.

b Cheques for signature - were approved for signature as follows:- Chq.1096 Clerk (salary and expenses) £451.88.

c Budget for 2027-2028 - for next meeting.

d Any other finance matters for information - none.

25/26 /231 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION - Clerk had attended Web accessibility training. Village Cleanup to take place 29th March. Parish Councils have been granted a further extension from referendum on precept matters.

25/26 /232 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE - none.

25/26 /233 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS - Mar - garden competition; Village Cleanup; Finger post restoration; NALC Standing Orders update; NALC Financial Regulations update, IT Policy.

25/26 /234 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7.30 in the Committee Room, Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman

Date