

- 26/27 - 33 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the chair), Fletcher, Gowing, Heale, and Vine.
- 26/27 - 34 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none received.
- 26/27 - 35 **ALSO PRESENT** - 12 members of the public and SCllr Munt.
- 26/27 - 36 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 26/27 - 37 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR AND SIGNING OF CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** The Chair called for nominations. Cllr Vine proposed Cllr Charlesworth, seconded by Cllr Gowing and carried. Cllr Charlesworth signed her declaration of acceptance of office in the post of Chairman for the coming year.
- 26/27 - 38 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** - Cllr Charlesworth proposed Cllr Vine, seconded by Cllr Fletcher and carried.
- 26/27 - 39 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 26/27 - 40 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES IF REQUIRED** - Mr Olive was reappointed as our footpath's representative.
- 26/27 - 41 **REVIEW STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL** - Statement 5 was amended to enable internet banking when available.
- 26/27 - 42 **REVIEW RISK MANAGEMENT** - This was approved unchanged.
- 26/27 - 43 **ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH MEETING** - the Clerk was instructed to write to the Environment Agency asking them to tell Wessex Water to upgrade their system at the Pumping Station as there is still too much spillage at certain times of the year.
- 26/27 - 44 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 26/27 - 45 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt had presented a report to the Parish Meeting. SCllr Martin had provided a monthly report.
- 26/27 - 46 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN)** - AGM 02/07/26/18.30-2030; Extraordinary meeting St Dunstan's Glastonbury & online 03/06/26 7pm
- 26/27 - 47 **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)** - Cllr Heale and the Clerk reported that the Chair had resigned and Geoff Barnett from Catcott would be taking over the chairmanship. The Clerk told the meeting that Mr Barnett intended to try and get a means for reporting a stretch of various faults put in place as this was impossible using the current reporting system on-line.
- 26/27 - 48 **Highways:-**
- Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - no update.
 - Safety at Crossroads - Katherine Tyson has agreed to meet with Council representatives and would send possible suitable dates. It was agreed that the siting of signs along the stretch of road towards Catcott should be added to the sites looked at. This included possible 30mph repeater signs and the repositioning of the SID pole.
 - Any other highways updates - none.
 - Any Highways Problems arising - Warning sign on Holywell South approaching the crossroads is down. Redlands No Through Road sign is down. The Clerk would add these to the list for Katherine Tyson to attend to. Also a Broadway sign lying on the grass verge near Edington Manor.
- 26/27 - 49 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Mr Olive reported that the drain at Edington Manor is overflowing on to the path again after heavy rain. A map of Somerset footpaths can be found at <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/Roam/Map>
- 26/27 - 50 **DEFIBRILLATORS** - noted that there is a problem getting an electricity supply to the Holy Well site. A suggestion that a defib could be placed at the Burtle Sign at the bottom of the Holywell Road hill seemed promising. Easier and safer for people to access as well, particularly if they are under stress at the time. This would be investigated.

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- 26/27 - 51 **PUMPING STATION** - covered in APM
- 26/27 - 52 **Nidon Land (BTMG)** - covered in APM
- 26/27 - 53 **Planning:-**
- a. 26/26/00001 - Land East of Holywell Road - no update at 08.05.26. Clerk was instructed to ask Dean Titchener why this is held up.
 - b. 26/26/00002 - Vicarage Cottage, Holywell Road - no update at 08.05.26
 - c. Consideration of joining SCRAPP (Somerset Communities Raging Against Poor Planning) - It was agreed that the Council should not get involved but the information would be passed to the Futures Group for consideration.
 - d. New Appeals Process - noted that if applications go to appeal no additional information will be accepted by the Planning Inspectorate.
 - e. Any other planning matters for information - none.
- 26/27 - 54 **NEW BINS** - It was agreed to accept the quote from Broxap for a new litter bin and dog waste bin for the bus shelter site. The Clerk had mislaid the information regarding the what3words required to request permission to site a bin on Holywell Road South.
- 26/27 - 55 **EMERGENCY PLAN** - on going.
- 26/27 - 56 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** - Cllr Charlesworth reported that several of these had been looked at and she had started work on ours.
- 26/27 - 57 **ESTATE LAND AND FUTURE PROOFING** - the sale of land had taken place. The Future Proofing group would monitor.
- 26/27 - 58 **FINANCE**
- a. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.105 R Young (internal audit) £20.00; Chq.106 SALC (subscription) £173.38; Chq.107 MST Auctioneers (safety equipment) £28.07; Chq.108 Axe Brue Internal Drainage Board (BTMG rates) £4.08; Chq.109 Edington School Room (grant) £250.00; St George's Church (grant for Churchyard Maintenance) £500.00; Chq.111 Clerk (salary and expenses) £472.08.
 - b. Internal Audit - Internal audit report was read to the meeting. There were no problems to report.
 - c. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - was completed as follows and the accounts agreed -
 - i. Certificate of Exemption was agreed and signed by the Clerk and the Chair.
 - ii. Annual Governance Statement - was agreed and signed by the Clerk and the Chair.
 - iii. Accounting Statements for 2025/26 - were agreed. The Clerk had signed these previously and they were now signed by the Chair.
 - d. Future precept payments - warning that in future NO exceptions will be made to the prohibiting of two installments.
 - e. Any other financial matters -
- 26/27 - 59 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD; Plugged In booklets from Hinkley; Historic England Strategic Plan.
- 26/27 - 60 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - NALC financial regulations; NALC Standing Orders; Various policies required for website; grant £500 to Catcott School; Edington sign in Manor Road; the Holy Well.
- 26/27 - 61 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 26/27 - 62 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 11th June at 7.30 in the Committee Room, Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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