

- 26/27 - 63 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the chair), Fletcher, Gowing, Heale, and Vine.
- 26/27 - 64 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none received.
- 26/27 - 65 **ALSO PRESENT** - 13 members of the public
- 26/27 - 66 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 26/27 - 67 **Declarations of interest and consideration of any dispensations required** - Cllr Charlesworth declared an interest in Planning 26/26/00003 as she is Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and the site adjoins the Hall land; she declared an interest in land between Holywell Road and Suprema as she is friends with the agent. Cllr Gowing declared an interest in land between Holywell Road and Suprema as she is friends with the agent .
- 26/27 - 68 **Minutes of previous meeting** - were approved and signed.
- 26/27 - 69 **Updates arising from previous parish council meetings and not listed** - Holy Well - work will be starting very soon on the renovation.
- 26/27 - 70 **Somerset Councillors' reports** - SCllr Martin had provided a written report.
- 26/27 - 71 **LCN and Highways Group** - No update.
- 26/27 - 72 **Highways:-**
- Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - Cllr Charlesworth has sent many emails to various people trying to get a positive response.
 - Safety at Crossroads - Katherine Tyson had sent a couple of dates but they were too close to arrange. She offered to provide other ones and the Clerk had requested this to happen.
 - Any other highways updates - it was noted that Mr Cox has cut the drove/path from the Church Road bend in Holywell Road to Catcott School.
 - A361 closure at Burrowbridge - temp lights 29th June - 22nd July. Total closure 23rd July - 2nd September.
 - Any Highways Problems arising - it was noted that some signs were hidden by overgrowth from trees and bushes. The warning sign from Chilton Polden was mentioned. To be included when Katherine Tyson visits..
- 26/27 - 73 **Rights of Way/footpaths** - Mr Olive reported that some sleepers reported back in 2025 were still listed as in need of replacement.
- 26/27 - 74 **Defibrillators** - The new defibrillator for the Hall has been received and will be commissioned as soon as possible. Cllr Vine is liaising with National Grid regarding the provision of electricity to the site at the Burtle sign at the Holy Well bends.
- 26/27 - 75 **Pumping Station** - Clerk to chase Environment Agency.
- 26/27 - 76 **Nidon Land (BTMG)** - Cllr Vine has arranged for a firm to look at the entrance to the plot. This is not wide enough to permit access by the types of vehicles/machinery which will be needed to harvest the willows in due course. The cost of clearing the area inside the gateway was estimated at £1,400. At the site on the West side of the road there is a willow which needs pollarding at a possible cost of £3.5 thousand. A member of the public at our meeting volunteered to have a look at the situation in case he can either help or advise. The contractor's quote (£1400) includes clearance of small trees, shrubs and undergrowth immediately to the east of the field's gate. This will create an amenity area, parking spaces and allow the BTMG to be opened up to the public.
- 26/27 - 77 **Planning:-**
- 26/26/00001 - Land East of Holywell Road - Highways have still not responded so the officer cannot make a report.
 - 26/26/00002 - Vicarage Cottage, Holywell Road - no update at 11.06.26.
 - Present** - Cllr Charlesworth left the meeting and Cllr Vine took the Chair.
 - 26/26/00003 - 2 dwellings South of Broadway - this is an outline application. There were some concerns which need to be taken into consideration and appropriate conditions applied if permission is granted. It is outside the development limit. It would add an additional strain to the Pumping Station. The track access at present is not

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wide enough for vehicles involved in the provision of materials and in the building of the structures to use and would need upgrading. There is currently a significant water run off problem from the site onto the Broadway during periods of heavy rain indicating there is already a problem with excess surface water. Sufficient drainage must be provided to prevent any run off on to the road. Why is the application being made for two self build dwellings for one applicant?

- e. **Present** - Cllr Gowing left the meeting.
- f. Correspondence from agent relating to land between Holywell Road and Suprema - pre application information had been received regarding this site. The current idea is to build up to 25 homes on the SE corner of the field. The developers will set up a website with a feedback form included which members of the public will be able to use. The Parish Council will arrange for a Parish Meeting to be held in September when more information is available. It is anticipated that a full application is likely to be submitted before Christmas. Once an application is received by the Parish Council then another Parish Meeting can be held.
- g. **Present** - Cllrs Charlesworth and Gowing returned to the meeting. Cllr Charlesworth took the Chair.
- h. Somerset Local Plan - An online meeting had been held. Cllrs Charlesworth, Vine and Fletcher had attended and so had the Clerk. Cllr Charlesworth briefly outlined the history of the various local plans and the differences involved in this one. There were still many questions unanswered and there was insufficient information to know exactly how it would impact Edington but updates are expected.
- i. Any other planning matters for information - SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils) meeting re Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History (for officers and councillors only) 23.06.26 10.00-11.30 and 25.06.26 6.00-7.30pm. Some councillors felt they should attend planning training at level 2 and this would be arranged. Clerk reminded the meeting that there is a cost to training.

26/27 - 78 **New bins** - have arrived and are awaiting installation. Cllrs Heale and Fletcher would see to this. The Clerk would again chase up permission to site a bin on Holywell Road South as she has still not received a response.

26/27 - 79 **Edington Future Group** - It was noted that no parish councillors were members of this group. All correspondence between the group and councillors would be via the official email address and sent to the Clerk for forward distribution. Mr Olive outlined where the group currently stood with over 50 members. The group has joined SCRAPP and will be attending a virtual meeting on 29th June.

26/27 - 80 **Finance**

- a. Accounts Check - Accounts and statements had been sent to councillors although there was a glitch with one form. The Clerk provided printouts for councillors. Accounts were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - Chq.112 Broxap Ltd (bins) £918.00; Chq.113 British Heart Foundation (defibrillator for Hall) £1,278.00; Chq.114 Clerk (salary and expenses) £464.44.
- c. Explanation of election costs - Somerset had provided information on the cost of an election in a parish. The cost of postal votes was significant. Edington hasn't had a contested election for many years.
- d. Thank you from St George's - a thank you letter was read to the meeting.
- e. Unity Trust Bank information for circulation - hard copy of information given to Cllr Heale. Other councillors can look online. For consideration at a future meeting.
- f. Any other financial matters - HMRC had acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's recently submitted VAT reclaim form. The Clerk told the Council she would make a section in the accounts records for the Holy Well work as there would be retentions involved.

26/27 - 81 **Items for information, circulation, distribution** - Flood Resilience Fund; Gypsy/Traveller meeting

26/27 - 82 **Items for future meeting(s)** - NALC financial regulations; NALC Standing Orders; Various policies required for website; Finger posts; Holy Well

26/27 - 83 **Urgent correspondence** - none.

26/27 - 84 **Date of next meeting** - Thursday 9th July at 7.30 in the Committee Room, Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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