

Prior to the start of the meeting the developer and his agent for Plot 21 introduced themselves to everybody. They then left the room before the meeting started.

7.35pm - Cllr Charlesworth started the meeting.

- 26/27 - 85 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the chair), Fletcher, Gowing, Heale, and Vine.
- 26/27 - 86 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Received and approved from Cllr Gowing.
- 26/27 - 87 **ALSO PRESENT** - 10 members of the public and SCllr Munt.
- 26/27 - 88 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 26/27 - 89 **Declarations of interest and consideration of any dispensations required** - Cllr Charlesworth declared an interest in Planning 26/26/00001 as she has adjacent land; 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. She declared an interest in 26/26/00002 Vicarage Cottage but no discussion on this took place.
- 26/27 - 90 **Minutes of previous meeting** - were approved and signed.
- 26/27 - 91 **Updates arising from previous parish council meetings and not listed** - none.
- 26/27 - 92 **Somerset Councillors' reports** - SCllr Munt gave a report on Flood funding, SEND investment, Budget consultation, Somerset Local Plan, Bridgwater Library, A38 improvements and plant pot recycling. Notes will be appended to the minutes.
- 26/27 - 93 **LCN and Highways Group** - SCllr Munt reported that a new Chair and Vice-Chair were appointed at a recent meeting..
- 26/27 - 94 **Highways:-**
- Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - Cllr Charlesworth is still chasing this up.
 - Safety at Crossroads - A productive meeting with Katherine Tyson and a colleague had taken place yesterday. Cllrs Charlesworth and Vine reported. Notes will be appended to the minutes.
 - Any other highways updates - Noted that the Catcott-Burtle road will be closed 13th-31 July. This will inevitably make the Edington-Burtle road busier.
 - A361 closure at Burrowbridge - temp lights 29th June - 22nd July. Total closure 23rd July - 2nd September.
 - Any Highways Problems arising - It was confirmed that all three grit bins had enough grit.
- 26/27 - 95 **Rights of Way/footpaths** - the fallen tree across the path bordering Catcott School playing field was mentioned. The Clerk told the meeting that Catcott Parish Council had already taken action to contact the appropriate landowner.
- 26/27 - 96 **NALC Standing Orders** - a first draft had been sent to all councillors. Cllrs Charlesworth and Fletcher had suggested amendments which they would both send to the Clerk for inclusion in a new draft.
- 26/27 - 97 **Holy Well Renovations** - These are progressing well. The first payment has been made.
- 26/27 - 98 **Defibrillators** - the new defibrillator has now been installed and set up should be completed very soon.
- 26/27 - 99 **Pumping Station** - The Clerk had written to Aaron Barton asking several questions. There was no reply as yet.
- 26/27 - 100 **Nidon Land (BTMG)** - following further discussion about the tree which is causing concern it was agreed that Cllr Vine would contact both Dave Gardner and John Porter for prices to clear the problem.
- 26/27 - 101 **Planning:-**
- Present** - Cllr Charlesworth left the room and Cllr Vine took the chair.
 - 26/26/00001 - Land East of Holywell Road - a proposal for soft landscaping had been submitted. This in no way altered the fact that the parish council object to this application. Clerk to let the planning department know.

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- c. 26/26/00002 - Vicarage Cottage, Holywell Road - refused. It was felt that the reason for refusal being the lacking sufficient ecology information was ridiculous for such a minor application.
- d. 26/26/00003 - 2 dwellings South of Broadway - no update.
- e. **Present** - Cllr Charlesworth returned to the room.
- f. Process for dealing with future planning applications of significant potential impact - Cllr Charlesworth stressed that no mention of the proposed new development was to be made during this discussion. She provided a draft outline of possible ways to manage and respond to these sort of applications. To be considered at a future meeting.
- g. Any other planning matters for information - none.

26/27 - 102 **Somerset Local Plan** - All individuals have the opportunity to access this online and submit comments.

26/27 - 103 **Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Charlesworth hopes to have the initial work ready for full public involvement in about four weeks time.

26/27 - 104 **New Bins** - The new litter bin and dog waste bin at the bus shelter will be installed shortly by Cllrs Heale and Fletcher.

26/27 - 105 **Autumn cleanup** - It was agreed that the date for this be set at 4th October.

26/27 - 106 **Finance**

- a. Accounts Check - the statements had not arrived so no check could be made.
- b. Cheques for signature - With regard to the Holy Well restoration, as the value of future cheques is known, it was agreed to sign them all now. The Clerk could provide the third signature and submit them as and when she heard from Catherine Whittingham that it was acceptable to do so. The following cheques were approved for signature:- Chq.115 Wells Cathedral Stonemasons (WCS) (restoration of Holy Well) £8,089.20; Chq.116 WCS £9,439.20; Chq.117 WCS £11,799.00; Chq.118 WCS £2,136.60 (retention on restoration work at the Holy Well). Chq.119 (replaces cheque 113) defibrillator; Chq.120 Clerk (salary and expenses July) £479.08; Chq.121 Clerk (salary and regular expenses August) £444.08.
- c. Unity Trust Bank - consider this at a future meeting.
- d. Any other financial matters - VAT refund has been received. At present we are still awaiting an invoice and VAT details from the British Heart Foundation.

26/27 - 107 **Items for information, circulation, distribution** - C&CD.

26/27 - 108 **Items for future meeting(s)** - NALC financial regulations; Various policies required for website; Finger posts

26/27 - 109 **Urgent correspondence** - none.

26/27 - 110 **Date of next meeting** - possible August meeting 13th August; Thursday 10th September both at 7.30 in the Committee Room, Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Appendices:-

A - SCllr Munt's report

B - Report of Highways signage meeting

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