

- 26/27 - 111 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the chair), Fletcher, Heale, and Vine.
- 26/27 - 112 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Received and approved from Cllr Gowing.
- 26/27 - 113 **ALSO PRESENT** - 8 members of the public.
- 26/27 - 114 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 26/27 - 115 **Declarations of interest and consideration of any dispensations required** - 26/26/00003 as she is Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and the site adjoins the Hall land and an interest in Lot 21 as she is friends with the agent.
- 26/27 - 116 **Minutes of previous meeting** - were approved and signed.
- 26/27 - 117 **Updates arising from previous parish council meetings and not listed** - none.
- 26/27 - 118 **Somerset Councillors' reports** - not present.
- 26/27 - 119 **LCN and Highways Group** - No update.
- 26/27 - 120 **Highways:-**
- a. Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend - No update.
 - b. Meeting with Highways re Signage - Cllr Vine updated the meeting with positive news of new signs appearing and others being replaced.
 - c. Any other highways updates - none.
 - d. Any Highways Problems arising - none.
- 26/27 - 121 **NALC Standing Orders** - for consideration at the September meeting.
- 26/27 - 122 **Employer training** -
- 26/27 - 123 **Holy Well Restoration** - There had been a two week holiday break in the work. It has now restarted. Our representative had authorised the Clerk to send the second payment to the stonemasons. It was agreed that Tessa Munt MP should be asked to open the site when work is completed. Cllr Vine volunteered to issue the invitation.
- 26/27 - 124 **Nidon Land (BTMG)** - including update on potentially dangerous tree. Cllr Heale would contact Mr Porter and arrange to show him the tree.
- 26/27 - 125 **Planning:-**
- a. 26/26/00003 - 2 dwellings South of Broadway - for information only - refused. (For info only. Cllr Charlesworth did not need to leave the room)
 - b. Planning Framework - Process for dealing with future planning applications of significant potential impact (NO current or currently proposed applications, including Lot 21, can be included in this discussion) - Cllr Charlesworth provided copies of a draft for everyone to look at prior to the next meeting.
 - c. **Present** - Cllr Charlesworth left the room.
 - d. Lot 21 - to consider appointing a councillor to liaise between Edington Parish Council and the West of England Developers and any agents. Cllr Vine was appointed as the Council's liaison representative. No separate Lot 21 group would be set up. A questionnaire sent to all registered voters of the parish was being analysed instead.
 - e. **Present** - Cllr **Charlesworth** returned to the room.
 - f. Any other planning matters for information - none.
- 26/27 - 126 **Somerset Local Plan** - no update.
- 26/27 - 127 **Neighbourhood Plan** - in progress.

- 26/27 - 128 **Website** - to authorise a councillor to operate the website alongside the Clerk. I was agreed that Cllr Charlesworth be appointed to operate the website as well as the Clerk. This would relieve the Clerk of some work as well as ensuring that the website could continue to operate if the Clerk is not available for any reason.
- 26/27 - 129 **New bins** - Holywell Road South side site has been approved
- 26/27 - 130 **Proposed Somerset Levels National Park** - meeting 1st October, Glastonbury Town Hall, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Cllr Vine will attend.
- 26/27 - 131 **Finance**
- Accounts Check - Accounts and latest statements have been sent to councillors. Accounts were approved.
 - Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.122 SALC (training) £85.00; Chq.123 Viking Office (paper and files) £48.47; Chq.124 S Vine (paper) £11.57; Chq.125 CPRE (Membership subscription) £80.00.
 - Unity Trust Bank - it was agreed to set up accounts with Unity Trust Bank. Clerk and Cllrs Charlesworth, Fletcher, Gowing and Vine to be signatories. A cheque book, paying in book and bank card would be required.
 - Finance Working Party - it was agreed to set up a Finance Working Party to prepare for the next precept. Agreed that this would consist of Cllrs Charlesworth, Fletcher and Vine.
 - Any other financial matters - VAT reclaim of £1,714.33 has been received.
- 26/27 - 132 **Size of Edington Parish Council** - it was agreed to ask Somerset Council to increase the size of Edington Parish Council from 5 councillors to 7 councillors before the elections in May 2027. It was felt that this would improve the chances of remaining operational when the quorum is threatened and would alleviate some of the workload on current councillors as well as, hopefully, bringing in a more diverse skillset.
- 26/27 - 133 **Meeting Venue** - consider moving meetings to the main hall should a suitable slot become available. Because of the difficulty some people experienced in hearing what was being said it was agreed to consider this further.
- 26/27 - 134 **Items for information, circulation, distribution** - Copies of 'Plugged In' were given to all councillors. SALC AGN
- 26/27 - 135 **Items for future meeting(s)** - NALC financial regulations; Various policies required for website; Footpaths; Signposts; Flooding.
- 26/27 - 136 **Urgent correspondence** - none.
- 26/27 - 137 **Date of next meeting** - 10th September at 7.30pm
- 26/27 - 138 **Resolution** - to consider a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for consideration of a legal matter involving Somerset Council which Edington Parish Council was advised of and asked to keep confidential.

Members of the public left the room and the meeting continued in confidential session.

Confidential Session

Consideration of a legal matter involving Somerset Council which Edington Parish Council was advised of and asked to keep confidential - documentation relating to a planning matter (no planning issues to be discussed). The appropriate action was decided and the Clerk instructed to carry out the work.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm