

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 12th April 2021

Via conference Call – [Teams Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council](https://www.cfpc.co.uk)

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Present: Parish Cllrs Woollacott, Isaacs, Batsch, West; **SCC Cllr** Fraschini; **SWT D Cllr** Pritchard: WM Cllr Hall; Clerk Mrs S Millard-Jones.

The meeting was opened with a short message of condolence from the Vice Chair; It is with sadness that Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council has learned of the death of HRH Prince Phillip who has died at the age of 99. Condolences were extended to HM The Queen and all members of the Royal Family. Prince Phillip has been much admired for his loyalty and his devotion to the Queen and the Crown. He noted specifically the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme that has empowered so many young people to develop and grow. A one-minute silence followed.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Parish Cllrs Webber & Baker; **SCC Cllr** Fothergill. **SWT D Cllr** Tully & Cavill; West Monkton(WM) Assistant Clerk Mrs T Cavill; Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Group Chairman K Tutill. Vice Chairman Cllr Woollacott chaired the meeting.

Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests: None

2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 March 2021.**

RESOLVED: The minutes were taken as read, agreed and an accurate record of what had taken place. These were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chair.

It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Public Question Time: None

All public meetings will be cancelled this week during the National period of mourning.

3. **Reports:**

SCC Fraschini:

Covid-19 Restrictions: The Coronavirus Regulations put in place to allow meetings to take place virtually, will be discontinued from the 7th of May 2021. All future meetings of the council on or after 7th May will need to take place face to face. The advice is to either pull meetings forward and for them to take place before this date or find Covid secure premises. A legal challenge has been made by Hertfordshire Council, but that will not be determined until May. The Council have also launched a consultation regarding remote meetings taking place in the future online.

As of Monday 12th April, the country is at stage 2 of the roadmap, meaning that the following parts of the economy are opening up; public buildings, non-essential retail, hairdressers, zoos, beer gardens, theme parks, self-contained holiday accommodation, indoor leisure: swimming pools and gyms.

Coronavirus infection rates as of the 1st April 2021; 41.8 per 100,000 in Somerset; 26.8 per 100,000 in Mendip; 53.6 per 100,000 in Sedgemoor; 61.2 per 100,000 in South Somerset; 22.6 per 100,000 in Somerset West & Taunton. The R value is between 0.7 – 0.9. Confirmed Covid cases in Somerset were 18,890. 787 Covid attributed deaths.

As of 12th April, the current rate is 17.6 per 100,000 in Somerset; 16.4 per 100,000 in Mendip; 21.1 per 100,000 in Sedgemoor; 12.2 per 100,000 in South Somerset; 20.8 per 100,000 in Somerset West & Taunton and although this is hugely pleasing this is due to testing being reduced with many children being off school for the Easter holidays. It is expected that this will increase steadily with the children returning to school.

Vaccination programme roll-out: There are 13 GP led sites, 2 hospital hubs, 2 large vaccination centres, 7 local pharmacy sites, Somerset has one of the highest vaccination rates in the Country with 309,227 people

having received their first vaccination, figures are as follows; 60+ 66.7%; 80+ 98.7%; 75-79 100%; 70-74 99.3%; 65-69 91.6%; 60-64 96.5%; 55-59 94.2%; 50-54 88.3%.

Somerset Medal Nominations: Tis Medal is designed to say a heartfelt thank-you to the best of the best, nominated by the people with the winners due to be revealed on Somerset Day: 11 May. So many people, from teachers and nurses, police and fire officers, carers, shop workers, volunteer drivers and waste collectors have all gone the extra mile – or 10 – to make sure that every effort was made to support communities. Anyone wanting to make a nomination should submit a maximum of 250 words, providing the nominee's name and location and describing why they deserve the medal. Please provide your own name and contact details, too. Please email DemocraticServices2@somerset.gov.uk and put 'Somerset Medal nomination' in the subject field.

Unitary Council: Coming to the end of the government consultation 19th April. County Council proposes to replace different councils into one unitary model. For more information go to Somerset.gov.uk.

£6.2million project to expand Holyrood Academy in Chard to increase student numbers and meet growing demand. Plans will be submitted for approval by the end of the month and if given the green light will see a new two-storey building teaching and dining block built on the former Cresta swimming pool site, planned to be demolished this summer. If approved, building is set to start late summer with the new building complete by September 2022.

Somerton Primary School which will be opening after Easter. The £7.3million build programme can accommodate up to 420 pupils and 52 early years children, with 14 classrooms, a pre-school, a school hall, a production kitchen, sports pitches and a multi-use games area. The facilities feature innovative design and construction techniques to ensure the school has strong environmental credentials. Plans for the school to open in September 2020 were delayed due to archaeologists uncovering evidence of an Iron Age settlement at the site ahead of construction.

Highway Awards following the largest bridge constructed in the South West – Squibbers Way, County Council has been awarded two prestigious awards at the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transport South West Awards ceremony 2021. The Innovation Award recognised Somerset County Council's use of ground-breaking traffic modelling techniques and new technology to assess the best traffic management options to minimise disruption while the Toneyway works - due to start later in the year - are undertaken.

Crossing opposite The Country Park: 20mph signs have now been ordered and will be installed by the end of the summer. Priorswood Road has been reduced to 30mph.

Maidenbrook Lane: no update, just looking at funding options.

D Cllr Pritchard: District Council has been making preparations for the opening of the town centre safely, which includes Covid wardens. Deane House has re-opened for appointments. The DC are encouraging everyone to use the open spaces responsibly and as a result of more visitors there are more litter picks taking place across the district.

WM have received a request from Somewhere House Somerset, which provides mental health and addiction support. Cllr Pritchard will be making some notes ahead of the WM meeting and asked if Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council (PC) may benefit from some further details on mental health provision across the parish. It was agreed that the PC would be happy for Cllr Pritchard to provide some further information.

100,000 miles have been saved using the Scooter project, however, there have been some problems with the batteries being stolen. The scooters are traceable but not the batteries.

5. **Joint Projects with West Monkton:**

a. Maidenbrook Country Park & Somerset Wood: Thanks was given to Soroptomist International who funded six flowering cherries which are around 8-10ft high around the labyrinth. 61 trees, also 8-10ft high, were gained from the Hartnell Estate as Persimmon were going to dispose of them. These have been placed where the forest school is going to go and in front of the path in anticipation of the safe route to school through the bottom of the Country Park.

A presentation was given to all District Councillors and they were all in support of the plans for the Country Park.

Thanks was given to all of the volunteers who have worked hard to plant the 1250 which was all done in line with Covid Health & Safety guidance.

A presentation will be taking place to all of SW&T Council on 10th May.

Cllr A Hall explained how he had met with Chris Hall who is the Assistant Director for Climate Change, Regulatory Services & Asset Management who was very impressed and gave full backing to the plans in place. A presentation will be taking place to Dawn Adie in the next few days, looking to obtain a lease at least for the land. The meeting was closed in order to discuss confidential legal matters.

The meeting was re-opened. The Country Park has been awarded the £62,000 grant for the pond and the forest school, and a further grant is with Hinkley Point with regards to funding of the labyrinth. A planning request has been submitted for the pond and forest school and Chris Hall is looking to not implement any charges for the planning consent.

Further clarity was requested on the Forest School: It consists of a small shelter and fencing around it to keep the children safe. There will also be a willow tunnel system and a couple of small firepits, along with chestnut fencing and a gate. 8 of the trees taken from Hartnells have been planted in the middle of the forest school area. Nerrols school have been invited over to take a look.

Currently in conversation referencing obtaining further land. All of the shrubs required under the approval by the Bat Mitigation Officer & Landscape Officer and have all been planted.

b. Neighbourhood Plan Review- leading to Reg 14: No update

c. Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund 2020-21 Bid: The £62,000 will be ring-fenced for the Country Park project. It was agreed that this would be kept out of the current account for transparency.

6. **Cheddon Ward:** No report,

7. **Maidenbrook Ward:** The space of land on the entrance to the Waterleaze estate has been cleared. The H-bar has been repainted following a resident request.

Maidenbrook Bovis-Taylor Wimpey Adoption of POS: This is continuing to be delayed due to concerns raised in respect of a bank.

Barbers Mead lights; Communication had been received by Fiona Colville that has confirmed that out of the four lighting columns in question, one is covered as part of the Lighting Contract and a site visit and repair will be arranged. The other three columns are not included, and it is likely that this is connected to the footpath not being adopted. Clare Thackray is looking into this further.

Northwalls Grange: Barratt David Wilson Homes: ongoing.

Nerrols Grange: Councillors were asked to keep an eye on the new play park signs due to the WM sign being vandalised recently. It was noted that some teenagers had been doing a park Marathon and visiting all of the local parks because of the new park maps.

Touts Local Centre, Nerrols: The Clerk referred all Councillors to the Placemaking Specialist comments on the planning application.

Nerrols Farm: no new information.

Nerrols Farmhouse: no update.

Canal: CRT-Tarker: Husband of Sandra Morley contacted previous Clerk with a request to fit a bench. This falls into West Monkton (WM) land and was therefore referred to WM Parish Council who has spoken with him, confirmed permission with CRT and it will be placed in the vicinity of the memorial bench at swingbridge. Sandra's husband is looking to raise some money through donations. The Clerk will make contact to see if this is something that the PC can help with.

Waterleaze It was noted that there was a guard rail missing along the footpath and this has been reported.

8. **Highways:**

Western Relief Road WRR: connecting the A3259 with houses at Aginhills, West Monkton: Work is in progress, Cllr Woollacott had recently shared a drone shot on the residents facebook sites. Questions were raised as to the remaining piece of road that won't be in use. It is thought that this may be used for buses, but this has not been confirmed.

Nerrols School/Summerleaze Crescent: The 20mph signs are in place and it is hoped that they will be operational from Monday 19th April 2021.

Triangle of land at entrance to Waterleaze on LHS. Cllr Woolacott thought it may be worth the PC considering this piece of land for PC ownership in future. An additional fence panel has been erected.

CMC Roundabout: There have been three sponsorship enquiries. The Clerk has contacted Lucille Simms regarding this interest and is waiting to hear back.

Road Closures: Yallands hill (A3529) will be closing from 5th May 2021 for 11 weeks. Yarford Lane and Hestercombe Lane is expected to close on 17th May for up to 25 days to enable Wessex Water to replace existing water mains.

9. Planning Applications:

08/21/0009: Erection of a single storey extension to the side of The Stables, Tudor Park, Taunton – **No Objections**

08/21/0010: Erection of a greenhouse and pergola in the garden to the rear of Yew Tree Barn, Upper Cheddon Road, Cheddon Fitzpaine – **No Objections**

08/21/0005LB & 08/21/0004: Replacement of windows at 2 Barton Cottages, Upper Cheddon Road, Cheddon Fitzpaine – **No Objections**

10. Planning Decisions:

08/21/0001: Subdivision of industrial unit with replacement of roof and over cladding of external walls, demolition of out buildings and replacement of walls to front with paladin fencing and gates at Crown Industrial Estate, Venture Way, Taunton – **Conditional Approval**

08/21/0007/NMA: Non-material amendment to application 08/19/0001 for alterations to housetypes and general arrangements along the northern boundary of the scheme on land off Nerrols Drive, Taunton – **Conditional Approval**

08/21/0003: Change of use to Class B8 (storage or distribution) at Unit 2 Crown Industrial Estate, Venture Way, Taunton – **Conditional Approval**

08/21/0006 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 88 Summerleaze Crescent, CFP– **Conditional Approval**

Awaiting Decision:

08/19/0030 LB and 0031 Erection of 2 No. extensions for an auditorium, workshop and cafe with various internal and external alterations at Hestercombe House, Volis Hill, Cheddon Fitzpaine

08/19/0035 Gladman- Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for the erection of up to 180 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point off Cheddon Road, Taunton (resubmission of 08/17/0040).

08/20/0016 Erection of 1 No. dwelling with garage and access thereto in the garden to the side of Tall Trees, Cheddon Road, Taunton

08/20/0017 Erection of an agricultural building for the housing of livestock with yard and extension and alterations to access track and highway access on land west of Pitchers Hill, Rowford, Taunton

08/20/0022 - Replacement of industrial building for Class B1, B2, B8 and D2 usage at Marshalsea House, Venture Way, Taunton

08/20/0023 -Erection of a tent on the south lawn with a mobile toilet and service tent for a period of six years at Hestercombe House, Hestercombe Road, Cheddon Fitzpaine

08/20/0032 – Amended plans: Conversion and extension of garages into 1 No. dwelling at 92 Cheddon Fitzpaine, Maidenbrook Lane,

08/20/0035 - Creation of Nerrols Neighbourhood Centre comprising of the erection of a 3 storey building with commercial uses at ground floor (incorporating a convenience store, lounge bar/restaurant, hair and beauty salon, office accommodation and employment space for food production and despatch), 36 No. apartments over the 1st and 2nd floors with installation of electric vehicle charging points and a petrol and diesel forecourt with canopy over, landscaped parking area and community and public open space on land off Nerrols Drive, Taunton

08/21/0002 Variation of Condition No. 04 (landscaping) of application 08/17/0037 at Brook View, Tudor Park, Cheddon Fitzpaine

Appeal (08/20/0006) LAND TO THE WEST OF BROOK VIEW, TUDOR PARK PRIORSWOOD, TAUNTON, TA2 8TD- Erection of 1 No. single storey dwelling with detached garage on land to the west of Brook View, Tudor Park, Maidenbrook – The Developer is appealing against this decision. **08/21/0006** - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 88 Summerleaze Crescent, CFP

08/21/0008/T - Application to fell two Ash trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Cheddon Fitzpaine No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 14 Hale Way, Taunton (TD708)

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To note that Planning Application Appeal 08/20/0006 has been registered with the Planning Inspectorate. Tudor Park residents have put together a response for the appeal. Final comments are due by the 19th of April.

11. **Reports:**

Church/Pastoral Care Group: There has been a working group getting everything ready for the reopening of the church this week.

Cheddon School: Children settled in well during the first half term, although some have struggled with the change in environment. The school usually admits 21 children in reception, but this year they have been asked to accept 26, which still keeps class size under the legal limit of 30. Each child generates £5,000 for the school.

Memorial Hall: No report

Nerrols Primary School: No report.

Footpaths: No report. Clerk to catch up with Ian Brimacombe the new footpath officer ahead of the next meeting.

12. **Administration:** The retired Clerk has asked if she could keep hold of the old PC laptop rather than take the gifted laptop for Somerset Wood. It was agreed that for data protection reasons, the retired Clerk could keep the old laptop but that it would need to be wiped as it has sensitive data held on it. The Clerk is to follow up on this.

Somerset Web Services: A training session took place between the Clerk & SWS, there had been an identification of some edits; to remove the Clerk from the Parish Councillors list and instead place the Clerk's name in the 'Contact Us' page, to update the 'Contact Us' page to reflect Parish Clerk or Clerk in both places, the Contact Us page with Clerk@cfpc.co.uk as emails are currently going through to info@, which delivered no message, there were also problems with the newsletter visibility. Analytics report shows that traffic is down by 19%. Updated links page to include Nerrols Primary and looking to get Link Up added.

Parish Clerk: Nest set up. Re-submitted mandate DD. Declaration of Compliance with Pensions Regulator. ICO contact details updated.

Newsletter: No report

Meetings: The Clerk had attended; Planning. Committees & Working Groups. Crisis Communications webinar. SLCC Branch Meeting with Jackie Weaver as guest speaker. HMRC Payroll & Annual Reports Webinar. HMRC What's new for 2021-22 Webinar.

13. **Finance:**

NatWest: After several failed applications, the Clerk now has access to online banking but is awaiting the card reader in order to perform payments. Once everything is in working order, arrangements will be made to remove out of date signatories. Debit card in possession.

HMRC: Both Clerks NI paid and reported separately. Webex cancelled. Issued P45 to outgoing Clerk. P60's issued to both.

NS&I: New Clerk to be added as new signatory.

Bank Reconciliation to 31st March 2021: The spreadsheet, and NatWest bank statement were emailed prior to meeting. All found in order. It was **resolved** to sign by Vice Chair & Clerk.

Current NatWest Balances/Reserves: 31/03/2021

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Main Account £28,578.05

CIL Account £2,862.70

Election Account £3,123.31

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Vice Chair