

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 13th February 2023

In the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall at Cheddon Fitzpaine TA2 8JY

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Present: Parish Cllrs Woollacott, Isaacs, Batsch, Baker, Wilson & West. Cllrs Deakin, Tully & Cavill.

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones, Clerk, Ms Bannister and Mr Upton Carney Sweeney (planners for Nerrols Farmhouse application), along with approximately 8 members of the public.

Cllr Woollacott chaired the meeting.

02/01 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Fothergill.

02/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests: None

02/03 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th January 2023. The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th January 2023 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

A resident asked the Clerk what had happened regarding a meeting being called with Wessex Water regarding the ongoing issues with sewage.

The Clerk had misunderstood the email trail and thought that the resident had called a meeting directly with Wessex Water. Resultantly the Clerk took the action to request a meeting between residents and Wessex Water.

Nerrols Farmhouse planning application

Q. Has a traffic survey been conducted as concerns remain with the Maidenbrook access?

A. Ms Bannister explained that the comments and concerns have been considered and the amendment will mean that Maidenbrook Lane access will be restricted to pedestrian access only.

Q. Concerned regarding pedestrian access on Batts Drive as it is a busy area where a lot of school children cross over to access Nerrols Primary.

A. Ms Bannister explained that the amended submission will depict a clearer path and will show a better scale of the width of the access and measures considered for safety.

Q. How will construction vehicles access the farmhouse?

A. Ms Bannister confirmed that this would be done via Batts Drive.

Q. What about street lighting?

A. These will be low voltage to minimise the impact on ecology.

Cllr Deakin asked how much had been spent on the Judicial Review to date and what further sums have been committed.

Cllr Woollacott explained that he didn't have the figures to hand but that he would follow up after the meeting.

02/04 Reports:

SCC Cllr Deakin shared a report ahead of the meeting:

Consultation opens into new single Somerset Council budget. New Council targets support for key services and vulnerable residents

The proposed budget for the new unitary Somerset Council has been published. The proposals will be the first time the services and costs from all four District Councils and the County Council have been brought together. Consultation into the proposed budget runs until 10 February.

Liz Leyshon, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources, said: "This is an incredibly challenging time for most council budgets in the country but particularly so in Somerset, where we have been bringing together five council budgets into one. However, without the saving and efficiencies a new unitary council will bring, it would have been even more difficult to set a balanced budget for the next financial year."

The Council is proposing to increase Council Tax by just under 5 percent, less than half of the current rate of inflation. This is made up of a basic rise of 2.99 per cent in Council Tax and the 2 per cent social care levy. As a result of these proposals, the council tax proposed for a Band D property will increase by £78.24 each year, or £1.50 per week.

The total budget for new Council will be £491.37 million, a rise of £36 million over the budgets of the five councils the new Somerset Council replaces. The Council agreed a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme last November, and will be bringing forward an Exceptional Hardship Fund to support households in need of further support.

The Council has said it has faced three significant challenges in setting budgets this year: the impact of inflation on the cost of providing services; the rising demand for care services post-pandemic and the need, in a very competitive labour market, to use agency staff to cover statutory services.

Cllr Leyshon said: "Post-Covid, the rise in demand for care services, and the rising cost of meeting that demand, has been striking. The new Somerset Council will, of course, protect the services that touch most lives in Somerset and will continue to prioritise support for our most vulnerable residents. We have rejected options to close some of our household waste recycling centres and all of our libraries will remain open with unchanged hours. That won't be the case elsewhere in the country.

"We have also protected the grants that go to the voluntary sector and will take the opportunity of working more closely with representatives of the sector. But pressure on care services dominates all budget setting in local government this year. We are increasing funding for both Adult Social Care and Children's Services by almost a fifth, but that doesn't really cover the rising costs of those services and we will still need to find savings in these services."

Several of the savings in the new proposed budget relate to the move to a single council, with £2.9million saved from senior manager costs and a £600,000 annual saving from reducing the number of council members.

Cllr Leyshon concluded: "We know that reform of social care services depends on effective forward planning by Government, enabling local councils to also plan further ahead. Until that planning comes forward from the Government in a coherent form, councils, including Somerset Council, will continue to experience huge challenges in setting balanced budgets."

Somerset flooding threat is no longer a major incident

The Environment Agency and the local authorities in Somerset have removed the major incident status declared in January as flood risk in the county has reduced.

A major incident was declared on 17 January as a precautionary move to coordinate partners as the threat of flood increased. With enhanced pumping and recent dry weather, water levels have reduced on the Somerset Levels and Moors and it has been decided by Avon and Somerset Local Resilience Forum that the precaution is no longer needed.

Jim Flory of the Environment Agency said: "We have been seeing an improving picture in Somerset over the last few days, with enough water to fill more than 23 million bathtubs a day being pumped back into rivers. "Staff continue to work day and night to monitor and stage this major pumping operation as there is still lots of work to do and water to remove. We are grateful to all involved, including our partners, for their help and support."

Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset County Council, said: "The decision to stand up a major incident was not taken lightly, but it was the right move at that time to ensure everyone was ready to take further actions to support our communities if needed.

"Thankfully, conditions have improved, and I am grateful to colleagues in the Environment Agency for their efforts to bring in additional pumps.

"We will continue to work closely with both partners and local people to monitor the situation and are well placed to react swiftly should the need arise."

The A361 between East Lyng and Burrowbridge is now mostly clear of flooding but remains closed this morning while sweeping and additional salting takes place. It is expected to open later today – please keep an eye on Travel Somerset on Twitter and Facebook for the very latest. For the latest on other roads with flood gates on the Levels please visit Emergency road closure gates – Travel Somerset.

Environment Agency operations will continue in Somerset with Currymoor approximately 80% full.

Pumping activity is underway at Currymoor, Saltmoor, Northmoor, West Sedgemoor, Long Load, Westover, Huish Episcopi, and Midelnay. In addition there are temporary pumps running at Elson's Clyce, Haymoor, Fordgate, Kitch Drove and Bridgwater docks. At Dunball, the pumps are operational and running on high tides.

While there is still a lot of water still on the Somerset Levels and Moors, and residents are reminded to:

- Monitor their flood risk and sign up for flood warnings and create a flood plan so they know what action to take and are prepared to act. You can find links at <https://check-forflooding.service.gov.uk>.
- Do not drive through floodwater. It is the number one cause of death during flooding and puts yourself and rescue agencies in jeopardy. Floodwater can contain hidden dangers such as uncovered manholes, obstacles or sewage – so never enter floodwater and be careful around riverbanks and spillways. During this cold snap there is also the risk that floodwater could freeze, so we also remind people to never walk or play on or near ice.
- Call Mindline – Somerset's emotional support and mental health helpline which is open 24/7 on 01823 276892 (local) and 0800 138 1692 (freephone) if they are feeling anxiety, fear or worry about the situation, particularly for those who have been previously affected by flooding.
- Follow @EnvAgencySW on Twitter and Environment Agency Wessex on Facebook for updates on the flood situation.

Local Community Networks

A consultation and engagement exercise took place in the autumn, and from that, a significant and complex piece of work was undertaken to gather people's views on their form, function, resourcing and geographies. The consultation received a wide range of responses, reflecting many perspectives. These responses have fed into the final set of recommendations which cover LCN areas, and include more detail concerning their roles and responsibilities. These papers are published online here:

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=433&MId=1736>

Please remember there is dedicated email for any LCN enquiries LCN@somerset.gov.uk. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Somerset unitary plan praised by Local Government Association

An expert team from the Local Government Association (LGA) has commended work to create a new unitary council on 1 April this year. The new Somerset Council will replace Somerset County Council and the four district councils (Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton and South Somerset).

The team, including leading figures from local government around the country, reviewed the unitary plan and concluded that 'everything is in place to ensure that Somerset Council will be a safe and legally functioning body from day 1, assuming the current progress and leadership is maintained.'

The reviewers had access to programme documents and engaged with more than 70 council members, officers and stakeholders in December. They were encouraged by the commitment of council leadership and impressed by the hard work and collaboration of people across the five existing councils.

'Impressive' levels of programme rigour, governance and assurance were observed, along with clarity of purpose and clear deliverables. Risks were seen to be well understood and managed and the council team, it was said, 'know their stuff'.

The report recommends that the council team begins to focus more on achieving the ambitions of the new council after it is launched. The reviewers advised that it will take time to unlock all the benefits of having a single unitary council and that long-term plans, for the next five years and beyond, should be developed.

Social care like you've never seen it before – bold new recruitment campaign launched in Somerset

The 'My Time to Care' campaign was shot entirely in Somerset and stars local carers in six new videos. Somerset County Council has joined forces with the NHS and Registered Care Providers Association for the new campaign, which aims to empower carers, and show how working in social care in Somerset is a respected, meaningful, and fun career choice.

The campaign emphasises how a career in care in Somerset presents an opportunity to rebel and ‘break free from behind a desk’, embarking on a career filled with meaningful human interaction and job satisfaction. Each video is specifically tailored to target a different age group that may be interested in a career in care. The Council has simplified the application process too. Anyone who is interested just has to visit www.proudtocaresomerset.co.uk and leave their details, and the team will get in contact with potential suitable roles.

The recruitment campaign will be promoted on social media, in the local media, and with advertising across Somerset. A recruitment event is set to take place at Somerset County Cricket Club on Tuesday, February 7. The six ‘My Time to Care’ videos are available to watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbpaA5vdlqbUzDbelwkjNNeTtejqzyIYi>

Anyone interested in a career in care in Somerset is encouraged to visit www.proudtocaresomerset.co.uk

Small business should be at the heart of energy support

Somerset County Council has called for any review of energy price support for businesses to focus on support for small businesses and the adoption of green and renewable energy.

In a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, signed by Councillor Val Keitch, Executive Lead Member for Local Government Reorganisation and Prosperity, and Councillor Sarah Dyke, Lead Member for Environment and Climate Change, the council argues: “Small businesses have been disproportionately hit by energy costs, with 44 per cent saying their energy costs have at least doubled. Such businesses lack the buying power to secure preferential tariffs from energy suppliers as well as the financial capacity to effectively hedge against movement in the energy market.”

The council acknowledges that the “Energy Bill Relief scheme is providing a lifeline for small firms across the UK. However, with an ongoing cost of doing business crisis, a continuation of the EBRs for the smallest firms is going to be critical for the UK economy overall and rural economies, in particular. An extended programme of support whilst energy prices remain so high should not, in our view, simply be targeted at individual sectors, but also at vulnerability due to business size. For rural businesses, a continuation of the support for those not on the grid too for their supplies is also important.”

Evening bus services get underway

Evening bus services on some key routes in Somerset have begun running from Monday 30th January. Somerset County Council is subsidising evening services from Monday to Saturday connecting Taunton with the towns of Minehead, Bridgwater, Wellington and Chard after 8pm and running to at least 10.30pm. Currently most of the services stop between 8-8.30pm.

The evening bus proposals are part of Somerset’s Government-funded Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) which aims to increase bus patronage by introducing a number of important initiatives.

From 5 December a £1 fare became effective for any single bus journey in Taunton, and further measures are planned under the BSIP in the coming months.

The evening bus routes are as follows:

1E – Taunton to Priorswood/Musgrove Park/Silk Mills Park and Ride – hourly service with last departure from Taunton Parade to Silk Mills 10.35pm and last departure from Taunton Parade to Priorswood at 11.05pm.

21 – Bridgwater to Taunton (Musgrove Park Hospital) – hourly service with last departure from Musgrove Park Hospital to Bridgwater Bus Station 11.03pm and last departure from Bridgwater Bus Station to Musgrove Park Hospital 10.15pm.

22 - Wellington to Taunton - hourly service with last departure from Taunton Castle Way at 11.05pm and last departure from Wellington High Street at 11.50pm.

28 - Minehead to Taunton - (including diversion via Cotford St Luke and Norton Fitzwarren on last three journeys in each direction) . Additional journeys at 8.30pm and 10.30pm from Taunton Castle Way and 8.45pm and 10.15pm from Minehead, Butlins.

30 – Taunton to Chard – Additional journeys at 8.10pm and 10.10pm from Taunton Parade to Chard (via Taunton Gateway Park & Ride) and an additional journey 9.11pm from Chard, Boden Street.

It’s hoped evening buses will help boost the night-time economies in Taunton and the other towns on this evening network, as well as supporting people who work outside of 9-5 hours or need to attend training and education courses.

Somerset County Council and the Somerset Bus Partnership have launched the 'Bus It' campaign to support the BSIP improvements and encourage more people to use bus services at a time when some routes have been lost or are under threat due to lack of patronage.

Visit <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/busit> to find out about ticket deals and calculate how much you could save.

Planning Approval Granted to Somerset's First Net Zero School

Last month, planning permission was granted for the new primary school at the Orchard Grove development in Taunton. The school will serve the new community, with capacity for 420 pupils and 52 nursery places, and room to expand to accommodate an additional 210 children.

An investment of £11.3 million has been secured to build the new school, which will address the shortfall in school places in the local area. The super energy efficient Passivhaus design of the school and added solar panels will ensure the building is Net Zero so it doesn't contribute to climate change. In addition to environmental benefits, this will also lower the school's running costs meaning funds can be concentrated on education.

The new school – which will have three sports pitches, a range of play equipment, and parking provision for electric vehicles - shows a clear commitment by Somerset County Council to ensure new builds are in line with its Climate Emergency Strategy, reducing carbon emissions and making Somerset more resilient to climate change.

The school building will open in September 2024, but from September 2023, pupils will attend Isambard Kingdom Brunel school in Wellington, and home to school transport will be provided. Orchard Grove children will wear their new school uniforms, have the same classes, subjects and teachers.

The Castle Partnership Trust has been approved by the Secretary of State for Education as the Academy sponsor who will run the school. Applications for a place in reception this September have already been received.

GET INVOLVED Business mentors needed to help Somerset thrive

An ambitious mentoring programme is being launched to make the expertise of the county's most knowledgeable business-people available to businesses across Somerset.

Twenty mentors are being recruited to join the programme in its initial stage, where they will receive free mentor training. Executive and senior management level business leaders, successful entrepreneurs or business consultants, who understand the challenges associated with running and growing a business and the value of impartial advice, are being encouraged to get in touch.

Potential mentors might offer sector experience or a specialism such as finance, marketing, HR or ecommerce; and above all, have a desire to make a difference.

The project has been funded by Somerset's five councils and a proportion of the Business Rates Retention Pilot programme. This allows councils in Somerset to retain a proportion of the business rates income locally to invest in developing the economy and improving the way local authority services are delivered. Those trained and funded under the Somerset Business Mentoring Programme will need to deliver 12 hours of mentoring support in Somerset to businesses, social enterprises and/or charities. They will also be identified on the SCC Business Mentoring website.

Mentors will be:

- Great listeners - confidential, supportive and able to ask challenging questions.
- Strategic thinkers - able to identify, analyse and work through risk and opportunities to develop an achievable plan for success.
- Curious to understand their mentees' motivation and drivers.
- A good sounding board - objective and able to highlight alternative approaches and solutions.
- Individually matched with a mentee, reflecting personality type and sector experience.

What's the commitment?

Mentors are typically very busy people but must be able to set aside a couple of hours per month, either in person or online, to meet with their mentee. The minimum requirement is 12 hours per mentee over a three-month period, commencing April 2023. Mentors must also attend a two-day training workshop in March 2023 (dates TBC) in preparation for delivering the programme.

Being a Somerset Business Mentor is an unpaid position, but brings many rewards:

- Training – both in the form of a two-day mentoring workshop, and ongoing support.
- Career development - adding mentorship to your skillset.

- Networking - be part of the start of a significant new chapter for the Somerset business community and benefit from peer-to-peer support.
- Personal fulfilment - the reward of seeing a mentee's businesses thrive.

Apply to be a mentor

If you are interested in becoming a Somerset Business Mentor, please fill in the form at www.somerset.gov.uk/business-mentoring to be contacted for a chat and an invitation to meet with the Programme Managers. References will be required.

For further information, please see the website or contact richard.swift@somerset.gov.uk

Could you help get people to crucial medical appointments? Volunteer drivers needed urgently across Somerset

People across Somerset with no transport of their own need help to get to important medical appointments. From routine checks to cardiology and cancer-related care, these Somerset residents benefit enormously from reliable volunteer drivers to get them there.

Somerset County Council's current volunteer drivers are in need of new recruits, to support the NHS and the Council in ensuring patients get the care and treatment that they need.

The team also support adults and children with journeys relating to social care.

It is an ideal opportunity for anybody over 18 with a full UK driving licence and four-door car to do something for their community; especially those who enjoy driving and meeting new people. Patients appreciate the opportunity to chat to their drivers, since some live in socially or geographically isolated situations.

Pat Ryan, who has been one of Somerset County Council's volunteer drivers for 10 years, said:

"I feel I'm doing something useful for the community in which I live. I've been lucky with my health throughout my life, and I want to help people who have not had the same luck.

"I've been a volunteer driver for 10 years now and thoroughly enjoy taking passengers to hospital for their routine appointments.

"Driving around beautiful Somerset is not really a hardship!"

For each journey carried out by a volunteer driver, a mileage reimbursement rate of 45p per mile or 50p per mile loaded is applied.

To find out more about the role and apply, please visit: <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/drive/>

Alternatively, you can email Volunteers@somerset.gov.uk or call 01823 359200 to make a difference in your community.

Cllr Cavill explained that the Vision statement for the Taunton Town Council has now been approved, which encapsulates Taunton being greener and more sustainable. The planning sub-committee is in the process of being set up.

Cllr Tully voiced concerns that there are too many planning applications to be processed ahead of vesting day.

TTC: Donna Ford has been appointed as the new Town Clerk and is working through the legalities associated with the parishes that are being fully and partially absorbed.

02/05 Joint Projects with West Monkton:

a. Maidenbrook Country Park & Somerset Wood: (R)

Progress on the Country Park (CP) has slowed as not a great deal to do until the grand opening in June. Plans have been drafted by West Monkton (WM) Community Clerk based on feedback from the Jubilee event.

Dates for the diary; Kings Coronation will be held on Saturday 6th of May. There will be a marquee, refreshments, games, food and drink stalls and hopefully some music.

There will be an Easter egg hunt on Saturday 8th of April. This will be a chargeable event, but will be kept to approximately £2 depending on the cost of sourcing prizes.

A dog show will take place on the 18th of June and will be hosted by St Giles Kennel.

Pending the Judicial Review, Cllr Woollacott suggested that it would be good practice to reach out to an elected official of the Town Council to be included on the working party for upcoming events.

Cllr Isaacs explained that he had attended an event hosted by the Chair of Council, Cllr Mike Best, to celebrate the Chair Awards. Cllr Batsch was awarded the Chair Award for outstanding commitment to the Cheddon Parish.

Thanks was given to Cllr Batsch for his ongoing contribution and to Cllr Isaacs for submitting the nomination. All Councillors asked that thanks be passed to Mrs Welsh for everything she is doing and has done with Country Park events.

b. Community Fridge.

The success continues with the Community Fridge and the volunteers are fairly self-sufficient and working really hard.

02/06 Cheddon Ward:

A further discussion took place about the sewage and how it took three days of pumping. This happened two years ago and Wessex Water had promised to install two new pumps which would eradicate the problem, and it seems as though this hasn't been done. The Clerk to make further attempts to make contact with Wessex Water.

There have been some ongoing issues with a landowner in the village where some properties now have a camera pointing towards them and or into their gardens.

The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and Neighbourhood Watch have been contacted. ICO have confirmed that there should be signs.

Laurel has also been planted on the boundaries with no consultation with neighbours.

The Clerk to require confirmation of planning applications referring to Glebe Farmhouse.

The Clerk had reported the silt drain overflowing in Upper Cheddon along with various potholes surrounding Upper Cheddon farm. Work has been scheduled to repair the potholes, but there has been no response about the silt drain yet. The Clerk will continue to chase.

A bike marking event has been requested for Nerrols and Cheddon Fitzpaine primary schools. PCSO's Lyndsay and Tony are awaiting suitable dates from both primary schools.

02/07 Telephone Box (R) To approve the electrician's quote. To consider community resuscitation training.

The Clerk had an electrician out to look at the telephone box to check suitability for the siting of the defibrillator. A slightly different cabinet was recommended by the supplier for use in a telephone box and this was priced at less than the approved cabinet at the January meeting. The order has now been placed with defib warehouse and the January price has been honoured.

It was **resolved** to approve up to £300 for the installation cost of the defibrillator.

A resident had suggested that defib training should be made available to the public and the Clerk had made contact with the provider of the First Aid training received by WM and CF Clerks in 2022. Somerset Adventures can offer a 3 hour AED course for up to 12 people for £250.

Councillors approved this in principle, providing the Clerk can find enough people that wish to attend.

02/08 Maidenbrook Ward: Incident January 15th 2023.

Cllr Woollacott reported that the incident had in fact involved a gentleman that was out walking his dog on the footpath, who slipped and fell into the stream. The late gentleman's wife believes that this may have been connected to waste being thrown over a wall rather than being disposed of appropriately. Councillors discussed how to remind all residents of their responsibilities to dispose of waste in the correct manner.

The bus shelters now have the timetables in the cases. £1 bus far sticker has been requested, but there has been no response. Character Graphics are in the process of locating a 'supplied by CFPC' sticker to put in the bus shelters. The Clerk has secured a window cleaner that will charge £15 to clean all three bus shelters within the parish.

Nerrols & Northwalls: The Clerk shared some plans of the bat house that is being erected in the field just off the bottom of Maidenbrook Lane as there had been some concerns regarding what was being built.

Barratt David Wilson confirmed that the allotments on site will be managed by the Management Company Pinnacle in due course.

02/09 Highways:

The Clerk had contacted SCC Highways to request the location of the speed data collection boxes and has been told that as there are 20 when lights show zones at both sites, there isn't much need to collect speed data in these locations. A further email had been received by Constable Dan Cox (Avon & Somerset Police) explaining that if the PC wants to create a change in behaviour that they should purchase a SID and that funding is available to do so.

Councillors asked the Clerk to come to the March meeting with a shortlist of SIDS for consideration.

02/10 Planning Applications (R)

08/22/00017 Redevelopment of site into 18 No. dwellings at Nerrols Farm, Batt Drive, Cheddon Fitzpaine. CF PC to await the amended application.

08/23/0001/T Application to carry out management works to one Willow tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Cheddon Fitzpaine No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1994 at Glebe Cottage, Maidenbrook Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine (TD603). CFPC to follow David Galley's advice

08/23/0002 Change of use to the permitted use of building to allow it to be used as a fitness centre (Use Class E,d) at Marshalsea House, Venture Way, Taunton. No objections

Report on applications considered under delegated powers: None

02/11 Reports:

Nerrols: Took part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th Feb and Mental Health Awareness week was celebrated by the children participating in Dress to Impress. Looking for Community Governors (someone not directly linked to the school -friends or family). Currently not planning to close due to the strike action, there just may be some timetable changes for children.

Church: Reverend Mary's last service will be on Easter Sunday. There is a farewell event in Kingston St Mary Village Hall on Sunday 2nd April 2.30-4.00pm to which everyone is invited. The churches are each doing a card and collection.

Cheddon school: Governors are awaiting the SIAMS inspection and are hoping to have it before Easter when the RE teacher goes on maternity leave. There seems to be less sickness amongst children and teachers with some good educational progress being made. Cheddon School will be closed for strike action.

Memorial Hall: Cheddoners performance to take place Friday/Saturday 3/4th March, first one back since Covid. Attendance is gradually growing. Councillors wished to pass on their thanks for the new chairs.

02/12 Local Community Networks: No update

02/13 Finance:

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts (R)

Payments

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on bank Statement
S Millard-Jones	February Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI (-NEST)	£1,103.63	£2.25	£1,105.88	28/02/23	
SCC	Grant towards Priorswood Library	£250.00	£	£250.00	15/02/23	
Defib Warehouse	Defib and cabinet	£1,385.00	£263.00	£1,578.00	07/02/23	
Pete Miller	Defib installation	£222.35	£44.47	£266.82	28/02/23	

Debit Card/Direct Debit: To note:

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on bank Statement
SWS	Email addresses	£36.80	£7.36	£44.16	02/02/23	
NEST	Pension	£39.76	£	£39.76	30/02/22	
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription	£9.40	£1.88	£11.28	19/02/23	
SWS	Hosting Inv	£24.00	£4.80	£28.80	20/02/23	

Receipts: To note:

Bank interest		£0.01
	TOTAL	£0.01

Country Park

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on bank Statement

It was **resolved to pay** the above by cheque/internet banking.

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation (R)

Main Account	£32,842.55
CIL Account	£21.49
NSI Account	£3,123.62
CP Account	£
Total	£35,987.66

It was **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation

c) VAT reclaim

To note the VAT reclaim made for £4,548.66

d) Precept request submitted

The Clerk had submitted the precept request based on Cheddton PC remaining as it is, however, SWT have informed the PC that as the LGR reorder has been made then a precept needs to be requested on the basis of that. Therefore, the lower precept request for £9,262 was submitted.

02/14 Clerk Admin (R) Re-declaration to the Pensions Regulator. Attended the Police and Crime Commissioner Forum. Website updated with budget for 23/24. Assets list updated. List given to SWT along with value of assets.

02/15 Community Governance Review Update (R) Confidential session to discuss legal negotiations.

The process continues and the PC is still awaiting a response to the Judicial Review. The next milestone is when the PC hears whether the claim will go to court hearing. If declined there is an informal right to appeal for CFPC to explain that the decision is wrong. All members wish to ensure that the transition for the Clerk is appropriate to the hours expected.

02/16 Matters raised by Councillors:

Cllr Isaacs informed members of the PC that he will be standing for the Town Council in the May elections and therefore declares an interest moving forwards.

To note that Cllr Isaacs is to resubmit his updated Register of Interests to the Monitoring Officer.

02/17 Correspondence:

02/18 Items for next agenda:

- Shortlist of SID and associated costs
- Defib training

2023 Dates: 13th March, 11th April (Tuesday due to bank holiday), 9th May (Tuesday due to bank holiday), 12th June, 10th July, 14th August (provisional), 9th October, 13th November, 4th December (please note that this is the first Monday of the month, not the second as per usual).

Meeting closed at 21.20pm

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Chair