

**CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

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

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**Present:** Parish Cllrs, Batsch, West, Reece & Wilson.

**In attendance:** Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk and SC Cllr Cavill.

Cllr Batsch chaired the meeting.

**01/01 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Woollacott and Cllr Fothergill.

**01/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests:** None.

**01/03 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.** The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

**01/04 Reports:** Somerset Council report available on the website.

**01/05 Joint Projects with West Monkton:**

**Maidenbrook Country Park & Somerset Wood: (R)**

To note following dates for events arranged by WMPC: Easter egg hunt 30th March. D-Day Beacon Lighting: 6th June. Party in the Park: 8th June. Dog Show: 1st September.

**a) To discuss purchase of land from Somerset Council (R)**

WM & CFPC are interested in principle, to purchase the CP which is currently categorised as leisure and community use. Due to the lease, it will reduce the value of the land. Cllr Cavill's advice is to wait until there is a beginning of the assets being sold off.

**b) Somerset Wood Joint Committee. Approval to establish a Committee and to agree membership and Terms of Reference (R)**

Cllrs reviewed the Terms of Reference and resolved to approve, subject to the amendments. The Clerk to share these with WMPC clerk.

**01/06 Cheddon Village:** To consider signage costs for the phone box **(R)**

The Clerk proposed installing a sign into the phone box, to ensure that it is recognisable as a defib station.

It was **resolved** to approve costs of up to £80 for the purchase and installation.

The defibrillator had been checked and verified on the Circuit.

**01/07 Local Community Network update:**

Notes from the meeting had been circulated. The Clerk was asked to re-circulate the flooding presentation from Cllr Hall (WM). Cllr West expressed appreciation for the work done regarding flooding and agreed that the parishes need to work more closely with relevant authorities.

**01/08 Highways:**

No report

**01/09 Planning Applications (R)**

**08/23/0020** Erection of a Poppy of Honour Pavilion on land at Maidenbrook Country Park, West Monkton.

It was **resolved** to make no comment.

**08/23/0021/T** Notification to fell one Cedar of Lebanon (and one dead sweet chestnut) and to carry out management works (crown-lift lowest branches) to one Holm Oak tree within Hestercombe Conservation Area at Hestercombe Gardens, Cheddon Fitzpaine.

It was **resolved** to support the tree officers' recommendations.

**38/23/0347** Variation of Condition No.s 02 (to amend the approved Masterplan and add Parameter Plans), No. 24 (to deliver the spine road on Staplegrove West only), removal of Condition No. 25 (the temporary access road to Corkscrew Lane) of application 34/16/0007 on land at Staplegrove West, Taunton (The Staplegrove Garden Community)

It was **resolved** to not comment.

**08/19/0035** Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for the erection of up to 112 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point off Cheddon Road, Taunton (resubmission of 08/17/0040)

It was **resolved** to object for the following reasons:

1. That there is no up-to-date Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy based on the number of proposed number of houses.
2. That the development is partially outside of the allocated boundary of the Local Plan, (TAU3), and that the mitigation is counter to local policy CP8.
3. There is no reference to the CFPC & WMPC Neighbourhood Plan which applies to this location.

**Report on applications considered under delegated powers:** None.

**Planning Decisions:** None

**01/10 Link Up (R)** To consider a donation.

In light of no longer being able to fund a PC newsletter, Cllr Batsch recommended donating to Link Up. Cllr Batsch also agreed to provide monthly content on behalf of the PC if all were in agreement.

It was **resolved** to approve a donation of £150 and for Cllr Batsch to submit monthly content on behalf of the PC.

**01/11 Enforcements(R)** To consider village planning consent.

The Clerk had requested further information surrounding the LDC, Cllrs were not reassured by the response but agreed that there was no way to pursue the matter further.

**01/12 Reports:** None

**01/13 Admin:**

2024 dates on the website. Confirmed with Jo the re-storage for the wreath. Updated bins on the website to reflect current ownership. Website migration is proving problematic.

**01/14 Kingston St Mary Neighbourhood Plan (R)** To consider a response.

The Clerk was asked to email Kingston St Mary PC expressing support.

**01/15 Finance:**

**a) Approval of Payments & Receipts (R)**

**Payments**

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on Bank Statement
S Millard-Jones	January Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI	£206.50	£	£206.50	31/01/24	

S Millard-Jones	February Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI	£198.85	£	£198.85	29/02/24	
CF Memorial Hall	November meeting	£18.75	£	£18.75	31/11/23	PAID
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Somerset Council	Bins (amended invoice)	£238.22	£47.65	£285.87	15/01/24	
CAB	Donation	£25.00	£	£25.00	31/11/23	PAID
SALC	Training Cllr Essentials P2	£25.00	£	£25.00	31/01/24	
SALC	Planning	£25.00	£	£25.00	31/01/24	
WMPC	Contribution to CP expenditure	£2,300	£	£2,300	31/01/24	

**Debit Card/Direct Debit: To note:**

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on bank Statement
SWS	Email addresses	£27.60	£5.52	£33.12	04/01/24	
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription	£9.40	£1.88	£11.28	19/01/24	
SWS	Hosting Inv	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60	20/01/24	
SWS	Domain name	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60	11/01/24	

**Receipts: To note:**

Bank interest November		£0.03
Bank interest December		£0.03
CIL payment		£150.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£150.06</b>

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

**b) Approval of the bank reconciliation (R)**

Main Account	£8,735.82
CIL Account	£24.18
NSI Account	£3,123.62
CP Account	£
Total	£11,523.62

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

**01/16 Somerset Council Financial Position – Budget Consultation (R)**

The Clerk had posted the consultation onto social media and the website and was asked to repost to remind residents to participate.

**01/17 Matters raised by Councillors:** None

**01/18 Correspondence:** None

**01/19 Items for next agenda:** None

**2024 Dates:** 11<sup>th</sup> March / 8<sup>th</sup> April (Annual Meeting of the Parish) / 13<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council Meeting) / 8<sup>th</sup> July / 9<sup>th</sup> September / 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting closed at 10.17pm

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Chair