

# CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 8 February 2021  
Held by Virtual Conference call using <https://mrs-ofb.my.webex.com/meet/cheddon>  
[www.cfpc.co.uk](http://www.cfpc.co.uk)

**Present:** Parish Cllrs Webber, Woollacott, Isaacs, Batsch, Baker, West; **SCC Cllrs** Fothergill & Fraschini; **SWT D Cllrs** Pritchard, Tully, & Cavill; WM Cllr Hall, WM Assistant Clerk, Mrs T Cavill; NP Delivery Group Chairman K Tutill; Clerk: Mrs J Pearson. Four members of the public.

On screen introductions were made: Welcome was made to members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests:** Cllrs Baker & Woollacott (personal) 08/21/0002
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2021.** It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

#### **Public Question Time:**

A resident of Cheddon village asked about greater provision of broadband within the area. This topic has been raised bi-annually over the past six years. Information learnt to be forward by Clerk to resident. The question is how this can be taken forward; Parish Councillors advised there is Parish Council support to assist and to work with residents, although any possible technical solution remains costly.

#### 4. **Reports:**

##### **SCC D Fothergill:**

**Current Covid-19 Restrictions in Somerset:** Residents must stay at home, they must not leave, or be outside of their home except where necessary. They cannot leave to meet socially with anyone they do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with. They may exercise on their own, with one other person, or with their household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and residents should not travel outside their local area. People should stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in their household or support bubble. Colleges, primary and secondary schools will remain open only for [vulnerable children and the children of critical workers](#). All other children will continue to learn remotely until 8 March at the earliest. Early years settings remain open.

**Coronavirus infection rates:** As at 29<sup>th</sup> January the number of confirmed Covid cases in Somerset was 16,417 (up from 9,355 on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec) and the number of Covid-attributed deaths 469 (335). The rate per 100,000 currently stands at 229.8 for Somerset with Mendip at 217.2, Sedgemoor at 208.6, South Somerset 209.1 and SW&T at 278.5. The current number of total deaths across the County is currently 19% above the 5-year average and the latest R-value for Somerset is between 0.9 and 1.2. ***It is vitally important to remember, even those who have had a jab, to observe Hands-Face-Space at all times.***

**Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline:** A single phone number is available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support. **0300 790 6275**, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

**Vaccination programme roll-out:** In just seven weeks, teams across the wider Somerset health and care system have worked round the clock to design, develop and launch 13 GP-led community vaccination sites, two hospital hubs and two large vaccination centres at Taunton Racecourse and the Bath and West showground. A new Covid vaccination site has also opened at Morrison's in Yeovil, and is one of the first pharmacy sites in Somerset to offer the jab with pre-booked vaccination appointments between the hours of 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. All sites will continue to offer vaccinations to the priority groups as identified by the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation, including the over 80s and frontline health and care staff.

**SCC Transport Support:** Somerset County Council is working with bus operators and community transport providers to make it as easy as possible for residents to get to appointments including:

- providing a bus service every 30 minutes from Wells Bus Station via Shepton Mallet terminating at the showground – seven days a week, providing connections to/from other bus services at both Wells Bus Station and Shepton Mallet Cenotaph.
- Suspending current concessionary bus pass rules so these can be used on all public services before 9.30am.
- Working with Community Transport and Slinky Demand Responsive services across Somerset to allow free travel for bus pass holders when attending vaccination appointments.

**National Highways Award:** Bridgwater’s Colley Lane Southern Access Road project, also known as Squibbers Way, has been awarded Most Innovative Highway Authority Scheme of the Year at the 2020 Highways Magazine Awards. The £18.4m project has now been recognised for six major awards since its opening in December 2019.

**Older Age Domestic Abuse:** Ten per cent of older people will experience some form of domestic abuse and in Somerset the number of people over sixty-five reporting abuse is on the increase. Social isolation during lockdown has been identified as one of the leading contributors. If you are experiencing domestic abuse, worried about someone you know, or are concerned about the impact of your behaviour towards others, then help is available: [www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk](http://www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk) or by telephoning 0800 69 49 999.

**Investing in communities:**

**a. Bruton Enterprise Centre:** Business in Bruton is set for a boost with work beginning on a new £2.7m Enterprise Centre. The Bruton site will be Somerset County Councils eighth Enterprise Centre and will be home to new offices, meeting rooms and industrial units.

**b. Shepton Mallet Library:** Plans have been agreed for Shepton Mallet library to receive a substantial makeover and serve as a hub for the local community. Somerset County Council’s Libraries Service team has been in discussions with Shepton Mallet Town Council and members of local community interest group, to agree a new model for the library. The County Council’s agreement to enter into a partnership will see the building used as a venue for a wide range of community-based activities outside the library’s regular opening hours.

**c. Comeytrowe Primary School:** Proposals for a new 420-place primary school primary school as well as a nursery with capacity for up to 60 children to serve a significant new housing development in Taunton have been approved. It is expected that the new school will open in September 2022.

**Census 2021:** Households across Somerset will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Census day will be on March 21 and results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years.

**One Somerset:** It is expected the Governments eight-week statutory consultation phase on the transition to a Unitary authority in Somerset will commence in mid to late February.

**Cllr Fraschini:** reported SCC Highways have considered the ‘pedestrians crossing’ from the footpath on the northern side of the A3259, at the junction of Maidenbrook Lane, to Tudor park. There are proposed phases of work that can be undertaken at this site starting with a **pedestrian crossing with flashing lights**. The A3259 (from Obridge to Yallands Hill) has a designation for the 40 mph to be reduced to 30 mph when the Western Relief Road is completed. This pedestrian crossing will be further reduced to 20 mph at school times using solar panels on timers. In the longer term, footpaths are to be extended – possibly through the Country Park.

**Maidenbrook Lane flood:** Both County Councillors have also raised the longer-term issue of water trapped by Field Cottage. FWAG to assist with a ‘to do’ list to plan to secure funding to repair or replace field drains.

**SWT Council Reports:**

**D Cllr Pritchard:** Road works will close Milton Hill for three weeks over half term.

Business Grants to business’ continue to be dispensed. To date £882,000 to 471 companies. Complex cases are being worked through, and seeking out those who have not applied.

Budget setting goes to Full Council on 18 February for approval.

Support is being given to CV writing and preparation for interviews.

Waste Collections commencing from 6 a.m. to keep shift change groups separated.

Laxton Road housing development of flats has been completed, and now ready for occupation.

Wellington Town Council has secured funding for Tonedale improvements.

Norton Hill Fort to receive heritage and archaeology grants to improve area.

E-Scooters: an issue arose on Northwalls Grange regarding inappropriate placing of scooters. Prompt action by all involved resolved the situation.

**D Cllr Cavill:** James Street and East Street to move to permanent closures; plans being worked out with local businesses.

£500k has been allocated from SWT budget for Climate Change matters.

Nick Bryant, Strategy Officer, to leave SWT shortly with work passing to Rebecca Miller, Senior Planner.

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

**a. Maidenbrook Country Park:** Alan Hall reports the pre-application meeting with Rural Solutions & SWT Planning was delayed, and is expected this week. A report will be sent to the Parish Management Group. Further presentations of the outline plans have been given to District Councillors individually.

The Licence to Occupy was agreed and signed off with no financial costs to Parishes.

Discussion continues regarding the 'safe route to school' footpath inside the Country Park and lighting.

**b. Somerset Wood:** more than 800 trees have been planted by volunteers in six weeks. Strict Covid conditions apply to social distancing whilst planting; family groups and children have particularly enjoyed their time on site. A Children's Corner or Wiggly Worm Club is forming with children expressing their enthusiasm in words or pictures to the delight of adults.

In the longer term, discussion continue with Mr Darch, West Monkton regarding the further phases of tree planting.

Somerset Wood laptop: A new email account [somersetwood@outlook.com](mailto:somersetwood@outlook.com) has been set up.

### **c. Neighbourhood Plan Review- leading to Reg 14:**

The Clerks have completed the draft NP revisions for Parish Councillors approval to proceed to Regulation 14. It was agreed unanimously **resolved** to adopt the NP revisions as previously circulated.

Kelvin Tutill reports discussion with SWT Ann Rhodes that Reg 14 can now proceed with consultation to approx. 370 consultees sent digitally. A paper copy to be available to those without computers, with suitable track-and-trace (for covid reasons). A nine-week consultation was considered a fair extension of time given the practicalities of current life. It is anticipated that elections will be held from May 2021, so this allows this matter to proceed towards Referendum. Clerks to action consultations, and notices on websites and facebook pages.

**NP Map of Parks and Play Areas:** It was **resolved** for the NP map to go to Sharpcat printers and onward to every household within the two parishes. It has been favourably received, with people exploring the local areas. No grant was obtained.

**NP Map Signs:** K-Signs at Wellington quote was accepted of £5,000. A grant from SWT Community Chest was obtained for £3,000 towards material signage costs. D Cllr Cavill, WM Assistant Clerk and CF Clerk approved the first sample on a site visit. Costs approved at previous PC meeting, signs made, and ready for Clerks to arrange installation with local installers.

**d. Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund 2020-21 Bid:** Form submitted 11.11.2020 and outcome awaited regarding funds for the Forest School and Pond within the Country Park now due end of February 2021. (delayed due to SCC staff working on covid matters).

## 6. **Cheddon Ward:**

**Maidenbrook Lane flood:** remains an issue. Depth gauge requested but SCC confirmed not appropriate in this location. County Councillors reported above that plans are being drawn up to find solution, and funding to be sourced.

**Goosenford Road:** the mud continues to be an issue; SCC Highways to take up matter with farmer.

**Hestercombe Community Advisory Group** meeting held on 1.2.2021 online. Notes available on website.

**The Old Rectory:** approved tree work undertaken.

**Cheddon Church:** Fire reported in the porch. Church to remain closed for time being.

## 7. **Maidenbrook Ward:**

**Maidenbrook Bovis-Taylor Wimpey Adoption of POS:** Clerk contacted Chris Hall, SWT Deputy Director of Assets. Swift action resulting in meeting to be held on 10.02.2021 to make a plan to resolve legal ownership from Developers to SWT.

**Barbers Mead lights;** Two light bulbs require replacing (reported in June), but these remain in the ownership of the Developer. Engagement Lead Claire Thackray following up with SWT Assets & SCC Lighting.

**Northwalls Grange: Barratt David Wilson Homes:** Discontent on estate regarding road surfaces; DWH has issues with contractors which are working to be resolved. Playground grass areas to be completed in Spring. E-Scooters/Zippies: placed without consultation on estate. One site removed as inappropriately placed. Attenuation ponds on estates: Helen Smith, SCC Flood Manager contacted to ensure these are working correctly; liaising with WM PC as watercourses feed into Bathpool.

**Nerrols Grange:** building works progress, the Show Homes open, and first occupancy is anticipated in April 2021. The Welcome Letter to be updated and given to Reception with April newsletter for circulation.

**Touts Local Centre, Nerrols:** a nearby resident to this proposed plan sought detailed information. Clerk forwarded details regarding drains and pipes, and information re WM PC Flood Warden.

**Nerrols Farm:** Waste bin between benches at Stoney Furlong removed during 2020 as damaged by fire. Young litter pickers on estate to be commended for their efforts.

**Nerrols Farmhouse:** Chainsaw tree work being undertaken.

**Canal:** CRT-Tarker: Kerb stones from Tudor Park into fields repaired by contractors undertaking dredging.

**Waterleaze:** Tree work between 82-84 Waterleaze on Field Maple; checked with SWT Tree Officer. All works approved, but no further limbs to be removed.

Cycle lady: sadly, a local resident known to many passed away following a canal accident. Tributes paid at Swingbridge.

Cycleway by Marina: brambles overhanging SCC cycleway. Clerk to report.

#### 8. **Highways:**

**Western Relief Road WRR:** overnight work on 25.1.2021 completed. Yallands Hill footpath to be re-instated. Asphaltting of pavements on Aginhills side undertaken. Road construction to commence Cheddon land.

**Nerrols School/Summerleaze Crescent:** Complaint received re parking in area.

**Triangle of land** at entrance to Waterleaze on LHS. No information: Clerk to follow up.

**CMC Roundabout:** no information.

**Road Closures:** Milton Hill for three weeks from 15.2.2021.

**M5/A358:** new junction opened on 17.1.2021.

**Flytipping:** branches on A3259 opposite bus shelter reported and collected by SWT.

#### 9. **Planning Applications:**

**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. – **no objection**

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

Concerns from local residents had been received and a strong letter of **objection** to be sent from the Parish Council – **Objection**.

**Enforcement: Brook Cottage:** 6 x 6' beech trees planted in hedge. Matter ongoing.

**08/21/0003** Change of use to Class B8 (storage or distribution) at Unit 2 Crown Industrial Estate, Venture Way, Taunton – **no objection**.

**Withdrawn: 08/18/0028** *Relocation of Conquest Equestrian Centre with the erection of office facilities, flat, cafe, indoor and outdoor arena, stable block, parking facilities and associated works on land at Maidenbrook Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine*

#### 10. **Planning Decisions: none**

**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).*

**38/19/0129** *Erection of a residential development of up to 347 No. dwellings (87 No. affordable) with associated access, infrastructure, open space (formal and informal) and landscaping on land off Lyngford Lane, Taunton.*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

#### 11. Reports:

**Church:** Weekly email received by Clerk with Church Services via Zoom. Contact Benefice Office for up-to-date information.

**Pastoral Care Group:** Liz Thompson who ran this group is moving away from area.

**Cheddon School:** approx. half capacity of children. Covid flow tests undertaken twice weekly. Positive feedback by parents is being received on how the teachers are managing.

**Memorial Hall:** is now closed to the public, except for a one-to-one educational class.

**Nerrols Primary School:** no report.

**Footpaths:** Footpath Officer to stand down. New volunteer required.

**Police:** Monthly updates available for local postcodes: apply online at Avon & Somerset Police.

#### 12. Administration:

**Stogursey Parish Council letter:** A letter of support had been requested from Parish Councils, but it is understood that 'no further action' to take place as legal matters take precedence over their planning applications.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed that the APM to take place at 6.45pm on 8 March (prior to the CF PC meeting at 7.00pm). This is to satisfy legal requirements for the APM to take place in 2021, to adopt the Minutes of 2019 following the cancellation of the 2020 meeting.

**Parish Clerk:** Applications were received, a short list drawn up, and interviews arranged virtually. Sammie Millard-Jones offered the position of Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, and has accepted. Contract of Employment to be drawn up.

**New computer and ancillary items for Parish Clerk:** to be purchased and set up prior to 1 March 2021.

**NatWest Bank:** It was **resolved** for S Millard-Jones to be added to the NatWest current account. Clerk to action. Proposer: Cllr Isaacs, Seconded: Cllr Batsch. All in agreement.

**Newsletter:** The volunteer has kindly distributed the February edition. Extra copies printed to cover Nerrols Grange coming forward. A new volunteer is required for Cheddon village shortly. The printer as offered to print in colour for free, with acknowledgement in the newsletter; this has been declined as it does not conform to the advertising policy that no sponsorship will be accepted.

**Welcome Letter:** Clerk to obtain price of printing 100/200 copies of updated version.

#### 13. Finance:

**CIL Transfer:** Clerk learnt it is possible to use CIL money for the recent website build. It was **resolved** to transfer £1,775 from CIL account to NatWest Current Account. All in agreement.

**NS&I account:** Interest received for 2020 of £22.33.

<b><u>Payments February 2021</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Pay Date</b>
Character Graphics	£78.00		9.2.2021
Pioneer Windows (Bus Shelter)	£10.00		9.2.2021
Mrs P J Pearson Jan mileage expenses	£13.05		
Homeworking January	<u>£27.00</u>		

	£40.05	9.2.2021
Mrs P J Pearson January Salary @£12.45p/h	£755.30	
PLUS: 14 hrs overtime	<u>£174.45</u>	
	£929.75	
LESS: Jan Employee NI £27.44 Tax £8.80	<u>£36.24</u>	
	£893.51	28.2.2021
HMRC: Employer/ee NI £39.84/£27.44/Tax £8.80	£76.08	9.2.2021
Inform HMRC RTI (Jan) £893.51		9.2.2021
	<b><u>Total: £1,097.64</u></b>	

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

<i>-Monthly subscription to Somerset Web Services</i>				
	<i>- hosting</i>	£26.40	£4.40	25.1.2020
	<i>- For parish Councillor/Clerk email addresses</i>	£38.64	£6.44	2.01.2021
<i>SharpCat – NP Map &amp; letter as previously approved:</i>		£1,445.32	£240.89	22.1.2021
<i>K Signs SW Ltd – NP Signs as previously approved</i>		£2,102.40	£350.40	28.1.2021
		<b>£3,612.76</b>		

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

Proposed: Cllr Woollacott Seconded: Cllr Batsch.

**14. Matters raised by Councillors:** none.

**15. Correspondence: Information for the Census for 21 March 2021** circulated, placed on notice boards, and in the February newsletter.

**Next Parish Council meeting:**

**MONDAY, 8 March 2021 at 7.00pm by Webex conference call.**

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Meeting closed: 9.22 pm



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Vice-Chairman