

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUTLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2017 IN THE CHURCH ROOM, BUTLEIGH.

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT : A Carr, (Chairman). K Otton, W Moore-Read. E Aitken, R Burdett, R Davidson.

OTHERS PRESENT : Mr & Mrs T Hoyle, Miss J Carr, Mr & Mrs G Brunt, J Aitken, Mr & Mrs G Morton, D Sharland, Mr & Mrs D Rymer, Mrs M Backhurst, M Day, P Harwood, Mr & Mrs D Lester, M Shields, T Cowie, Mr D Heeley.

Pre Meeting Statements – J Carr- Thanked the Parish Councillors on behalf of the Parish for their work on behalf of the village.

T Hoyle – Also thanked the Parish Council and Clerk. Whilst volunteers, Parish Councillors have had to work harder to reflect the missing 2 councillors. During recent criticisms, decisions have been taken with dignity and with the whole village at heart.

D Sharland - BPFA - The possible failing is not down to where it is, it is what it is. Perhaps money should be used to build a village hall on that site to make more viable.

E Rymer- Unpleasant recent attacks, here to support.

D Heeley – Thanks for the Parish Council attention to the Church. Proposed requisition of the land at Baltonsborough Road - benefit to change the size of the football pitch. Regards current lack of usage- Use it or Lose it, cyclical thing. Support increasing the size and VHC behind it totally.

M Backhurst- Pleased the minutes reflected the pre meeting statements. Would like to see better agendas. Parish Councillors are trusted to do a good job but please think in the best interest of the parish and don't ignore public opinion. Head of school has offered the school for a meeting to discuss what the community wants.

C Morton – Displeased with how the Parish Council were treated at the last meeting whilst doing a good job.

STATEMENT OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to make and to have recorded any Declarations of Interest made in accordance with the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct Order adopted on 7th August 2012. (Based on District/ County Model) (Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011).

E Aitken, A Carr, W Moore-Read, R Davidson - Pecuniary interest regarding Planning Application 2017/0616/FUL Land at Bolster Lane.

A Carr Personal interest in Mendip Community Transport donation.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - Emma Aitken. Proposed R Burdett, seconded W Moore-Read. All in favour. The 'declaration of acceptance of office' form was signed the by chairman

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN – R Burdett. Proposed K Otton, seconded R Davidson. All in favour

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

a. **SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC)**

- E Aitken. Proposed R Burdett, seconded A Carr. All in favour**
- b. BUTLEIGH PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION (2) R Burdett
Proposed E Aitken, seconded W Moore-Read. All in favour**
- c. PARISH NEWS BOARD R Burdett Proposed A Carr, seconded R
Davidson. All in favour**

APPOINTMENTS OF LEAD COUNCILLORS.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR – MR S POUNCEY Proposed
R Burdett, seconded A Carr. All in favour**

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF GRIEVANCE & DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS
PANELS Proposed K Otton, seconded A Carr. All in favour**

URGENT BUSINESS : E Aitken – Proposed a consultation/ education meeting at the school to engage with the community regarding the use of the Telephone Mast Fund. Proposed E Aitken, seconded W Moore-Read.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th April 2017, having been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record. Proposed R Burdett, seconded A Carr, all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING : None

PLANNING : 2017/0616/FUL Land at Bolster Lane – Erection of a dwelling with ancillary workshop and creation of new vehicular access. Recommend No Comment due to declared pecuniary interests.

2017/0950/FUL land at Wood Lane – Change of use of land from horticultural nursery to stationing of six static holiday caravans for use as holiday lets with extended stone track; and replacement of existing storage and office use for a landscape contracting business. Recommend Refusal. Proposed W Moore-Read, seconded R Davidson. All in favour

Decisions .: **2017/0306/HSE Applecross, Water Lane-** Conversion of an existing adjoining double garage into a new kitchen dining space. New window to replace the garage door. New sliding doors into the garden to rear of the garage to replace 2 existing windows – Approved.

2017/0833/NMA 12 Grenville Court- Proposed Non material amendment in respect of planning permission 2015/1992/HSE which amends the design of the porch- Approved.

2017/0516/HSE The Paddock, Barton Road – Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling and erection of home office- Approved

2016/3137/FUL Land at Henley Lane- Proposed dwelling with associated new access- Approved

2017/0247/HSE Forest Lodge, Reynalds Way- Proposed demolition of an existing kitchen extension with attached conservatory and rebuilding on a larger footprint and also including internal alterations.- Approved

**APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL
AUDIT.** The Internal Audited Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

FINANCE : CURRENT AC

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BALANCE	£ 4318.65	BALANCE	£ 7615.74
+ VAT Repay	£ 1426.00	Interest	£ .19
+ MDC Precept	£ 13000.00		
Balance	£ 18744.65	Balance	£ 7615.93

Proposed A Carr, seconded R Burdett, all in favour.

FINANCIAL APPROVALS : Resolutions to approve the following expenditure :

- a. Strode Theatre £100 – (LGA 1976 (Misc Prov) s19)
- b. Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance £250 (LGA 1972 s137)
- c. Butleigh PCC Churchyard Grant £1250 (LGA 1972 s214)
- d. BPFAs Playing Field Maintenance Grant – Grounds maintenance £1750 (LGA 1976 s19)
- e. Mendip Community Transport Grant £200 (LG&R Act 1997 s26-29)
- f. Citizens Advice Bureau £150 (LGA 1972 s142)
- g. War Memorials Trust Subscription £25 (LGA 1972 s 137)
- h. Butleigh PCC Elders Tea Party £50
- i. Community Council for Somerset £40
- j. Somerset Garden Services – Village Green £90, Footpath clearance £160= total £250
- k. Community Council for Somerset (Housing Needs Survey balance) £2628

Proposed E Aitken, seconded R Burdett. All in favour.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LAND AT BALTONSBOROUGH ROAD TO EXTEND THE PLAYING FIELD: A Carr reported that higher than expected costs connected with the purchase would leave a shortfall of about £16,000 from the funds made available by the Village Hall Committee. There would also be additional costs to raise the level of the ground. An alternative arrangement has been suggested by Mr MacDonald, the current owner, to give the BPFAs a 10 year option to purchase the additional land at agricultural value, subject to a one off payment in the region of £2000. This has to be referred to BPFAs for a formal response. A Carr to request more time from Mr MacDonald to complete the consultation.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Crawford Estates on behalf of Angus MacDonald. Request to install a pole behind the pavilion to beam WiFi to Higher Hill Farm and extend from the electricity supply from the pavilion. Refer to BPFAs for discussion.

Street Parish Council notification of the Civil Parish of Street is to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (Planning) Regulations 2012.

A Petherick – suggesting that the Church may be used as a Village Hall. To be discussed at the next meeting of the PCC.

The meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

The next meeting 6th June 2017.

Chairman
6th June 2017.

