



Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.00pm, in the Town Hall, Dulverton

Present: Chairman/Mayor: Mr Gerry Lewis. Councillors: Mrs Christine Dubery; Mrs Judy Ernest; Mr Allan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Miss Kathryn Vellacott and Mr Piers Wood and Mr Nick Thwaites, Somerset West & Taunton Council (S.W.A.T.).

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public: None

Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons offered if agreed:

Cllr. Mr John Preston, who is attending a School Governors meeting.

Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson (S.S.C.)

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Mrs Chris Dubery with regards the Sports Field Management Committee.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Questions for County and District Councillors:

Nick Thwaites S.W.A.T. Council:

S.W.A.T. – Members were informed that the Council is still undergoing changes. Three new Directors have been appointed, there exists one further vacancy. Details of those designated specific areas of responsibility will be made available shortly.

In the meantime Cllr. Thwaites requested he is copied into all enquires in order that he can pursue the issues if required.

Car Park Lighting Issues: Several issues are still ongoing. Cllr Thwaites agreed to pursue.

Beasley Weir: Members were informed that Mr Dru (Landowner) is currently liaising with the Environment Agency with regards the large tree which requires attention.

Kemps Way: Cllr Thwaites was advised as to the existence of a large pothole.

Car Parks: Members were pleased to report that a considerable amount of shrubbery maintenance has been undertaken by S.W.A.T

Frances Nicholson (S.S.C.):

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson, the Clerk informed members that Cllr. Nicholson intends to arrange a meeting in January 2020, at which Exmoor's views on highways matters will be made clear to the Leader of the County Council. The venue has not been confirmed, neither has the date, however it will probably be held on either the 20th or 23rd January at 6pm. As soon as the details are confirmed she will be inviting one representative from each parish in the Dulverton and Exmoor division.

Statement from the Chairman:

The Chairman read a prepared statement clarifying recent events and requesting unity.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019 as circulated:

Were approved and signed. Proposed by Mrs Ernest, seconded by Mr Wood and carried.

6498 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

6486 Exmoor Lawns – Electricity Supply:

Members were informed that several quotes had been sought concerning the provision and installation of an electricity supply and that the costs were anticipated as being £4,128 (excluding VAT).

Members agreed in principle that the proposal is presented to the Exmoor National Park Authority for approval.

6494 Plastic Free Dulverton

Due to the absence of Cllr. Mr John Preston the proposal will be deferred until the next meeting.

6499 Accounts:

The Financial Statement: See Appendix A

RESOLVED: That the Financial Statement as per Appendix A is approved. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

Payments for Approval: See Appendix B

RESOLVED: That the payments as per Appendix B are approved. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6500 Committees:

Minutes submitted for approval:

Planning Committee Meeting:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th November 2019. Proposed by Mr Lewis, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6501 Councillor Resignation:

The letter of resignation from Mr Keith Coulman, received and accepted by the Chairman, was read out to members, by the Clerk. Members were informed that the vacancy had been advertised and residents invited to request an election. In the event that less than ten do so, members will have the opportunity to co-opt at the next scheduled meeting which will be held on 13th January 2020.

6502 Town Council Office Shelving:

Members were advised that further shelving is required and subsequently:

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Mr Huckins amounting to £84.00 regarding materials and labour. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Lewis and carried.

6503: Good Neighbours Group:

Cllr. Mrs Margaret Rawle informed members that a request for funding was also being considered by the Streamcombe Allotment Trust.

Members subsequently:

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £250.00. Proposed by Mr Lewis, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

6504 DSFRS Proposals Challenge:

Members considered a request from Cllr. Mr Andrew Milne, S.W.A.T. to pledge financial support with regards the pursuance of a Judicial Review of any decision made at the DSFRS meeting at which the proposed cuts are to be determined. The Clerk was requested to seek advice from SALC to determine as to which power would be applicable, if any, in the event that members resolve to make such a pledge.

6505 Dulverton Family & Toddler Group:

Cllr. Mr John Preston has requested that this item is adjourned until the following meeting scheduled to be held in January.

6506 Somerset Playing Fields Association:

RESOLVED: To re-subscribe to the SPFA at a cost of £25.00. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Ernest and carried.

6507 Society of Local Council Clerks & Association of Local Council Clerks:

RESOLVED: To renew the membership of the Clerk at £180.00 and £40.00 respectively. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Ernest and carried.

6508 VE Day 75 Celebrations:

Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery informed members of some of the proposals put forward at the latest meeting of the Events Committee. It has been suggested that a street party is held on Friday 8th May 2020, with commemorative events continuing through the weekend including a tea dance and evening of film entertainment.

Cllr. Dubery is to liaise with the Royal British Legion and report back to members at the next scheduled meeting when funding will be considered.

6509 Late Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

6510 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:

None

6511 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

All Saints Church: Members were informed that the Reverend Andrew Thomas and the Reverend Paul Kingdom will be leaving this Parish in March 2020.

Dulverton by Starlight: Members requested the Clerk to forward their congratulations onto the members of the Starlight Committee with regards the successful event held on Sunday 1st December.

Cllr. Mr Alan Ottey gave his apologies in anticipation of the next scheduled meeting on 13th January 2020. He will be in hospital.

Chairman.....



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balances at 26/10/19:

General Account	69,435.50
Investment Account	88,322.29
Parish Lengthsman Account	3,341.23

161,099.02

Receipts – November 2019:

General Account	110.00
Investment Account	NIL
Parish Lengthsman Account	NIL

161,209.02

Payments – November 2019:

General Account	6,606.80
Investment Account	NIL
Parish Lengthsman Account	473.66

154,128.56

Balances @ 25/11/19

General Account	62,938.70
Investment Account	88,322.29
Parish Lengthsman Account	2,867.57

154,128.56

Less unpresented cheques at 25/11/19	1,667.19
Banking after 25/11/19	180.00

Available Funds @ 31/07/19

152,641.37

As per Cashbook:

General Account	61,925.17
Investment Account	88,322.29
Parish Lengthsman Account	2,393.91

152,641.37

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**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/11/2019
for Cashbook 1 - General Account 38007789**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
General Bank Account 7789	25/11/2019	1	<u>62,938.70</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>			<u>Amount</u>
17/01/2019	U002514	Kier Recycling CIC	40.56
12/11/2019	U002718	Mr A. Takel	519.00
25/11/2019	U002724	Mr A. Nicholas	208.63
28/11/2019	U002725	PEAC	109.18
28/11/2019	U002726	EDF Energy	128.26
28/11/2019	U002727	Complete Weed Control	96.00
28/11/2019	U002728	The Exmoor Society	20.00
			<u>1,193.53</u>
			61,745.17
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
30/07/2019	Farmers Market/ Stall Holders Fees	180.00	<u>180.00</u>
Balance per Cash Book is :-			61,925.17
Difference is :-			0.00

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**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/11/2019
for Cashbook 2 - Parish Lengthman Acc 38024152**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Parish Lengthsman Account 4152	25/11/2019	1	<u>2,867.57</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>			<u>Amount</u>
25/11/2019	U000152	Mr Shaun Bryant	473.66
			<u>473.66</u>
			2,393.91
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
			3,393.91
Balance per Cash Book is :-			3,393.91
Difference is :-			0.00

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Cashbook transactions totalling £0.01 or more
for the period 01/07/2019 to 31/07/2019**Payments**

<u>Cb No</u>	<u>Bank Account Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment Ref</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	General Account 38007789	05/11/2019	U002714	The Blackerton Mole Man	200.00
1	General Account 38007789	05/11/2019	U002715	A-TAC Cleaning	402.00
2	Parish Lengthsman Acc 38024152	26/11/2019	U000152	Mr Shaun Bryant	473.66
1	General Account 38007789	06/11/2019	U002716	Pugsley Farms	1,656.00
1	General Account 38007789	16/11/2019	U002717	GC Stanbury & Son	33.28
1	General Account 38007789	12/11/2019	U002718	Mr A. Takel	591.00
1	General Account 38007789	12/11/2019	U002719	Kier Recycling CIC.	59.22
1	General Account 38007789	12/11/2019	U002720	Travis Perkins	8.65
1	General Account 38007789	25/11/2019	U002722	Mrs Sylvia Gosling	486.20
1	General Account 38007789	25/11/2019	U002723	Mrs Amanda Munday	1,181.11
1	General Account 38007789	25/11/2019	U002724	Mr A. Nicholas	208.63
1	General Account 38007789	25/11/2019	D/D	British Telecom Business	50.91
1	General Account 38007789	28/11/2019	U002725	PEAC	109.08
1	General Account 38007789	28/11/2019	U002726	EDF Energy	128.26
1	General Account 38007789	28/11/2019	U002727	Complete Weed Control	96.00
1	General Account 38007789	28/11/2019	U002728	The Exmoor Society	20.00

Receipts

<u>Cb No</u>	<u>Bank Account Name</u>	<u>Date Banked</u>	<u>Amount Banked</u>
1	General Account 38007789	26/11/2019	180.00
1	General Account 38007789	07/11/2019	50.00

