

Minutes – 14th February 2018 – 7pm

The meeting opened at 7:02pm.

18/215 Attendees: Chairperson B. Sugg, Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone, Cllr. M. Beckerleg, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. B. Hartley, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. M. Mead, Cllr. S. Snelling, Clerk G. Macpherson. **Apologies:** Cllr. P. Chant, Cllr. D. Goddard, Cllr. C. Henocq, Cllr. P. Hodge, Cllr. N. Hopkins, reasons noted. **Public Attendance:** C.Cllr. M. Keating, D.Cllr. G. Seaton and Ms J. Carter-Uren.

18/216 Declarations. None given.

18/217 Minutes were approved as an accurate and correct record of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January, 2018.

18/218 East Coker Ward Parish Councillor Vacancy. Mr Mike Beckerleg, nominated by Cllr. M Mead and Ms Jane Carter-Uren, nominated by Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone, applied to Council for co-option onto the Parish Council for the vacancy on the East Coker Ward. After public notification and no 'call for an election' a co-option vote could be taken. Both candidates addressed Council and answered Councillor questions. Both candidates left the room and a vote was taken, both candidates were then called back into the room. Mr Beckerleg had the majority vote and signed the declaration of acceptance. Cllr. M. Beckerleg took a seat at the Council table. Council thanked Ms Carter-Uren for her interest and invited her to stay to the meeting as there may be a possibility of helping with future projects.

Cllr. M. Beckerleg confirmed he had no declarations on the agenda.

18/219 Public Question Time

- (1) D.Cllr. G. Seaton gave her report. She informed Council that Linda Haydon had now taken over from Simon Fox, Head of Planning, SSDC and is now the lead planning officer. Neil Waddleton is now the 106's officer. It was agreed for Mr Waddleton to attend the next meeting to give Council an overview of 106's and how they are formulated. **Action:** Clerk to arrange.

7:25pm C.Cllr. Keating joined the meeting.

- (2) C.Cllr. M. Keating report had previously been distributed. Council asked C.Cllr. M.Keating to pursue, with the relevant department, the repair of the hole at the triangle. *Subsequently this has been confirmed for repair on the 19th February.*

An email has been received by Clerk from Ms L Gibbons with regards to the Lodge Hill and the dangerous icy road. After discussion it was agreed, as it is used on the school route, that the road should be placed on the gritting route. **Action:** C.Cllr. M. Keating. It was noted that the drain has been repaired and the water is coming from the spring. The gritting box cannot be moved to private land. **Action:** Clerk to write to Ms L Gibbons and advise her of the Councils actions.

A meeting is being held at County regarding the school at Keyford. It was agreed for Cllr. B. Hartley to send C.Cllr.M. Keating the questions and issues the Parish Council had. **Action:** Cllr. B. Hartley.

7:438pm C.Cllr. M. Keating left the meeting.

18/220 SSDC - Planning Applications

a. Application No. 18/00074/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Wells

Proposal: Extension and alterations to an existing bungalow, including replacing the roof.

Location: 23 Lower Wraxhill Road, East Coker, Yeovil, BA20 2JU

Resolution: It was agreed by all that the East Parish Council had no objections or observations to make.

b. Application No: 18/00324/DPO

Proposal: Application to modify a S106 agreement between Abbey Manor Developments Lt and Edward Nicholas Braybon Clive-Ponsonby-Fayne and South Somerset District Council dated 6th November 2015 in relation to affordable dwellings.

Location: Land at Bunford Hollow West Coker

Adjacent Parish

Resolution: The East Coker Parish Council agree with West Coker Parish Council and object to this application. All agreed.

c. Application No: 18/00176/REM

Proposal: Application for reserved matters following approval 13/01869/OUT to include approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 97 dwellings.

Location: Land at Bunford Hollow, West Coker

Resolution: The East Coker Parish Council object to any application under reserved matters until such time as the social housing element of this development has been resolved. All agreed.

d. Application No: 18/00225/FUL

Proposal: Alterations and the erection of a single storey extension to garage

Location: Estate House, Main Street, East Coker

Resolution: It was agreed by all that the East Parish Council had no objections or observations to make.

18/221 Memorial Approvals

- a. Memorial and inscription approval given for the late Mary and Leslie John Shiner. Proposed by Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. D. Mead. All agreed.

8:10pm D.Cllr. G. Seaton leaves the meeting.

18/222 To receive the Clerk's report.

- (1) Neighbourhood Plan Budget. It was agreed to keep the budget for 18/19 as agreed, the cost for recent works completed by the Consultant will be taken from the 17/18 budget.
- (2) Annual Parishioner Meeting – Thursday 19th April – Village Hall Booked (6pm-10pm). Item to be brought forward to next meeting.
- (3) A Church notice board request has been received. The Parish Council agreed to the request, but would ask that the board not obstruct the pathway or entrance. The East Coker Parish Council reserve the right to remove the notice board. All agreed.

18/223 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC

- (1) Boundary Commission Comments. **Action:** Clerk to reply on behalf of the Council to state that the Parish Council agree with the draft proposal in respect of the Coker Ward and to copy in D.Cllr. G. Seaton.
- (2) Somerset Library Consultation. The Parish Council to reply, "It is important to retain library services in a principle town in Somerset and they should be preserved". **Action:** Clerk.
- (3) A303 Consultation notice has been received. **Action:** Cllr. J. Bennett to peruse and forward any issues to the Parish Council.
- (4) M5 Consultation notice has been received. **Action:** Cllr. J. Bennett to peruse and forward any issues to the Parish Council.

18/224 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

- (1) Ms Lorna Doyle – Pot Hole Accident. C.Cllr. M. Keating had provided Clerk with a link on the SSDC website for compensation, which Clerk has sent to Ms Doyle. Ms Doyle thanked the Parish Council.
- (2) Ms Caroline Skeggs has emailed the Clerk with concerns over the parking on Yeovil Road and the shadow path way. **Action:** Clerk to write to Ms Skeggs informing her that the Council are working toward

a small improvement scheme to encourage people to park in the Village Hall. With regards to the pavement markings, this is an advisory pavement and is not enforced by road traffic regulations. .

18/225 To discuss Working Group issues and resolve

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan.
Final changes to the plan to be made by Cllr. C. Henocq. It was agreed by all to pay £200 Cllr. C. Henocq for works to the plan and NP website page. The Matrix has now been updated and will still need linking. The plan should be with SSDC by early March.
- (2) Traffic – Speed and Signage.
Gary Warren, SSDC, surveyed the Parish to look at where speed signs could go. A plan will now be sent to the Parish Council for agreement.
- (3) The Cemetery Chapel
A quotation has been received for the electrical supply, which was £5,875, it was agreed by all to put this quotation on file for future use. It was agreed by Parish Council not to use the chapel until the ceiling refurbishment has been completed, all agreed. A specification will be created and sent out to prospective builders. **Action:** Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone and Clerk to meet and discuss the specification and builders to write to. It was agreed for Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone to speak with Mr Dicker, who had requested to use the facility, and explain why the Chapel cannot be used until it is repaired.
- (4) The Local Plan – Response from Simon Williams was discussed.

18/226 Group Representative Reports

- (1) Village Hall – Cllr. M. Beckerleg has been given this responsibility. **Action:** Clerk to write to Village Hall Committee and inform them of the new Parish Council representative.
- (2) Alms Houses – Chairperson B. Sugg – No report to give.
- (3) Primary School – Cllr. N. Hopkins – No report to give.

18/227 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve

The pot hole by the Sub Station, Darvile and Long Furlong Lane have already been reported, **Action:** Clerk to chase.

New pot holes to be reported, Court Lane by the Paddock. **Action:** Clerk

18/228 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger

Clerk to meet with Ranger next week and have the White Pole Fencing, situated at the old telephone box location, repainted white whilst the road is closed. **Action:** Clerk

18/229 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

- (1) Defibrillator – Cllr. N. Hopkins. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. If a grant isn't available then the Parish Council should resolve at the next meeting to purchase one. **Action:** Clerk to discuss with Cllr. N. Hopkins.
- (2) East Coker Cockerels Sign – Approval was sought for a club sign. The Parish Council agreed to the sign design but would like it situated next to the Parish Council notice board. The Parish Council reserve the right to remove the board.
- (3) TPO's – Cllr. J. Bennett will be investigating the importance of the trees at Tellis Cross, taking into consideration; appearance, the continuation of Park Land, integrity to drainage, characteristics and their proximity to North Coker House. **Action:** Cllr. J. Bennett.
- (4) Parish Tree Report – Chairperson B. Sugg has consulted with ARB Tree and Garden Services who has surveyed the Paddock and confirmed the trees are all healthy. **Resolution:** Proposed by Cllr. B. Hartley to pay £180 to 'raise crown on various species of trees opposite the Sawmills, chipping all brash', all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to discuss with ARB the oak tree that was discussed with Chairperson and instruct works under delegated powers. *Subsequently, works on Oak Tree to be completed for £30.* Other works on the quotation provided by ARB to be investigated by Cllr. J. Bennett and brought forward to the next meeting. **Action:** Cllr. J. Bennett

- (5) Loneliness Awareness Day – Cllr. S. Snelling would like to launch something for the lonely people in the Parish, which isn't just the older generation. It was agreed to put this on the Annual Parishioner meeting for discussion.

18/230 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday, 14th March, 7.00pm at the Pavilion

Defibrillator
Annual Parishioner meeting
Parish Trees

18/231 Finance

The following items of expenditure and those paid under delegated powers were proposed for approval by Cllr. J Bennett and seconded by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone, all agreed.

Description	Amount	Vat
Bank Balance	£26,519.15	
Outstanding cheques	0	
VAT expected Q3	£ 749.89	
VAT expected Q4	£ 301.21	
Clerks Salary – January / Office Rent / Expenses	(£ 667.20)	£ 1.88
CCM Electrics Limited – Christmas Tree Lights	(£ 285.00)	£47.50
Calendar – Postage	(£7.50)	
Hedge Cutting – P J Mead and Son	(£108.00)	£18.00
KM Dike - Paddock Grass Cut	(£36.00)	£ 6.00
KM Dike – January	(£958.26)	£159.71
PAYE NIC – Chalmers Accountants	(£27.86)	
Christmas Eve - Village Café	(£122.39)	
Christmas Eve – Signage	(£24.00)	£ 4.00
Annual Parishioner Meeting – Hall Booking	(£68.00)	
SSDC – Pest Control	(£74.25)	£12.38
Water 2 Business	(£117.50)	
Fire & Ice – NP amendments	(£200.00)	

Carried forward £24,874.29

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Meeting closed at 9:32pm.

Chairperson B. Sugg

Clerk, G. Macpherson