

Minutes – 14th March 2018

The meeting opened at 7pm.

18/232 Attendees: Chairperson B. Sugg, Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone, Cllr. M. Beckerleg, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. D. Goddard, Cllr. B. Hartley, Cllr. C. Henocq, Cllr. P. Hodge, Cllr. N. Hopkins, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. M. Mead, Clerk G. Macpherson. **Apologies:** Cllr. P. Chant and Cllr. S. Snelling, reasons noted. **Public Attendance:** C.Cllr. M. Keating, D.Cllr. G. Seaton, Mr C. Seaton, Mr S Dicker and Mr M Frost.

18/233 Declarations. None given.

18/234 Minutes were approved as an accurate and correct record of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th February, 2018. All agreed.

18/235 Public Question Time

(1) Members of the Public

- a. Od Arts Festival Update – Mr Dicker gave an overview of the festival 11th-13th May. The Friday will be educational. A press release will be national and regional. Volunteers are required and Cllr. C. Henocq will be forwarding details to parishioners.

7:15pm Mr S Dicker left the meeting.

18/236 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

- a. **18/00477/FUL – Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Mike Frost

Proposal: Erection of single and two storey extensions, external alterations to dwelling and widening of the vehicular access.

Location: Willowdale Burton, East Coker

Resolution: The East Coker Parish Council support this application and have no observations or objections to make, proposed by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. D. Goddard. All agreed, motion carried.

7:20pm Mr Frost left the meeting.

SSDC – Planning Determinations

- b. 18/00074/FUL – Applicant. Mr and Mrs G Wells. Extension and alterations to an existing bungalow, including replacing the roof. Location: 23 Wraxhill Road, East Coker. Full Permission granted with conditions.

18/235 Public Question Time – 8:15pm

(2) County Councillor Mark Keating had previously sent his report to Clerk and it was duly distributed.

7:30pm Cllr. J. Bennett joined the meeting.

- (3) District Councillors Reports – D.Cllr. G. Seaton gave her report and she thanked Council for the email the Council had sent with regards to the Boundary Commission. D.Cllr. G. Seaton informed Council of the social housing needs in the Coker Ward; Barwick 7 properties, East Coker 1 property, Harding Mandeville 1 property and West Coker 4 properties, 13 properties required in total. Yeovil Half Marathon flyers were handed to Clerk to put onto the notice boards. **Action:** Clerk.

18/237 Memorial Approvals

- a. Memorial in the memory of the late Michael Dunster and Gwynneth Dunster was approved. Proposed by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. D. Mead, all agreed.

18/238 To receive the Clerk's report.

- (1) Pavilion Users Meeting will be arranged after Easter. Clerk to arrange, Monday's were preferred. **Action:** Clerk

18/239 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC

- (1) Draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework and Consultation Questionnaire. It was agreed to have a small working group to respond on behalf of the Council. The group members will be Cllr. D. Goddard, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. N. Hopkins, Cllr. B. Harlley, Chairman B. Sugg and Vice Chairman M. Shepstone. The meeting was arranged for Tuesday 20th March, 2018 at 9:15am.

18/240 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

- (1) An email had been received regarding the lack of dog waste bins. Cllr. C. Henocq will take the responsibility of locating the bins on a map and look into possible improvements. Clerk to inform Parishioners that dog waste goes to land fill along with other household waste. Clerk to reply that there are already 7 bins within the Parish and this issue is also a project within the NP. **Action:** Cllr. C. Henocq and Clerk.

18/241 To discuss Working Group issues and resolve

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted for the next stage (16) before Easter.
- (2) Traffic – Speed and Signage. No update to report
- (3) The Cemetery Chapel. A specification has been sent out and quotations have been requested by the 3rd April. **Action:** Clerk to email all Councillors a copy of the specification.

18/242 Group Representative Reports

- (1) Village Hall – Cllr. M. Beckerleg – No report to give.
- (2) Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg – No report to give.
- (3) Primary School – Cllr. N. Hopkins – No report to give.

8:25pm Mr C. Seaton joined the meeting

8:30pm C.Cllr. M. Keating joined the meeting.

C.Cllr. M. Keating gave his report and informed Council of the new Facebook Page, East Coker Matters. It will include information from County. **Action:** Clerk to inform Parishioners and ask them to like the page. Vice Chairman M. Shepstone asked if the emergency bus service was going to continue. **Action:** C.Cllr. M. Keating will confirm if it is or isn't to the Clerk. C.Cllr. M. Keating confirmed that the school at Keyford would be built before the houses.

18/243 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve

Action: Clerk to report the following;

- The warning triangle (Tellis Cross on the park side) is broken in half
- Halves Lane pot holes (report again)
- Mill Lane pot holes (report again)
- The road area outside the school has a dip in it
- Exposed drain at Tellis Cross
- Labarum Cottages by Tellis Farm Pot Hole

The Council thanked C.Cllr. M. Keating for having the drain at the Triangle escalated.

All agreed the workman had done a really good job fixing the Tellis Bridge.

18/244 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger

Action: Chairman B. Sugg to discuss the blocked drains at Burtons.

9pm. C. Cllr. M. Keating, D.Cllr. G. Seaton and Mr C. Seaton left the meeting.

The Ranger will finish off painting the fencing shortly. The storage cupboard in the Pavilion should hopefully be sorted over the Easter Break.

18/245 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

- (1) Defibrillator. Cllr. N. Hopkins sought £600, a contribution towards an external defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation. The storage box would be a further £300. It will also need to be installed, no land line required. It was agreed that an open training evening could be held. **Action:** Chairman B. Sugg to give the Clerk the contact details of Dr Summer.

It was noted that the defibrillator would be reconfigured after use. **Resolution:** It was proposed by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. M. Mead to part fund the defibrillator and purchase a storage unit, all totalling a cost of £900. All agreed, motion carried. It was noted that a plaque, in Memory of Cllr. J. New, would be discussed.

(2) Parish Trees – Item to be noted for the next agenda.

(3) Annual Parishioner Meeting – 19th April (Village hall booked from 6pm – 10pm). **Action:** Clerk to email Parishioners and Society Groups an agenda. Item for discussion at the next meeting for distribution of roles and responsibilities. It was agreed to take off the Christmas celebrations off of the agenda and discuss this with parishioners in the informal Q and A. It was agreed by all to use the ECPC post box for suggestion cards.

18/246 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday, 11th April, 7.00pm at the Pavilion

Grant application from East Coker Primary School

Grant application from East Coker Scout Group

Annual Parishioner meeting

Parish Trees

18/247 Finance

The following items of expenditure and those paid under delegated powers were approved by all. Proposed by Cllr. D. Goddard and seconded by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone

Description	Amount	Vat
Income – Already Banked		
- East Coker Cockerels	£2,250.00	
- Cemetery Fees	£ 150.00	
- Pre School	£4763.19	
Bank Balance 6/3/18	£26,891.32	
Outstanding cheques	0	
VAT expected	£690.00	
Incomings yet to be banked	0	
Clerks Expenses /Office Rent	(£ 44.21)	
Clerks Salary February	(£ 641.00)	
K M Dike – February	(£1,138.26)	189.71
Claire's Cleaning Ltd – Jan & Feb	(£ 360.00)	
BT – Internet	(£ 100.19)	18.96
SSDC – Ranger	(£1,683.00)	280.50
Footprint futures	(£1,375.00)	
Bank Balance Carried forward	£22,239.66	

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed: Chairperson B. Sugg

Signed: Clerk, G. Macpherson