

Minutes – 17th July 2018 – 7pm

The meeting opened at 7pm.

18/241 Attendees: Chairperson B. Sugg, Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone, Cllr. M. Beckerleg, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. B. Hartley, Cllr. N. Hopkins, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. M. Mead, and Cllr. S. Snelling, Clerk G. Macpherson. **Public Attendance:** C.Cllr. M. Keating, 1 member of the public. **Apologies:** Cllr. C. Henocq, Cllr. P. Hodge, Cllr. P. Chant, Cllr. D. Goddard

18/242 Declaration received on item 18/254 (5), Cllr. M. Mead.

18/243 The minutes were approved as an accurate and correct record of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June, 2018. Proposed by Cllr. M. Beckerleg and seconded by Cllr. D. Mead, all agreed.

18/244 Public Question Time (*discussed after item 18/245*)

- (1) Members of the Public – A member of the public told the Council that the White Post garage had been sold to BP and the shop, opening sometime in October, will now be a Marks and Spencer.
- (2) County / District Councillors Reports. Reports received and distributed. Council thank C.Cllr. Mark Keating for his informative reports.

18/245 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

a. 18/01611/LBC

Resolution: The Parish Council have no objections and support the application. Proposed by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. N. Hopkins, all agreed.

- b. 15/01000/OUT – Keyford.** A masterplan has been received from Simon Fox, SSDC and distributed. The reply from the Historic England was discussed and their reasons for downgrading the land due to the area being used for playing fields. They are not aware that the plan has since changed. It was agreed by all for Cllr. B. Hartley to draft a letter, for the Clerk to send, to Historic England and Steve Membury (SCC Archaeology) making them aware of the changes. **Action:** Cllr. B.Hartley.

7:20pm C.Cllr. M. Keating joined the meeting.

- c. SSDC - 106 Contributions.** A meeting was been held with Lynda Pinkham, Cllr. B. Hartley, Cllr. D. Goddard, Chairman B. Sugg and Clerk, to discuss the distribution of the monies received from developers. A detailed planning obligation for the East Coker Recreation grounds has been received and distributed. Cllr. B. Hartley felt that a business plan for both football and cricket should be produced to build a picture of need, it should include quotes.

7:25pm a member of the public joined the meeting.

SSDC – Planning Determinations – For your information.

- d.** None received.

18/246 Memorial Approvals

- (1) Memorial Approval Given – Gordon Henry Childs. Proposed by Chairman M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. N. Hopkins, all agreed.
- (2) Memorial Approval Given – William Nigel Charles. Proposed by Cllr. M. Beckerleg and seconded by Cllr. M. Mead, all agreed.

18/247 To receive the Clerk's report

- (1) Broken Grave. It was agreed to ask KM Dike to fill the hole and make safe. **Action:** Clerk.

- (2) Somerset Village of the Year. Clerk had been informed that the best village of each category (small, medium and large) would be decided by a public vote, then the winner of each category will go into the final, which is then decided by the judges.

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/somerset-live-village-of-year-1203976>

As the top 5 in each category (it's assumed that they may not have had many entries) has been decided, it is assumed that the overall village decision will be put to public vote once all villages have been profiled. No clarity could be given by either the Western Gazette or Somerset live. It was agreed by all to leave the 'Vote for East Coker' banner where it is.

It was felt that the video produced should be kept for prosperity. **Action:** Cllr. S. Snelling to give Clerk hard copies. **Action:** Clerk to send to the Taunton archives and the Yeovil Museum.

18/248 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC

- (1) None

18/249 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

- (1) Copy of a letter sent to SCC, regarding Back Lane, has been received, asking for the lane to be made a restricted byway.

18/250 To discuss Working Group issues and resolve

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan. The 'Vote for East Coker' video has been sent to the inspector. SSDC have not heard from the inspector. We are still within the 4-6 week consultation period.
- (2) Traffic – Speed and Signage. Chairman B. Sugg and Cllr. B. Hartley have met with Gary Warren, Highways. They were informed that Mill Close did not need re tarmacking. The fallen wall along Furlong Lane was the responsibility of the owner of the land. He did agree that a bus stop can be installed by the triangle. **Resolution:** It was agreed by all for the bus stop to have 24 hour, 7 days a week parking restrictions. It was agreed to have the length of the bus stop between 18-20 metres, starting from the end of the railings and going away from the school towards the entrance to Cross Cottages. It will be requested that installation is completed before the start of the new academic year. There will be no cost to the Parish Council. **Action:** Clerk to email Gary Warren.
- The Speed Signage consultation with the Police has been completed and they have no issues. Although there are other bodies to consult, the signage is expected to be installed before Christmas 2018.
- (3) The Cemetery Chapel. The scaffolding has been installed. A colour for the doors needs to be agreed. Works were put on a halt last week due to the heat in the ceiling area.
- (4) The Pavilion Modernisation. A working group has been created; Cllrs. M. Mead, D. Mead, B. Hartley, M. Beckerleg, Chairman B. Sugg. Cricket and Football groups to be invited to the first meeting.

18/251 Group Representative Reports

- (1) Village Hall – Cllr. M. Beckerleg – No report to give
- (2) Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg – A large electric bill has been received. One house will be available when it has been refurbished. The rent is increasing.
- (3) Primary School – Cllr. N. Hopkins – No report to give

18/252 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve

Gully Stones at the Paddock to be reported to Highways. **Action:** Clerk

Pot Holes to be reported; A pot hole at the entrance to Y/953 on the High Street. A very evident, deep, pot hole coming from Cullivers Grave just before Burton. **Action:** Clerk

The drain outside the primary school is blocked. **Action:** Clerk to report.

18/253 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger

A fly tip has been reported at the Sub Station, Halves Lane.

The hedging from the Millennium stone to the Chapel Cemetery needs trimming.

The primary school undergrowth is blocking the path, **Action:** Clerk to write to the School asking for the groundsman to trim.

18/254 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

- (1) Entrance Welcome Stones. A quote has been received for Hamstone, £700-£800 each, this does not include installation. Council were asked to think about locations and the item will be brought forward for the next agenda. It was suggested that a Parishioner competition could be held to design the stones. Speed Signage should take priority. **Action:** Clerk to write to the East Coker Society asking if they could contribute to the cost of the stones.
- (2) Trees – **Resolution:** It was agreed by all to accept the AJ Stewarts quotation of £390, plus VAT to remove the tree, outside the Scout Hut, and remove the stump.

Member of the public left the meeting.

- (3) Pavilion – This item to be brought forward to next month.
- Toilet Roll Holder Installation. **Action:** Vice Chairman M. Shepstone to install.
- (4) Grant application – East Coker Primary School. It was proposed by Cllr. B. Hartley and seconded by Cllr. N. Hopkins to give the full £500 grant, all agreed.
- (5) Resolution was sought to exclude the public (*Non Parish Council Members*) and press for 18/254 item 5. All agreed.

8:45pm Cllr. J. Bennett joined the meeting.

It was requested to have a note in the minutes by Cllr. D. Mead regarding the recent sheep attack, which resulted in the death of 2 sheep, at Holywell. Can Parishioners please keep dogs under control, thank you.

18/256 Finance

Approval was given to pay the following items of expenditure and those paid under delegated powers. Proposed by Cllr. D. Mead and seconded by Cllr. M. Mead all agreed. Cllr. M. Mead asked if all incomings are up-to-date. **Action:** Clerk to include incomings on the future agendas.

Description	Amount	Vat
Bank Balance	£60,283.72	
Outstanding cheques	0	
Clerks Expenses /Office Rent	(£ 36.16)	
Clerks Salary June	(£ 615.15)	
K M Dike – June	(£ 958.26)	£159.71
Claire's Cleaning - June	(£ 180.00)	
Somerset Village of the Year Expense		
- John Snelling (Studio Elite)	(£ 20.00)	
Verge Cutting – J Excavating	(£ 780.00)	£130.00
Councillor Allowance (x4 @£260)	(£1,040.00)	
Trees – ARB Tree and Garden Services	(£ 210.00)	
Defib Store Ltd (Case)	(£ 514.80)	£ 85.80
Mr M Hodge – Village of Year Video Music/Licence	(£ 45.39)	\$ 9.80 (£7.43)
Pavilion Provisions – Chairman B. Sugg	(£ 10.00)	
Total Carried Forward	£55,873.96	
Cheques still to bank	£566.50	
Stamps – Clerk	£ 6.96	

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed: Chairperson B. Sugg

Signed: Clerk, G. Macpherson