

12th February 2020

7pm Meeting opened.

Attendees: Chairperson B Sugg, Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone, Cllr. M. Beckerleg, Cllr J Bennet, Cllr R Comstive, Cllr D Mead, Cllr P Chant, Cllr T Wilkins, Cllr P Hodge, Clerk J. Heggarty. Public Attendance: D Cllr N Clarke & 8 Members of the public, Apologies: Cllr S Snelling, Cllr N Hopkins, reasons for non-attendance have been noted.

19/612 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda. None

19/613 The minutes from the meeting held 8th January 2020 and Extraordinary meeting held on the 22nd January were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. **Proposed:** Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr M Beckerleg.

19/614 PCSO. PCSO attend meeting, she advises that our regular PCSO was on detached duty and she would be standing in for 6 to 8 weeks. She asked if there were any issues.

Cllr Sugg advised of concerns about drink driving, as the Village Ranger has been collecting 8 empty bottles of vodka every month from different locations on Halves Lane for the past few months.

She also advised that the Village sign post which sits on Halves Lane, close to the junction of Mill Lane had been stolen.

Cllr Mead asked if SSDC and the Police were working together, as he had seen a small van with Police written on the back, but SSDC written on the side. The PCSO was not aware of anything but would look into it.

PCSO advised that there had been a burglary in the village but the perpetrators had been caught the following day when they returned.

7.15pm PCSO left meeting.

19/615 Planning

a **20/00151/OUT Location:** The Oaks, 141 West Coker Road, BA20 2HH. **Application:** Outline for the construction of a single storey dwelling with detached garage and private access.

Cllr Sugg advised that she, Cllr Mead, Cllr Shepstone, and Cllr Wilkins had conducted a site visit on the 7th February. She said that they were all concerned about the access to the site, the topographical features which would be highly likely to produce a huge amount of runoff water most probably flooding into Nash Lane.

There are also some very large well-established trees, which roots would be damaged if this development went ahead. **Proposal:** ECPC strongly object to this application due to concerns of flooding property's in Nash Lane, damage being done to mature trees one of which is subject to a TPO, poor access on to West Coker Road and this application is in conflict with NP. **Proposed:** Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr Beckerleg. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email objections to planning.

7.30 Cllr Comstive arrived and 4 members of the public left meeting

b **20/00078/HOU Location:** Helena Road, East Coker, Yeovil, BA20 2HQ **Application:** Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a two storey rear extension, together with a single storey side extension.

Cllr Sugg advised that she, Cllr Shepstone, Cllr Mead and Cllr Wilkins carried out a site visit on the 7th February. They advised that the application was in keeping with what has been done at other properties and said it would improve the property. **Proposal:** ECPC have no objection, and support this application.

Proposed: Cllr D Mead **Seconded:** Cllr M Shepstone A vote was taken and all agreed.

7.35 2 members of the public leave meeting

c 15/01000/OUT Location: Keyford

Cllr Bennett proposed that a letter would be written to SSDC, jointly from East Coker and Barwick and Stoford Parish Council asking for extra investment to be put into in the proposed road design and also seek clarification for about 106 payments. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Cllr Bennett arrange a meeting with Barwick & Stoford to produce a letter and forward to SSDC.

d 18/ 01536/OUT Location: Land at Tellis Cross. Discussion was had and it was proposed that we write to Marcus Fysh to seek his views on the lack of notice which was taken to the East Coker NP. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to write to Marcus Fysh

8.35 Cllr Bennett and D Cllr left meeting

19/616 Memorial Approvals: Approval for a memorial for the late Hilda Stradling was approved. **Action:** Clerk to email stone mason to advise.

19/617 Leisure and Tourism: None

19/618 To receive the Clerk's report:

1. Clerk advised that the cast iron village sign which stood just past the Mill Lane junction on Halves lane had been stolen in mid-January. She advised it had been reported to the police. Cllr Sugg said that there used to be a spare sign in Village Hall. **Action:** Cllr Shepstone to speak to the Village Hall Committee to see if it was still there, so it can be re-instated.

2. Clerk requested that all councilors email a photo of themselves to her so they can be updated on the web site.

3. Roles and responsibilities have been decided **Action** Clerk to draw up information sheet.

19/619 To received correspondence from the SSDC / SCC None

19/620 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence.

1. Clerk advised that she had received a call from a concern parishioner about two gateways being made close to the Green Lane Crossroads. Cllr D Mead advised that historically both these gateways had always been there, but had be allowed to overgrow. **Action:** Clerk to update to Parishioner

2. An email was received from Time to Share. requesting that the summer party pavilion hire fee was waived due to their funds being very low. Cllr Shepstone advised that the group was hugely beneficial to the community and they were all local people which attended this function, and proposed that the fee was waived. **Proposed:** Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr P Hodge. A vote was taken and all agreed.

3. Clerk received and email asking if the styles along the Monarchs Way between Tellis Cross and Paviotts Mill were going to be fixed, and could all the wood chip which has been produced near Tellis Cross be used in sodden gateways. She advised that she had spoken to SSDC and they are going to install some kissing gates and replace some styles as soon as weather dries up a bit. Cllr D Mead said that the wood chip in question sits on private land so the PC would not use this for filling sodden gateways. **Action:** Clerk to respond to Parishioner

4. Clerk advised she had received an email requesting the PC's nomination for the 2020 chairman's award. Cllr Sugg proposed that they nominated Keita from the Village Café for all her hard work and the huge amount of time and effort she puts in organizing different event for the village. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to fill in form and email to relevant person.

19/621 Discuss Working Groups

1. The Pavilion Modernisation: Cllr P Chant advised that a very successful meeting had taken place and thanked Cllr Hodge for drawing up the "statement of required works for quotation". Clerk advised that this had been emailed to 3 different contractors and we are waiting for their responses.

2. Chapel: Cllr N Hopkins was unable to attend this meeting but Cllr Sugg advise that the East Coker Society were holding an expedition of local memorabilia and photos on the 29th February and said that she thought it would be a good idea to have a table there to advise people of our intentions and see if we had any

volunteers to help with the project. She also suggested that the Pavilion Modernisation was exhibited as well. A vote was taken and all agreed.

3. Future Finance: Clerk advised that She, Cllr Hodge and Cllr Beckerleg attended a Xero training course which was very informative. She advised that since then she had been updating all the financial information going back to April 2019 and had now completed this. The working group will meet on the 25th February to go through all the updated information. Clerk also advised that she had applied for a new projects bank account. Clerk asked permission from Councilors to authorise a debit card for her and Cllr Sugg so any PC purchases could be paid on that, rather than from personal funds. A vote was taken and all agreed.

19/622 Matters for Discussion and Resolution

1. Tree and Meadow Planting: Cllr Sugg advised that she had been contacted by a member of ECAG to advise that they had had a meeting and the group were investigating tree planting in Gypsy Field at Pincushion Corner. They hope that possibly the PC may get involved at some stage in the future but at the moment their investigations continue and they will keep us informed. Clerk also advised that if any land becomes available for wild meadow planting SSDC would let the PC have some seed.

2. VE day celebrations were discussed, but it was decided that the PC would not organize anything as there was a large VE day event planned at Yeovil Showground.

19/623 Group Representative Reports

Village Hall – Cllr M Shepstone None

Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg advised that a branch from one of the large trees which stands outside the Alms houses had blown down, but had now been cleared. There had been some damage to the Alms Houses but this will be dealt with by insurance.

Primary School – Cllr. R Comstive None

19/624 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve. Cllr Sugg and Cllr Mead advised that they had a successful meeting with SSDC about the blocked drains in the village. They took the inspector around to show him all the problematic drains and were told that they would be jetted however this would not be done immediately due to workload and lack of funds.

19/625 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger. Cllr Wilkins said that there was a very badly blocked drain in Chantry View. Clerk advised that she should report it using the app “fix my Street”. Cllr Sugg will also have the ranger look at it to see if she can clear it.

19/626 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

Resolution sought to exclude the public (Non-Parish Council Members)

19/627 Agenda items for the next meeting, Assets of Community Value.

19/628 Finance

Description	Amount	
Previous Balance	£63,027.30	
Outgoings -	£6,107.87	
Additional payment in January D B Tree & landscaping (cheq # 3485)	£1,340.00 (inc in above figure)	
Incomings		
+ East Coker Pre School	£463.19	
+ East Coker Pre School Back Payment	£16.92	
+ Cemetery	£107.90	
+ Football Pitch Hire (Annual)	£2,590.28	
+ HMRC	£950.99	
Total	£4,129.28	
Current Bank Balance As of 31 st January 2020	£61,048.71	
		VAT
Claire Cleaning Services, Cheq #3489	£180.00	
K M Dike Cheq #3488	£922.26 + £51.00	£162.21
CPRE Membership Cheq # 3492	£36.00	
CCM Electrics (xmas light removal) Cheq # 3493	£168.00	£28.00

SSDC (ranger) Cheq # 3491	£1836.00	£306.00
G A Hellier & Son Cheq# 3487	£180.00	£30.00
SALC (Councillor Training) Cheq # 3495	£50.00	
Dag Design (web site maintenance and annual fee) Cheq #3496	£250.00	
Clerk Office Rent Cheq # 3494	£25.00	
Clerk Phone Line Cheq # 3494	£25.00	
Clerk 50 hours Cheq # 3494	£677.50	
Clerk Expenses (stationary etc) Cheq # 3494	£30.32	£5.06
Ex Gratia Payment	£800.00	
TOTAL	£5,231.08	
 Balance Carried Forward	 £55,817.63	
Meeting closed 10pm		

Signed Cllr B Sugg (Chair) _____

Signed J Heggarty (Clerk) _____