

11th March 2020

7pm Meeting opened.

Attendees: Chairperson B Sugg, Vice Chairperson M. Shepstone, Cllr. M. Beckerleg, Cllr D Mead, Cllr P Chant, Cllr T Wilkins, Clerk J. Heggarty. Public Attendance: D Cllr N Clarke, C Cllr M Keating, D Cllr G Seaton and 5 Members of the public, Apologies: Cllr S Snelling, Cllr J Bennett and Cllr R Comstive reasons for non-attendance have been noted.

19/633 To receive any declarations of interest on items in this agenda. None

19/634 The minutes from the meeting held 12th February 2020 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. **Proposed:** Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr D Mead

19/635 Public Questions Time. Applicant for 20/00434 advised that a tree survey had been completed. Clerk advised this had been circulated with all Cllr prior to the meeting.

19/636 County and District Reports: D Cllr N Clarke, D Cllr G Seaton and C, Cllr M Keating all forwarded their reports prior to the meeting which were then circulated to Cllr.

Cllr Sugg asked D Cllr Clarke about the Pride of Somerset Young Persons award. Cllr Clarke advised that nominations were still open. Cllr Sugg then asked all Councilors if they could think of anyone who could be put forward for this award. Unfortunately, they could not. **Action:** Clerk to email East Coker Scout Group and ask if they have anyone, they wish to put forward.

19/637 PCSO.

19/638 Matters for Discussion and Resolution

Cllr Sugg advised that sadly the Village Café was not able to host the Annual Christmas Eve Carols this year due to other commitments. This will be discussed further at the April meeting, Cllr Sugg asked Clerk include this in the Society newsletter. **Action:** Clerk will include this in newsletter and ask for any suggestions or volunteers to host this event.

19/639 Planning

a **20/00151/OUT Location:** Land Adjacent to 141 West Coker Road, BA20 2HH **Application:** Outline planning for the construction of a single storey dwelling with detached garage and private access. (Additional information received since last meeting re access).

Access report was received and discussed. **Proposal:** Parish Councils still objects to this application. The risk of runoff water from the site would undoubtedly cause flooding into Nash Lane and the probable damage to the health of the mature trees at this location remain the same as they previously did. This application also does not fit with the East Coker Neighborhood Plan.

Proposed: Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr M Beckerleg. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email Planning

b **19/03405/FUL Location:** Land to the ear of Furrzey Napp, 139 West Coker Road, BA20 2HN **Application:** Erection of one detached residential dwelling with parking (Amended Plans). This application was discussed, and the PC noted that the roof height had been reduced, however their concerns remain the same as before. **Proposal:** The Parish Council still object to the application due to restricted access to the site via a narrow lane, increased traffic flow on to Nash Lane, back filling within a rural settlement as defined in the SSDC Local Plan and it does not fit with the East Coker Neighbourhood Plan. **Proposed:** Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr T Wilkins. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email Planning.

b **15/01000/OUT Keyford** Cllr Sugg advised that Cllr Bennett emailed her to advise that the joint letter from ECPC and Barwick and Stoford was still be written.

d **18/ 01536/OUT Location:** Land at Tellis Cross. Clerk reported that as yet, there had been no response to the email or letter which was sent to Marcus Fysh regarding this application being past under delegated powers. Cllr Sugg advised that herself Cllr Wilkins and Clerk had a very good meeting with SSDC on the 10th March to discuss the future of the play area. SSDC requested confirmation that ECPC would take on the lease and upkeep of the area as this is something that they would not do when the current lease expires in October 2021. Clerk asked for the terms of the new lease, but was told at this time they are unclear. SSDC will seek clarification on this and come back to her. SSDC Said they will help us in any way they can. They also agreed that the play equipment would be upgraded to an acceptable standard before ECPC accept the

lease. They also suggested a consultation of local people to get their ideas, this can be organized once the details of the new lease are clear. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email SSDC, to advise that in principle ECPC would be willing to take on new lease but lease information must be submitted to the Parish Council as soon as possible before a final decision is made.

e **20/03405 Location:** The Oaks, 141 West Coker Road, BA20 2HH. Application: The erection of a detached garage (retrospective) amended plans. Councillors discussed this application and recognized that the applicant had submitted a tree report. **Proposal:** ECPC are mindful of SSDC previous decision and will support SSDC in any decision that they make.

Proposed: Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr D Mead. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email planning. 7.22 4 members of the public left.

19/640 Memorial Approvals: Clerk requested permission to be granted, for an additional inscription on an existing head stone to remember Mr A Chatwin. **Proposed:** Cllr M Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr M Beckerleg All Agreed.

19/641

a Leisure and Tourism: Clerk to locate tourism leaflets and holder for the Red House.

b An email was received from Cllr Snelling advising that she was moving forward with plans for the community lunch which is being held on the 13th June at the Village Café. A Wellbeing grant has been received for £250.00 and she has requested that the PC earmark a further £250.00 to go towards lunches. **Proposed:** Cllr M Beckerleg **Seconded:** Cllr P Chant. All Agreed. D Cllr N Clarke left meeting.

19/642 To receive the Clerk's report:

1. Application 19/03142/OUT 19 Helena Road has been refused.

2. Application 19/02833/FUL Land adjoining Kingspring Lane has been Permitted.

3. Clerk report that Village ranger price was going up to £18.50 in April 20 and then rising to £21.50 in April 21. Cllr Shepstone advised that he thought this was reasonable considering you get a fully insured and trained individual with all equipment; transport and they also remove and dispose of all waste collected. For this reason, it was thought that the increase was fair, but we would monitor any future rises.

Holder

7.38pm D Cllr G Seaton the Left

7.39 One member of the public arrived

19/643 Matters for Discussion and Resolution.

1. Co-Option of new Councilor: Mr Huxley Cowen had sent a letter of interest prior to the meeting, which had been circulated to all Councilors. He spoke briefly about his life in the village and his experience and was then requested to leave the room whilst a vote was taken. All Councilors voted in favor. He was invited back into the meeting, and welcomed on to the Parish Council. He completed all the relevant paperwork which the clerk will forward to the relevant person at SSDC. Welcome Councillor Cowen

19/644 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC None

Clerk Advised that she had received an email from SSDC, advising that a group called "Keep the Foresters Arms Open" had submitted an application to list the Foresters as an Asset Of Community Value. **Action:** Clerk to report back to PC when she hears outcome.

19/645 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence.

a Cllr Sugg advised that she had received a call from a resident, about serious flooding on the lane outside Nash Priory. She visited the site and found that a lot of mud had been washed out of the field due to the volume of rain we have had. It had blocked gone into the ditch and clogged it up, and subsequently flooded the road and into the adjacent garden. Cllr Sugg met a contractor on site who has quoted £500. to clear all soil and debris from the ditch so water flows freely. All Agreed.

8.15pm C Cllr M Keating arrived.

b His report had been received prior to the meeting and circulated. We spoke to him about the blocked drains between King Spring lane and Burton Lane and also the large amount of soil and gravel which has been washed down Lodge Hill and at the End of Burton Lane in the recent storms. He advised that we should email SSC to organize for a road sweeper to come through and contact Highways again about blocked drains and copy him in. Action: Clerk to email relevant departments.

c. Clerk said that an email had been received from Time To Share asking if it would be possible to waive this years charge for the hire of the pavilion, for their summer party as their funds are very low. Cllr Shepstone said that it was all local residence and proposed that the hire fee was waived in full. A vote was taken and all agreed.

19/646 Discuss Working Groups

1. The Pavilion Modernisation: Cllr P Chant advised that they were waiting on one last quote to be sent in. For this reason, there is nothing more to report until the April meeting.

2. The Chapel: Cllr Sugg advised that the East Coker Society Archive exhibition, which was held at the Village Hall on the 29th February was a great success. We have now got a list of people who will be willing to help with this project. Sadley, Cllr Hopkins who heads up the steering group, has had to take 6 months away from the Parish Council so a new head of the steering group will need to be appointed. This will be discussed at the April meeting. **Action:** Clerk will email and call all volunteers to thank them and to let them know future plans.

3. Future Finance: Clerk and Cllr M Beckleg advised that they had a very good working group meeting with Cllr Hodge in February, and that they will be attending another Xero training session on the 25th March to do some fine tuning of the system.

19/647 Group Representative Reports

Village Hall – Cllr M Shepstone reported that a new treasurer was appointed and is Mr John Morley, a review of letting charges agreed that for 1st April the hourly charge would uplift by 50p per hour for regular users other's by £1 per hour. Cleaners hourly rate would be uplifted in line with pay rates for the area. Financial report shows that both revenue and capital accounts are in order. Major work required on roof; quotes are being obtained. Return of village sign, deferment to Aprils agm meeting.

Alms Houses – Cllr B Sugg- No Report next meeting is in April.

Primary School – Cllr. R Comstive None

19/648 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve. Gravel and mud at bottom of lodge hill and Burton Lane. Please See 19/645b. Cllr Shepstone advised of a spring which had come up outside the Alms houses. Large pot hole on Yeovil Road in the layby. **Action:** Clerk to email highways.

19/649 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger. Brambles on the lane by North Coker Lodge. Action: Cllr Sugg to instruct Ranger.

19/650 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

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

19/651 Agenda items for the next meeting, Christmas Eve 2020 . Moneys for Projects. Young Persons award.

19/652 Finance

To approve the following items of expenditure and those paid under delegated powers.

Description	Amount	
Previous Balance	£61,048.71	
Outgoings -	£5,145.08	
Incomings		
+ East Coker Pre School	£471.65	
+ East Coker Electricity Payment	£365.69	
+ Cemetery	£549.15	
Total	£1,386.49	
Cheques Not Yet cashed From Feb	£86.00	
Current Bank Balance As of 29 th February 2020	£57,290.12	
		VAT
G A Helliard Cheq # 3501	£60.00	£10.00
Claire Cleaning Services, Cheq # 3498	£180.00	
CCM Electricals	£456.00	£76.00
K M Dike Cheq #3497	£922.26	£153.71
Clerk Office Rent Cheq # 3499	£25.00	
Clerk Phone Line Cheq # 3499	£25.00	
Clerk 50 hours Cheq # 3499	£677.50	
Clerk Expenses (stationary etc) Cheq # 3499	£50.36	£6.13
TOTAL	£2,396.12	
Balance Carried Forward	£54,894.00	

Please note above finances are subject to change due to invoice arrival times.

Signed Cllr B Sugg (Chair) _____

Signed J Heggarty (Clerk) _____