



EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

13th January 2021 Minutes

21/001 To receive any apologies and reasons for non-attendance. D Cllr N Clark

21/002 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda. Cllr S Bridgford Whittick on agenda item 21/009.1

21/003 Receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council, meeting which was held on the 9th December 2020. All Agreed

21/004 Public Question Time (1) Members of the Public. 1

(2) County / District Councillors short presentation on One Somerset. Cllr Seaton delivered her report. (3) PCSO

21/005 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

A. 15/01000/OUT Location: Keyford: Cllr Bennett advised that he had no further update at the moment.

B. 20/00151/OUT Location: Land Adjacent to 141 West Coker Road, BA20 2HH. Application: Appeal: Construction of a single storey detached dwelling with garage and private access. Discussion was had and it was proposed by Cllr Bennett that there had been no change to the previous appeal and that ECPC view remains the same and their objection still stands and given that SSDC now have the necessary land supply it is felt that this just strengthens the case for ECPC continuing to oppose this application. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action** Clerk to email planning.

21/006 Matters for discussion and resolution:

1. Paddock path. Nothing to report at present.

2. Village Sign Cllr Hodge will chase the "Village Hall Society" to ascertain their thoughts on the ECPC proposal to provide a replacement village sign for the Village Hall.

3. Scout hut guttering. Design On Iron submitted a quote of £920 to fix the broken guttering, make and instal gutter cages on the scout hut to protect it from being damaged by stray balls. A vote was taken and all agreed that this was a fair price. **Action:** Clerk to instruct Design On Iron to proceed and update the Scout leader.

4. Facility Fees (Football Club) Cllr Hodge advised that the football club fees were due. Cllr Hodge proposed that as they have not been able to use the facilities for a large part of the 20/21 season due to COVID-19, any charge should be waived. Season 2021/2022 will be charged as normal. Proposed Cllr Hodge Seconded: Cllr Snelling. A vote was taken and all agreed. Action: Clerk to contact football club to advise. Facility Fees (Pre School) Chairman advised that the pre-school was still open at present, but they had very few children due to COVID-19. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge that fees would be waived for February and March. Proposed Cllr Hodge Seconded: Cllr Snelling A vote was taken 12 in favour and 1 against. Motion carried. Action: Clerk to update Pre School. 5. Roles and Responsibilities: These were discussed and the updated list will be distributed on an email to all Councillors and updated on the web site where needed. **Action:** Clerk to update list and email to Cllr's.

21/007 To receive the Clerk's report Clerk reminded Councillors of next week's Precept meeting which will be held at 7pm on the 20th January. Councillor Hodge advises a budget sheet would be sent round prior to the meeting and hopefully this would enable the meeting to run quickly and smoothly. Action: Clerk to email budget sheet to all councillors.

21/008 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC: None

21/009 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

1. Complaint letter received regarding the erection of a farm building at Key Farm House. Cllr Mead advised that it had been there for at least 3 years. The letter had been sent to SSDC as well. Action: As this letter was sent anonymously no further action will be taken by the PC.

2. A thank you email about the Coker Corona was circulated prior to the meeting and Chairperson Sugg thanked Sandra Snelling and John Snelling for their continued hard work and dedication to producing this newsletter.

3. Clerk advise that she had received an email about people parking at the preschool, at the weekend and walking from there. The author suggested that gates should be locked to discourage people coming to the village. Cllr Sugg advised that there were some people that lived at different ends of the village who would drive there and walk, and proposed that the gates be left open at all times. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email author of email to update.

4. Cllr Snelling suggested that to raise people's spirits, we run a love poem competition for the lead up to Valentine's Day. The East Coker Poetry Group would judge and there would be a prize for best adult and best child's poems. Prizes would be a bottle of champagne for adults and book voucher for children. Budget for this £50.00. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Cllr Snelling to continue with preparations.

5. Cllr Snelling thought it may be beneficial to get the Covid 19 zone help list back up and running due to current circumstances. Cllr Hodge advised that she is happy to do the prescription collections. Cllr Shepstone said he thought that most people in the village had got shopping etc all organised. It was decided that rather than reintroduce the zones, all councillors would help if needed. **Action:** Cllr Snelling to write in the Corona that if anyone is in need of help that she or the clerk could be contacted.

21/010 Discuss Working Groups

1. The Pavilion Modernisation: Cllr Chant advised that the working group were still in the gathering information stage. Cllr Hodge had requested plans for Alan Young but had not yet received them. Action: Cllr Hodge to contact Alan Young's office for plans.

2. Future Finance: Clerk advised, budget spread sheet to be sent out prior to 20th January meeting. **21/011 Group Representative Reports**

Village Hall – Cllr M Chepstow. Nothing to report

Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg . Nothing to report

Primary School – Cllr. R Comstive. Nothing to report

21/012 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve.

1. Cllr Sugg advised that the Burton drain had blocked up again, but herself and Cllr Mead had been down to rod it again and it was now running well. The blockage seemed to be from old concrete which the Clerk has reported to Somerset Highway.

2. Clerk advise that she had received a complaint about a large amount of mud on Green lane and the Cross Roads. This has now been past to Highways.

21/013 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger.

1. Cllr Sugg advised that the ranger had spent a long time clearing the ditch half way up Lodge Hill as water was overflowing and running down the road. This was making it very slippery when the weather was cold. Cllr Mead advised that he had a grit bin and this could be put somewhere close by. Cllr Comstive said that he would be happy to meet Karen to decide a good place to instal the bin. 2. Clerk advise that when there is a cold snap the pavement and road on Longfurlong Lane, between Barley Mead and Broadacres was exceptionally icy and slippery. Cllr Sugg asked Clerk to investigate grit bin costs.

21/015 To discuss and resolve the following topics; Resolution sought to exclude the public (Non Parish Council Members)

3. Agenda items for Wednesday 10th February

21/016 Finance To approve the following items of expenditure and those paid under delegated powers..

Description	Amount Inc VAT
Previous Balance	£65,144.11
Funds as of 31st December 2020	£63,075.73
Monies in December 2020	
Pre School Rent	£471.65
Pre School Electricity Contribution	£144.75
Total	£616.40

Paid Out in December 2020

CLlr Cowen (Christmas Lights)	£40.99	
Dag Design	£280.00	
Claire's Cleaning	£125.00	
K M Dike Ground Maintenance	£1073.46	£153.71
Clerk Sept Wage/back pay/ office & broadband/ stationary	£1,073.42	
Slade Parry (paddock path)	£180.00	£30.00
PAYE	£9.36	
SSDC (Premises License)	£70.00	
TOTAL	£2,852.23	

January invoices

J A Stewart tree Surgery (tree in Paddock)	£300.00	
Claire's Cleaning	£75.00	
K M Dike Ground Maintenance	922.26	
Clerk Wage, office & broadband, Amazon Vouchers	£843.37	
Clerk Reimbursement (Trees, Lights, Batteries)	£178.92	
S & D Services (village drains)	£2,500.00	£416.67
PKF Little John (audit)	£360.00	£60.00
CPRE (annual membership)	£36.00	
S Snelling (Christams expenses)	£140.78	
Dag Design (Yearly Uploads)	£150.00	
Total	£5,506.33	

Balance Carried Forward **£57,569.40**

Projects Account Balance £29,910.00

Meeting concluded at 20.58
voices.