

## East Coker Parish Council 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Minutes

**Attendees:** Vice Chair L Mills, Cllr H Cowan, Cllr P Hodge, Cllr R Comstive, Cllr B Sugg, Cllr S Wintersgill, Cllr M Beckerleg, Cllr D Mead, Clerk J. Heggarty. Public Attendance: C Cllr Keating, D Cllr Seaton, D Cllr Clark and 1 members of the public. Meeting commenced at 7.00pm at East Coker Pavilion

Chairman Bridgford Whittick was not present so Vice Chair Laura Mills Chaired the meeting.

7.02 Cllr Sugg arrived

**21/001** To receive any apologies and reasons for non-attendance. Cllr S Snelling, Cllr Warwick-Mortimer, Cllr J Bennett, Chairman Bridgford Whittick.

**21/002** Declaration of interest was received from Cllr Cowan on agenda item 21/005/B

**21/003** Minutes were approved from meeting which was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021. **Proposed** Cllr Hodge **Seconded:** Cllr Sugg. All Agreed

### **21/004 Public Question Time**

- (1) Members of the Public made no comments
- (2) County / District Councillors D Cllr Seaton advised that she has been following up complaints that the telephone is not been answered by SSDC but had escalated this to the head of customer services. D Cllr Clark advised that both she and Cllr Seaton had been working hard to keep residents up to date with what is happening with Somerset waste partnership and encouraged all residents to register missed deliveries. There are regular updates on [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)
- (3) C Cllr Advised that the re surfacing of the A30 West Coker is due to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> August and should take a maximum of 3 days. Cllr D Mead advised him that he had removed a large amount of concrete from a drain which had been replaced by a County Contractor last year. D Cllr Keating will investigate this further. Cllr Mead also advised that he was behind the gully truck in the week and they were emptying one drain then missing two. Rather than doing them all. D Cllr Keating will also investigate this.
- (4) PCSO was not present

19.10 Cllr Comstive arrived.

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

A **15/01000/OUT Location:** Keyford Nothing to report.

Cllr Cowan stood down on this item.

B **21/02077/FUL Location:** Land at Lyneham Bungalow, Coker Court. **Application:** Demolition of a section of stone wall, formation of a new vehicular access and erection of a new stone wall.

**Retrospective.** This application was discussed. Cllr Hodge advised that this wall lies in the conservation area and should never have been removed without the relevant permissions. She also said there was no need for a new driveway as there was existing access. Cllr Sugg said that she visited the site when they were removing the wall and the owner said that he would "just apply for retrospective planning". Clerk advised that an enforcement order was logged with SSDC in November 2020. Cllr Comstive said that the new access drive is very steep and therefore difficult to use by vehicles. **Proposal:** East Coker Parish Council strongly object to this application for the above reasons. **Proposed:** Cllr Hodge **Seconded:** Cllr Comstive **A vote was taken:** All Agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email planning.

Cllr Cowan re-joined the meeting

C **21/01802 /FUL Location:** Erection of a slurry lagoon at Redlands Farm, Redlands Lane. Cllr Mead advised that the reason that a slurry lagoon was needed, was that the dairy cow herd had increased in size. Cllrs felt that expansion of local businesses should be supported and there was less chance of any pollution getting into the river Odd if a lagoon was installed. **Proposal:** ECPC wish to support local businesses and support this application. **Proposed:** Cllr Sugg **Seconded:** Cllr Mead A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email planning.

D **21/02247/HOU Location:** 53 Sandhurst Rd, **Application:** Proposed 2 storey extension with balcony at rear. Cllr Comstive said that there is no issue with overlooking and although this is a sizable extension the plot ratio is acceptable.

**Proposal:** It was proposed that providing the applicant adheres to ECPC Environmental policy re installation of electric car charging points, that ECPC are happy to support this application. **Proposed:** Cllr D Mead **Seconded:** Cllr Wintersgill . A vote was taken and All Agreed **Action:** Clerk to email planning.

E **21/02343/HOU Location:** 17 Wraxhill Rd, **Application:** Proposed rear house extension and garage extension. This application was discussed and it was felt by Cllrs that it was in keeping with the other extensions in Wraxhill Road and there for they have no objections. **Proposal:** ECPC is happy to support this application. **Proposed:** Cllr Mills **Seconded:** Cllr Sugg. A vote was taken and All Agreed **Action:** Clerk to email planning.

19.49: C C Keating left meeting

**21/006** Memorial approvals requested to remember Mr R Smith and also Mrs A Miller where both approved. A vote was taken and all agreed.

A discussion was had about a memorial to remember the late Mrs Davidge was had. Cllr Sugg advised that in the Cemetery Policy it said that curb stones were not allowed. Cllrs however were happy to approve the memorial. **Proposal:** Approve memorial stone but not allow curb stones. A vote was taken although. A vote was taken 7 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion Carried. **Action:** Clerk to advise Stone Mason.

19.53 Cllr Clark left meeting

#### **21/007 Matters for discussion and resolution:**

1. Blossom Together Tree Planting 2021 is an initiative to get community's planting blossom trees to remember the hardships of the past 18 months, inflicted by Covid 19. This was discussed. Cllr felt that there was not a suitable location owned by them in the village. Cllr Wintersgill suggested the field at Pin Cushion Corner which is entrusted to East Coker Action Group **Proposal:** Cllr Wintersgill bring this item up at the next Action Group meeting to see if ECPC can enter into a collaboration with them. **Proposed:** Cllr Wintersgill **Seconded:** Cllr Sugg. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Cllr Wintersgill to attend next Action Group meeting.

#### **21/008 To receive the Clerk's report**

#### **21/009 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC**

20.01 D Cllr Seaton and Member of the public left

1. Letter from Marcus Fysh to Economic and Community Infrastructure SCC asking for the matter of footpath Y9/35 to be referred to the Secretary of State was copied to Clerk.
2. Letter Received from SCC regarding upgrade of footpath Y9/46 to bridleway asking for any comments by the 19<sup>th</sup> August. All Cllr felt that this application should be objected to as the path was labelled as a footpath within the East Coker Neighbourhood Plan. Formally adopted by SSDC in 2018. There are concerns regarding the widening of the path. Clearly there will be ownership issues with neighbouring landowners, but the widening of the path will have a huge impact on wildlife habitat with the need to grub up very low hanging hedges and excavate banks. They also have concerns over safety. These paths are heavily used by pedestrians, a lot of which are children and even if the path was widened there would be little space to pass safely. **Action:** Clerk to email to SCC the above comments.
3. Somerset Bus services Improvement Plan. It was decided that ECPC support the improvement plan and the information would be uploaded onto the ECPC Web Site.
4. Tellis Cross. Clerk advised that she had sent 2 emails chasing up information on the lease but to date has had no update.

#### **21/010 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence**

1. Clerk received a call from a parishioner requesting that the farmer put fencing up along the river bank which runs beside Hymerfod house (footpath Y9/30) as the gradient of the bank is very steep and her dog went into the river and found it almost impossible to get out. Cllr Sugg and Cllr Mead advised that dogs should be under control and not be allowed in the river. There will be no further action.

#### **21/011 Discuss Working Groups**

1. The Pavilion Modernisation Cllr Hodge advised there will be a meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Clerk was requested to contact the Cricket Club who may be interested in renting pitch's next season.
2. Future Finance Cllr Hodge, Cllr Beckerleg and Clerk to arrange a Zoom Meeting.
3. Wellbeing (Walk To Discover) Cllr Snelling had produced a proposal for a Family Village Walk followed by a cream tea at the Village Hall where photos and stills would be shown of the past 18 months events which have been held in the village. Cllr Wintersgill presented this. She requested a budget of £725.00 however Cllr Hodge advised that there was not that amount to spend in the Well Being budget and suggested that Cllr Mills spoke to the Village Hall to see if we could get a reduced rate of hiring the hall and also clarify cost of cream teas with the Village Café, who would be doing the catering. It was suggested that a budget of £525.00 would be more acceptable. **Action:** Cllr Mills to speak to Village hall regarding the possibility of reduce hire and Cllr Wintersgill to clarify cream tea costs. Cllr Mead said that we should have all the litter picking kit available to people on the day.

#### **21/012 Group Representative Reports**

Village Hall – Cllr L Mills-nothing to report.

Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg - Nothing to report

Primary School – Cllr. C Warwick-Mortimer - Not present.

**21/013 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve.** Cllr Mills Thanked Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg for there efforts at clearing the drains at Burton which are (hopefully) running properly again. Cllr Hodge expressed a concern about the stone wall which lies behind the Millennium Stone. It is bulging badly and some stones are falling away. **Action:** Clerk to contact land owner and request repair.

**21/014 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger.** Cllr Sugg requested Clerk contact SCC again re verge cutting and also chase up the repair of Curb stones by stream outside the Helyar Only one has been marked but has not been repaired as yet but there are others which are loose.

#### **21/015 To discuss and resolve the following topics;**

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

#### **21/016 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Cemetery Policy. Footpath Posts, Budget update, Paddock Path, Queens Jubilee ideas, Budget.

#### **21/017 Finance**

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

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Inc VAT</b>
<b>Previous Balance</b>	£60,985.86
<b>Funds as of 31<sup>ST</sup> July 2021</b>	£59,545.28
 <b>Monies in July 2021</b>	
Pre School Rent	£471.65
Cemetery	£1,387.31
HMRC	£1,109.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,968.04</b>
 <b>Paid Out in July 2021</b>	
Claire's Cleaning	£100.00
K M Dike Ground Maintenance	£1,005.32
Clerk Wage, office & broadband - contributions	£773.17
SSDC Ranger Scheme (May 2021)	£932.40
J Excavating (Verge Cutting)	£1,050.00
Simon Lester (Pest Control)	£60.00
Road Sign License Application	£165.00
Cllr Allowance	£260.00
Old Mill (xero)	£60.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,408.62</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>£59,545.48</b>
 <b>August 2021 invoice to be paid</b>	
SALC affiliation Fees	£491.98
 Play Ground Inspection	£72.00

K M Dike	£1,005.32
Claire's Cleaning	£100.00
HMRC	£31.35
Pensions contributions	£238.57
Clerk, Wage, office, broadband & phone	£840.11
Postage	£2.25
Salc Training	£50.00
Ranger June 2021	£932.40
Stationary (Viking)	£84.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3848.28</b>
 <b>Balance</b>	 <b>£56,697.00</b>
 Projects Account Balance	 £59,910.00

Clerk Signature.....

Chair Signature .....