

East Coker Parish Council 13th October 2021 Minutes

Attendees: Cllr H Cowan, Cllr B Sugg, Cllr S Wintersgill, Cllr M Beckerleg, Cllr D Mead, Cllr Warwick-Mortimer, Cllr T Wilkins, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr P Hodge, Cllr S Snelling, Clerk J. Heggarty. Public Attendance: 2 members of the public. Meeting commenced at 7.05pm at East Coker Pavilion

Neither the Chair or the Vice Chair were present at the meeting so Cllr J Bennett chaired the meeting.

21/050 Apologies and reasons for non-attendance. Cllr P Hodge, Cllr R Comstive, Cllr L Mills, Cllr S Bridgford-Whittick

21/051 Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Sugg, Cllr Mead, Cllr Snelling and Cllr Wintersgill on items 21/02950/49/48/47 FUL

21/052 Minutes of the Parish Council, meeting which was held on the 8th September **Proposed:** Cllr Snelling **Seconded** Cllr Wintersgill. All agreed.

21/053 Public Question Time

- (1) 5 members of the public were in attendance.
2 Member of the public delivered a presentation on applications 21/02950/49/48/47 FUL and spoke in support of it.
- (2) County / District Councillors Cllr Keating and Cllr Seaton delivered their report.
- (3) PCSO was not in attendance.

21/054 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

A **15/01000/OUT Location:** Keyford

Cllr Bennett reported that, following the discovery that HSE was not a suitable consultee regarding traffic concerns, a few websites had been suggested. These were being looked into. It was also mentioned that the potential relocation of Pathways to the top of Hendford Hill could have an impact and that the recent traffic lights at the Quicksilver Roundabout had led to a lot of queues - this has been noted.

Cllr Mead, Cllr Sugg, Cllr Snelling and Cllr Wintersgill stood down on the below applications.

- a. **21/02950/FUL Location:** Land OS 4221 Main St, East Coker **Application:** The Erection of 1 self-build dwelling with vehicular access.
- b. **21/02949/FUL Location:** Land OS 4221 Main St, East Coker **Application:** The Erection of 1 self-build dwelling with vehicular access.
- c. **21/02948/FUL Location:** Land OS 4221 Main St, East Coker **Application:** The Erection of 1 self-build dwelling with vehicular access.
- d. **21/02947/FUL Location:** Land OS 4221 Main St, East Coker **Application:** The Erection of 1 self-build dwelling with vehicular access.

These applications were briefly discussed but it was felt that because the SSDC planning portal had not been accessible for 48 hours and the application was only validated on the 7th October that it would be better to take the extension to comment and push this item onto the November agenda. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to add it to November agenda.

21/055 Memorial Approvals. Standard memorial request was received to remember the late Mr David Mogger. There were no objections. **Proposed:** Cllr B Sugg **Seconded:** Cllr Mead

Action: Clerk to advise Stone Mason

21/056 Matters for discussion and resolution:

1. Paddock path. Cllr Cowan advised that he had got 2 further quotes for resin . These were £16,000 and £13,000. The original quote for £4,380 plus vat, however the life of this surface was 5 to 10 years and it was felt that resin may be a better option. It was suggested by Cllr Cowan match fund grant may be available to the PC. **Action:** Cllr Cowan to get a further quote for resin surface and approach SSDC about a possible grant.
2. Future cutting of the football pitches: The clerk advised that she had received a number of complaints about the piles of cut grass which had been left on the pitches after they had been cut. She advised that this had happened as the grass had continued to grow for the entire summer. She

advised that she had obtained a quote from the Maintenance team to cut weekly from March to October. This would £960.00. per annum. It was felt by Councillors that this was a lot of money and a certain amount of the cost would need to be passed on to the football teams. So Cllr Sugg agreed to check the grass weekly through the growing season when she meets the ranger and if it needs an extra cut the clerk will arrange this.

3. The football Pitch's and Pre School invoicing where discussed and it was decided that the increase would be based on the inflation rate. **Action:** Clerk to apply increase and send invoice to Pre School and Football club.

4. Tellis cross meeting update. Cllr Wilkins said that herself, Cllr Sugg, Cllr Snelling, and Cllr Warwick-Mortimer had a meeting with Beth Poole from SSDC about the play playing fields. The councillors felt that more information was needed about the lease and the unilateral agreement. **Action:** Clerk to contact SSDC for further updates.

21/057 To receive the Clerk's report

1. Road Signage. Clerk advised that she had paid the legal fees to obtain the road signage license and was now waiting for the licence to be issued.
2. Clerk advised that the audit had been completed and approved with only one advisory which related to an incorrect date.

21/058 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC

21/059 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

21/060 Discuss Working Groups

1. The Pavilion Modernisation: No report was given.
2. Future Finance. No report was given.
3. Well Bein Cllr Snelling spoke about the possibility of organising a large function at the recreation ground to celebrate the Queens Jubilee, with bands, bar and food. This would be a huge amount of work which Councillors would need to commit too. A lot of Councillors did not know what their plans were on the weekend of the 2nd 3rd, 4th and 5th of June so it was decided that Cllr Snelling would send a group Whatapp out and people could update her before the next meeting. The well bein group are also going to put some estimates of costs together for the November meeting.

21/061 Group Representative Reports

Village Hall – Cllr L Mills: Nothing to report

Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg: Nothing to report

Primary School – Cllr Warwick-Mortimer delivered her report after meeting with the head. The following was reported. There are 238 children in the school and the majority are from outlying villages a& Yeovil. There were only 28 admissions to Reception Sept 2021 the pupil admission number for EC is 38, so were down by 10 children. Although there have been children joining the school in other year groups and Tellis Cross has had a few changes that has increased numbers overall. There are 8 classes. There have been no penalty notices to parents for non-attendance, and attendance at the school is above national average. The 2 new schools in Yeovil, Kingfisher & Primrose have affected numbers, presently there is a dip in school age children locally. The proposed new school on the Keyford site, Jane HW didn't think it would affect the school as she thinks it is just a proposal as it is a new housing site & will possibly not be built. Govt have made significant changes to the academic year with: **1** Read/Write Inc which is leaning more on phonics learning & reading– the school has been given a Govt grant for this as the books & phonics material needed upgrading. **2** Commando Jo – is character curriculum for all, incorporating resilience, empathy, respect, inclusion & team work. Key stager 2 cohort mission is teamwork orientated **3** Mental Health – Govt support to schools to accommodate this – Mr Rich is the Pastoral Support co-ordinator. There is an enrichment week the week before May half term and it is proposed the school attempt country dancing & maypole. But doubt that the children will be that involved in the Jubilee festivities as it is half term. Parents evenings are being conducted on-line

21/062 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve. Burton Holywell and Lower East Coker Roads were discussed. All the traps are in urgent need of emptying especially the ones at Holywell where there was a huge amount of soil and sand washed down the road in a deluge of rain.

Clerk advised that she has spoken to County Council and SSDC already about getting the traps emptied and roads swept. **Action:** Clerk to chase county and SSDC

21/063 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger

21/064 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

1. Clerks Wage were discussed and it was decided that she would be awarded a pay rise as per NALC payment structure. This would be back dated from April 2021. **Proposed:** Cllr Beckerleg **Seconded:** Cllr Cowan

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

21/065 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday 10th November 2021.

1. Footpath Signs, planning applications for OS4221, Main Street, Jubilee celebrations, Christmas

21/066 Finance

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

Previous Balance	£56,264.17
Funds as of 30th September 2021	£55,136.83

Monies in Sept 2021

Pre School Rent	£471.65
Pre School Elec	£243.16
Cemetery	£1,039.86
Pavilion Hire	£40.00

Total	£1,794.67
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Paid Out in September 2021

Clerk Wage, Office, Broadband, travel	£729.26
Pension Contribution	£198.81
K M Dike	£1,005.32
Claire's Cleaning	£100.00
Screw fix	£28.89
Councillor Allowance	£260.00
Dag Design	£240.00
EDF	£294.04
Viking stationary	£54.90
Total	£2,922.01

To Be paid in September

Clerk Wage, Office, Broadband, travel	£740.05
Pension Contribution	£198.81
K M Dike	£945.32
Claire's Cleaning	£100.00
Ranger Scheme 2 x months	£1,678.32
Water to Business	£124.09
Flaydemouse	£232.80
Amazon Vouchers	
Total	£4,019.39

Balance	£51,117.44
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Above figures will be subject to change due to receipt of any outstanding invoices.

Projects Account Balance	£59,910.00
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