

## East Coker Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Minutes

**Attendees:** , Cllr M Beckerleg, Cllr T Wilkins, Cllr Cowen, Cllr P Hodge, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Snelling, Cllr Carter-Uren, Cllr Sugg, Cllr Mead, Cllr Warick Mortimer, Clerk J. Heggarty. **Public** Attendance: 5 members of the public. Meeting commenced at 7.00pm at East Coker Pavilion

Vice Chair Cllr Mills ran the meeting.

**22/021** To receive any apologies and reasons for non-attendance. Cllr Comstive, Cllr Wintersgil

**22/022** To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda. Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg on item 22/00614/FUL

**22/023** To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council, meeting which was held on the 9<sup>TH</sup> March 2022. **Proposed:** Cllr Snelling **Seconded** Cllr Beckerleg All agreed

### **22/024 Public Question Time**

7.04 Cllr Sugg arrived

- (1) Members of the Public 1 member of the public spoken in favour 22/027.5. 1 member of the public spoke in favour of item 22/025.b
- 1 member of the public left

7.08 Cllr Hodge Arrived

- (2) County / District Councillors Cllr Seaton delivered her report.

7.15 Cllr Mead arrived

### **22/025 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications**

A **15/01000/OUT Location:** Keyford Cllr Bennett has nothing to report.

Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg stood down of following item

B **22/00614/FUL Location:** Land Os 3283 Part Kingspring Lane East Coker

**Application:** Full application for the erection of a single, family dwelling with new access arrangements and associated works.

Cllr Bennett advised that a site visit had been conducted so Cllr where familiar with the location.

Cllr Bennett asked member of the public who was supporting this application how the issue of phosphates was being addressed. Member of the public advised there was going to be a reed pond incorporated but did not know if this would help any phosphate issues. Cllr Snelling said that the proposed property was extremely large and would mean building on high grade agricultural land.

Cllr Mills was concerned that it did not fit the ECNP local requirement Policy EHC2 **Proposal:** East Coker Parish Council object to this application. It is contrary to the East Coker Neighbourhood Plan adopted in 2018, specifically the stated Agricultural Objective in Section 10 "to protect high grade agricultural land in order to increase sustainability of food supplies" and its size does not meet the local requirements laid out in Policy EHC2, "General Housing Considerations." **Proposed:** Cllr Cowan **Seconded** Cllr Warwick-Mortimer. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email planning

Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg rejoined meeting

C **22/00696/HOU Location:** 38 Sandhurst Rd, Yeovil, BA20 2LE **Application:** Renovation & Extension including demolition of Outbuildings and Conservatory. Cllrs felt that this application was very much in keeping with the other extension in the area and that it would improve the property greatly. Proposal: ECPC are happy to support this application as it adheres to policy ECH2 of the ECNP.

### **22/026 Memorial Approvals. None**

### **22/027 Matters for discussion and resolution:**

1. Footpath Signs. Cllr Sugg advised that a replacement finger and post had been purchased for the cemetery and had been installed by Ranger. Cllr Mead was working on the multi finger sign and Cllr Wilkins purchased some paint to re do the lettering. She also advised that SSDC had agreed to let the PC have 10 posts with just the yellow arrow on and these would be delivered in the coming weeks and be used when needed.

2. Raffle License application was discussed. Clerk advised it was £60.00 then a annual fee of £20.00. **Action:** Clerk to submit application.

4. Village Signs. Clerk advised that she, Cllr Mead and Cllr Sugg had met highways to discuss the ownership of the proposed erection site at Brown Island. She said that after the meeting it had been confirmed that it belonged to Somerset County Council. She advised that she was waiting for confirmation from County that the plaintive had been contact. This item is to be put on the May agenda. Cllr Sugg advised that she will place the order for 3 of the stones. These will need to be chosen and she asked for someone to come with her to do this. Cllr Warwick-Mortimer volunteered.

**Action:** Clerk to put this item on May agenda and Cllr Sugg and Mortimer to select stones.

5. A grant application from East Coker Action Group was discussed. They are wishing to purchase trees for planting a woodland at Pin Cushion Corner. This would take place in Winter 2022/2023. The Chairperson of the committee asked for a £500 to go towards the cost of the trees. Cllr Sugg also suggested that the PC may wish to contribute in time and money in the future but this would need to be discussed at a later date. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to issue payment and also put further help with tree planting on May agenda.

6. Clerk advised that the Ranger Scheme fee was going up from £21 per hour to £21.63 per hour. **Proposal:** Accept the price increase as the Village Ranger was very much needed. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to update SSDC.

7. Paddock Path was discussed and Cllr Cowen advised that Beth Poole (locality's Officer) had give a very informative presentation at the area South meeting and had secured a £4,100 grant. Cllr thanked Cllr Cowen for his input and asked the Clerk to relay their thanks to Beth Poole. Cllr Cowen also advised that he would like to instruct JB Bespoke Driveways. He is going to try and get works done before the jubilee weekend but will confirm when organised.

8. Proposed closure of West Coker Surgery practice list to new patients for 1 year was discussed and it was felt by Cllr, although not ideal there was little choice and they would prefer to have a year of closed books rather than losing the Practice Completely.

9. Replacement surface under swings quotes where discussed and it was decided that ECPC would go with Soft Surfaces who were offering to resurface over the top of the existing Wet pore. This will cost £2,700 plus VAT. A vote was taken an all agreed.

10. Tellis Cross play area. No further updates have been given. Cllr Hodge will speak to the solicitor and see if, SSDC have made contact. Clerk will also chase SSDC for updates.

#### **22/028 To receive the Clerk's report.**

1. Clerk thanked Cllr for submitting their election Paperwork. Sadly, we are losing Cllr Beckerleg and would very much like to thank him for the work he has done for ECPC over the years.

#### **22/029 receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC**

#### **22/030 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence**

1. Isles Lane maintenance and village stiles. Cllr Mead advised that the author would need to contact SSDC in order to find out who is responsible for the upkeep of Isle Lane. Cllr Mead will also ask Ranger to repair and if possible lower stiles.

#### **22/031 Discuss Working Groups**

1. The Pavilion Modernisation Cllr Hodge advised that the Working group will be meeting in May so should have something to report at the May meeting.
2. Future Finance Cllr Sugg asked for amount to be transferred from the Current to the Future Projects account but Cllr Hodge advised that this could not be done until all agreed expenditure had been totalling for the 2020/2021 budget. So this will be an agenda item at May meeting.
3. Well Being (Queens Jubilee Celebrations) Cllr Snelling reported that there would be things happening on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Jubilee weekend. She thanked Cllr Bennett and his Children for planting the Jubilee Tree at the end of Long Furlong Lane and advised that the benches and the planters were in progress. She also said that she would need to be all hands-on deck for the run up and the weekend as there is a massive amount to do. Cllr Snelling advised that there would be alcohol served on the Sunday and Cllr Warwick- Mortimer was going to apply for the license on behalf of ECPC. Cllr Snelling also asked if a meeting could be held with everyone to discuss all

proceeding. Everyone decided that we could meet at 6pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> May to discuss everything then have our monthly meeting after that.

### **22/032 Group Representative Reports**

Village Hall – Cllr L Mills had nothing to report.

Alms Houses – Cllr B. Sugg had nothing to report.

Primary School – Cllr C Warwick-Mortimer advised that the school was running a British Values Day for the pupils on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and were holding a Picnic with Children and Parents on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, weather permitting.

### **22/033 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve.**

**22/034 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger.** Cllr Wilkins requested that the Ranger cleared the concrete path at Herne Cottage.

### **22/035 To discuss and resolve the following topics;**

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

**22/036 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday 11th May 2022. Tree Planting, Paddock Path, Jubilee Celebrations, Village Signs.**

### **22/037 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>	£39,087.72
<b>Funds as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	£35,914.67

### **Monies in March 2022**

Pre School Rent	£487.00
Cemetery	£274.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£761.00</b>

### **Paid Out in March 2022**

CCM Electrics	£324.00
EDF	£546.01
Water to Business	£101.38
Clerk Wage, Office, Broadband, Fuel, OT	£820.11
Pension Contribution	£228.62
HMRC	£15.67

Claire's Cleaning	£100.00
Ranger 4 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> January	£559.44
Ranger 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	£745.92
Jubilee Bench's	£467.91
Jubilee Tree	£64.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,974.05</b>

### **To be paid in April 2022**

Acorn Workshop (finger for post) Inc Delivery	£108.00
Post and Fixing for Finger	£40.00
Clerk wage, phone, office, fuel	£798.93
Pension Contributions	£220.16
HMRC (Tax)	£4.45
Claire's Cleaning	£160.00
Ranger Scheme	Awaiting Invoice
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Annual Payroll Services	£350.00
Jubilee Planters	£279.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,844.24</b>

**Above figures will be subject to change due to receipt of any outstanding invoices.**

Projects Account Balance	£59,910.00
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**Chair .....** **Clerk.....**