

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

Attendees:

WQPC Councillors:	S Sherry (Chairman), A Cottrell, P Gibbons, M Philipson, W Robinson and H Stamp
Somerset Councillors:	Woods
Avon & Somerset Constabulary:	None
Clerk:	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public:	One member

Apologies:

WQPC Councillors:	P Mote
Somerset Councillors:	Davies
Other	-

24/61	Apologies for absence as noted above and reason for absence approved			
24/62	Declarations of Interest			
	Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
	Cllr Gibbons	24/69.1	Pecuniary	Advised meeting and did not vote
	Cllr Phillipson	24/69.1	Other Non-Registerable Interest	Advised meeting and did not vote
24/63	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2024			
	It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Stamp			
24/64	Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only – None reported			
24/65	Reports			
24/65.1	Avon and Somerset Constabulary – no report			
24/65.2	<u>Somerset Council</u> – The written report received from Cllr Woods had been forwarded to members. Cllr Woods reported there was currently an 8–10-week delay with planning applications, locums had been drafted in to help. Foster carers were required.			
24/65.3	Quantock Hills JAC – Cllr Philipson gave a verbal report. Consideration was being given to implement article 4 on all applications, for all applications in the National Landscape to be considered at Planning Committee. They were also currently looking at re-doing Management Planning.			
24/65.4	<u>Local Community Network</u> – Cllr Philipson reported the Police had attended the previous meeting. The focus of the meeting was the B3191 and possibility of setting up a working party. The minutes would be forwarded when received.			
24/66	Correspondence			
24/66.1	It was resolved to note the contents of the correspondence log.			
24/66.2	A reply had been received from St Audries Wedding Venue to advise they would change the bulbs in the light by the Stag, to warm white in November - noted			
24/66.3	The Patient Participation Diet Group Notice had been displayed on the noticeboards and would be included in the Staple Diet. It would be added to the website			
24/66.4	Somerset Parishes Conference and SALC AGM would be held on 13 th November 2024 – no members were available to attend			

24/67	Website and Councillor Email Addresses					
	It was resolved to look into other providers and the setting up of Councillor email addresses					
24/68	Finances					
24/68.1	Current Financial Statement – The current account balance as of 06.11.2024, was £5,806.92					
24/68.2	Bank Reconciliation – it was agreed the Chairman would sign the reconciliation and duly undertaken.					
24/68.3	<u>The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:</u> Proposed Cllr Gibbons, seconded Cllr Cottrell, resolved					
	Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	VAT £
	06.11.24	Clerk Wages & NI Oct-Dec	228, 229		583.05	0.00
	06.11.24	Greenway Ground Maintenance Grass Cutting	230	147, 150, 206	388.00	0.00
	06.11.24	P Mote Materials for refurb to shelters	231	Bus Shelter	68.53	0.00
				Total Amount	£909.58	
24/68.4	Appointment of Internal Auditor – it was resolved to contact the current auditor to enquire if they were willing to undertake for the next year end.					
24/68.5	Budget Considerations 2025/2026 – this was deferred until the January meeting when costs were known regarding the website and grass cutting					
24/69	Planning					
24/69.1	Application No	Location	Details		Comment	
	3/38/24/002	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4EA	Change of use of barn into 1 No. dwelling (retention of part works already undertaken)		No objection	
24/69.2	Decisions:					
	Application No	Location	Details		Decision	
	3/38/24/001	The Old Rectory, Williton to Bridgwater Road, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DS	Application for a Non-Material Amendment to 3/38/08/001 for replacement of 2 No. windows and door, with single pair of folding doors at ground level of rear annexe building with minor alterations to internal and external layout		Granted	
24/70	Highway Matters					
24/70.1	Trees along the main A39 road – It was noted Hi-Line had undertaken the work earlier in the day					
24/70.2	Corner of Luckes Lane – There had been no further response regarding the acceptance of option 2, regarding the improved signage and refreshing of line markings. This would continue to be chased. Although some lines had been painted, not all the work had been undertaken - Cllr Philipson would raise this at the LCN Highways meeting					
24/70.3	The Avenue – It had been advised Highways were contacting the owner.					
24/70.4	SID (Speed Indicator Device) – awaiting a reply from Somerset Council Highways.					
24/71	Village Defibrillator					
24/71.1	The possibility of a lunch in the New Year would be considered. Cllr Gibbons had submitted an application for funding, and if unsuccessful, would continue to apply for funding. Mr and Mrs Gibbons were verbally thanked again for agreeing to have the defibrillator located on their wall, to be in the centre of the village. £87.00 was currently ringfenced to go towards funding					

