## WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

## Attendees:

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

**Apologies:** 

<b>WQPC Councillors:</b>	A Cottrell	
Somerset Councillors:	Davies and Woods	
Other		

24/77	Apologies for absence as noted above and reason for absence approved
24/78	Declarations of Interest
	There were none
24/79	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
	It was unanimously <b>resolved</b> to approve the minutes of the meeting Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Philipson
24/80	Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only
	It was reported the lights illuminating the Stag at the A39 junction to St Audries Park had not been changed and were still causing a perceived hazard to drivers – the Clerk would contact the St Audries Park and ask that this be addressed
24/81	Reports
24/81.1	Avon and Somerset Constabulary – A newsletter had been received, a copy would be displayed in the Village Hall and on the Parish Council noticeboard
24/81.2	Somerset Council – The written reports received from Cllrs Davies and Woods had been forwarded to members - noted
24/81.3	Quantock Hills JAC – Cllr Philipson advised the scheduled meeting had been postponed and a new date was awaited
24/81.4	<u>Local Community Network</u> – it was noted an online meeting would take place on the 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025, – all members were reminded they could attend
24/82	Correspondence
24/82.1	It was resolved to note the contents of the correspondence log.
24/82.2	A letter had been received from Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset Council – the general suggestion of taking on Somerset Council services was noted, but as previously resolved, none would be taken on due to lack of funding
24/82.3	Somerset Validation Consultation – noted – no comments to submit
24/82.4	Local Government Electoral Review Consultation – noted – no comments to submit
	Cllr Mote had been invited to attend the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Minehead Male Choir in March 2025, but would be unable to attend – apologies would be tendered
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	Website and Councillor Email Addresses  It was resolved to investigate a ".gov" address for the website and councillor email address							
	noting that although not mandatory, it was recognised as good practice							
24/84	Village Emergency Response  An email had been received from a resident regarding the lack of response from the Parish Council to offer support to the community and lack of care provision during the storm in Decemb highlighting that grants that had been available. It was noted the Parish Council do not have any resource/powers to offer care provision, and that neighbours do have their own networks and ensured that vulnerable residents were safe and secure. It was resolved to invite the author to a							
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24/85.3	The meetir	ng authorised the fol	lowing cheques	would be issu	<u>ed</u> :			
	Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	VAT £		
	08.01.2025	Clerk Wages & NI Oct-Dec	233,234		583.05	0.00		
				Total Amount	£583.05			
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24/89	Grass Cutting
24/89.1	Four companies had quoted for the Grass Cutting Contract 2025, which were presented to
	members for consideration. After a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to accept Company
	2, DG Garden Services. Proposed by Cllr Gibbons, seconded Cllr Philipson.
24/90	Staple Diet and Communication with Parishioners
	It was noted that good feedback had been received from the last report. It was agreed a report
	would be submitted after each meeting. Cllr Gibbons volunteered to write the article again.
24/91	VE Day – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
24/31	Cllr Stamp agreed to organise the Lighting of the Beacon and the obtain the necessary
	permissions. A cream tea could be organised during the day
	pormissions. At Groam tod dodie be organicou dannig the day
24/92	Matters for the next meeting
	Re-staining of Bus Shelters
	Parish Assembly
	FUTURE MEETING DATES
	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025; 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025; 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025; 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025; 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
	5 March 2025, 7 May 2025, 2 July 2025, 5 September 2025, 5 November 2025
	The meeting closed at 8.47 pm
	Signed Dated