

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 10 August 2022 at Luxborough Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: D Powell, M Bolland, J Duke, C Henson, J Waller. Clerk: J Grenville.

Public Question time: No members of the public were present.

22/37 The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

22/38 Apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Sparling and O'Hare.

22/39 Declarations of Interest. No declarations were made.

22/40 Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 2022 with report on actions. Cllrs resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting. (P: Cllr Powell, S: Cllr Henson)¹. Following up on the problem with raves at Chargot / Kennisham, Cllrs reported a number of positive actions by the Police and Forestry Commission (FC) with increased intelligence gathering, monitoring of social media advertising raves, patrols until mid-September, use of mobile CCTV on site, potential for roadside drug and alcohol testing. The organiser of the last rave will be receiving a Community Protection Warning. Costs of additional barriers are being worked up by the FC. It was noted that a rave had recently taken place on Croydon Hill. Cllr Bolland reported a very positive site visit from the new Local Community Network Parish Steward, also attended by Cllr Powell. A number of jobs will be reported by Cllr Bolland in his role as Highways Warden. The blocked pipe at the telephone box has already been cleared.

22/41 Planning. 1) 6/20/22/27 Old Stowey hedge removal. Cllrs found the application incomplete as there was no hedgerow/wildlife report nor information depicting the boundary of the property. Nevertheless, the proposal appeared to be a sensible and safe solution. Subject to confirmation that there will be no detrimental impact on the environment and/or wildlife, the PC supported the application. (P: Cllr Powell, S: Cllr Bolland) 2) GDO22/14 West Slowley extension of agricultural building. Subject to the two silage clamps meeting all legislative and regulatory guidance, the PC supported the application. (P: Cllr Powell, S: Cllr Bolland).

22/42 Policy Reviews. 1) Standing Orders. Cllrs resolved to adopt the updated Standing Orders based on the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) model document. (P: Cllr Henson, S: Cllr Duke). 2) Financial Regulations. Cllrs resolved to adopt the NALC Financial Regulations, subject to the Clerk confirming via the Somerset ALC what the document should read with respect to references to the European Union now that the UK has withdrawn. (P: Cllr Powell, S: Cllr Henson). 3) Risk Policy. Cllrs resolved to adopt the updated Risk Policy following adjustments to risk descriptors to be proportionate with the Council's financial assets. The updated Risk Register was approved. (P: Cllr Waller, S: Cllr Henson).

22/43 Asset Register. Cllrs resolved to accept the Asset Register, acknowledging that historic costs and dates of acquisition were estimated in some instances. (P: Cllr Powell, S: Cllr Bolland).

¹ P - Proposed S - Seconded

22/44 Schedule of Payments. Cllrs resolved the Schedule of payments noting that the back-up drive had been budgeted for in 2021/22. (P: Cllr Waller, S: Cllr Bolland).

22/45 Date of Next Meeting. 12 October 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15.

Appendix to Minutes - Schedule of Payments

Payments: Clerk £59.00, West Somerset Flood Group £5.00
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