

# **MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN WOKEY HOLE COMMUNITY HALL, WOKEY HOLE, ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015, 7:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs E Danson; H Carey; N Adams; D Ball; L Danson; M Gaunt; M Gilson; M Hayden; V Hill; J Reeves; J Henderson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 4 members of the public, a member of the Press and Mr Simon Davies (Parish Clerk)

## **01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Cllrs Lunnon, Derham, Mitchell, Zorab, Hill and Baker

## **02. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Chairman raised the matter of the reinstated 161 Service to Dinder. He gave special thanks to local residents, Cllr Gilson, all other South Ward Councillors and the Member of Parliament for their combined efforts.
- Announcement that the Parish Clerk and Chairman would be meeting our Solicitor to discuss all documents held and to clarify any possible risks to the Council.
- The Chairman confirmed that Mrs Jenny Lewis had received an award from Somerset County Council for her hard efforts within Wookey Hole.

## **03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **04. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman asked that all Members remain behind after a meeting for a Staffing update.

## **05. CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER TO REPRESENT EAST WARD**

The Chairman called for nominations. Only one candidate put forward. The candidate was invited to explain about his background and experience.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Richard Lyons be co-opted as a Councillor for East Ward.

## **06. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No items raised in public forum.

## **07. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

To receive reports either in person or in writing from:

- Avon & Somerset Constabulary – None.
- Somerset County Councillors – Cllr Siggs gave a report on Somerset County Council which included the local Devolution Bid, Flood Prevention, Foster Care issues, a shortage of Social Workers, Budget matters and a reduction in the Government Grant.
- Mendip District Councillors – None.

## **08. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT OUT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED:** That with some minor amendments, to confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Council held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## **09. PRESENTATION BY SOMERSET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Our local Village Agent, Ms Barbra Wells (Community Council for Somerset), gave a presentation on the services provided by the organisation.

Services included research on Grants and information on key services and funds (especially for vulnerable and excluded people).

## **10. UPDATE FROM THE LAND HOLDING WORKING PARTY (WP-LH)**

The Parish Clerk updated the Council on progress. The Chairman and Clerk to meet with our Solicitor to discuss matters.

## **11. UPDATE FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKING PARTY (WP-NP)**

The Parish Clerk updated the Council on progress. Mendip District Council will be conducting a Housing Survey shortly, which the Parish Council is welcome to contribute towards. Parish Clerk to obtain further details.

## **12. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)**

Concerns have been raised in East Horrington over lack of support from local Police in regards to speeding. The Member of Parliament has raised the issue and will organise a meeting shortly.

Main concern is the increase of average speeds above 40mph, especially in the Horringtons.

The local PACT will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to discuss speeding matters from around the area.

Cllr Ball has approached Wells Cathedral School to provide analysis. Cllr Carey will support this initiative by making further contacts within the School.

## **13. UPDATE FROM THE ALLOTMENT HOLDERS MEETING**

The Parish Clerk updated the Council on the meeting. The Allotment Holders brought forward issues for the Council to investigate.

Allotment Holders were keen to learn more about possible self-governing and new tenancy agreements.

## **14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:** To approve a schedule of items of expenditure and issuing of payment.

## **15. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

- Cllr E Danson – Spoke about residents concerns raised ref the Dinder road junction. Parish Clerk to write to the Member of Parliament to request action is taken with Somerset County Council.

- Cllr Carey – Discussed the issue of a new crossing in Coxley. The Member of Parliament has received a letter from the Developers regarding this matter. Concerns have been raised about the Somerset County Council funding of the S106 Monies. The MP, Cllr Carey and Highways to arrange a meeting to discuss further.
- Cllr Adams – Spoke about the need for a Noticeboard to be erected in East Horrington. Requested matter be placed onto the next agenda.
- Cllr Reeves – Spoke about Devolution in the South West and the ongoing Risk Assessment appraisal.
- Cllr Henderson – Updated the Council on the ongoing Storm Drain Assessments being conducted in Coxley with cameras.
- Cllr Ball – Updated the Council on blockages in Wookey Hole mainly caused by 'wet wipes. Further assessment work is being carried out. Cllr Ball also raised the ongoing scheme sponsored by St John's Ambulance which allows residents to store medication in the fridge in case of use by the Emergency Services.
- Cllr Gildson – Raised the need for repairs to the Bus Stop in Dulcote as well as the more immediate need for a Bat Survey. Requested matter be placed onto the next agenda.

## **16. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall, Wells, 7:00pm