

WOOTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL 769
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the
Village Hall on the 13th September 2017

PRESENT: Mr J Wilmoth, (Chair), Mrs J Barbieri, Mrs H Smith, Mr M O'Keefe, Mr P Griffin.
In attendance: Ms D Stanyon (Clerk), Mrs F Nicholson (SCC) 7.55 p.m. – 8.15 p.m.
1 member of the public

1665. APOLOGIES: Mr P Clapham, Mr D Brown, Mrs K Mills

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

1666. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Mr Griffin, seconded Mr O'Keefe. RESOLVED

1667. MATTERS ARISING:

Historic Signposts. There is only 1 signpost at the Hunscoff, Brockwell turning which is within WCPC.

- a. Planned roadworks emails received from Cllr Nicholson are very helpful. Cllr Nicholson is to be thanked for sending these.
- b. Overhanging branches, Tivington and Cowbridge. Mike Reid has cut the hedges higher and this has improved the situation considerably. Clerk to write and thank Mr Reid. However, the branches between Wootton Knowle and Tivington need attention and Clerk will write to Highways informing them of the owner (NT) and tenant as Highways have requested and they will deal with.
- c. De-fibrillator training. Mrs Smith will organise for formal de-fibrillator training by Ed Ford. There will be a £100.00 donation for this. Proposed Mr Griffin seconded Mrs Barbieri. RESOLVED.
- d. New email address. The Clerk reported that the new email address appears to be working well.

1668: COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Mills submitted a written report which was read out by Mr Wilmoth. Cllr Mills reported that at the cabinet meeting, they were shown the plan for West Somerset Opportunity Area 2017-2020. A local delivery plan to deliver opportunities for young people in West Somerset. The draft plan has 4 priorities.

1. Increase the percentage of children achieving a good level of development at the end of the early years foundation stage.
2. Increase the percentage of children reaching the "expected standard" at key stages one and two.
3. Increase the percentage of young people achieving at level 2-16 and level 3 qualifications at 19 and beyond. Then focussing on Secondary Education and transition to Adulthood.
4. Increase the number of young people in Somerset who are prepared for the world of work and expand on availability and the take up of apprenticeships.

Cllr Nicholson asked if there were any historic signpost within WCPC and it was confirmed that there is one. WCPC will ensure it is in good order.

Cllr Nicholson attended the Panel meeting, which the Police attended. She reported that there will continue to be a Police Station in Minehead, but possibly not in the current building.

Somerset Skills and Learning (Adult Education in Somerset) has had its funding cut by Central Government. This is damaging to education to people in Somerset and alternative funding sources are being sought.

Cllr Nicholson also reported on the West Somerset Opportunity Area.

There are also changes to the law in how Early Help Services for Children are to be carried out. This is the first line of assistance for families and there are cuts in the Public Health grant. There is a need to introduce an integrated service for family health workers and enable them to visit families, as the families who most need help, do not always visit a Children's centre.

1669: POLICE REPORT. There were no reported crimes within Wootton Courtenay Parish. Distributed via email.

1670: WELCOME PACK: Mrs Smith has collated a Welcome Pack, which is to be circulated to all households, as well as new residents. The current de-fibrillator contacts will be distributed within the Welcome Pack. Mrs Smith to obtain quotes for printing.

1671: VILLAGE CLEAN UP. A date has been set for 2nd December 2017. Mrs Smith will check the Village Hall is available for refreshments.

1672: MINUTES; Following a request by a Parishioner to circulate the WCPC Minutes via the Village group email. It was agreed to circulate an email with the link to the WCPC website. It was also agreed to circulate the link to current Roadworks. Clerk to do.

1673: FINANCE:

To approve the following:

Cheque no 367 £38.75 Hire of Village Hall May and June 2017

Payment of this cheque was proposed by Mr Griffin and seconded by Mrs Smith. RESOLVED

The Clerk will prepare a full budget of annual expenditure.

1674: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No : 6/43/17/107- Nutty Hatch, Wootton Courtenay

Proposed field shelter/implement shed (alterations to existing consent 6/43/03/112) Retrospective

No objections

1675: CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the Cycle Event planned on 15-17th September is not a race, but a social event and there will be up to 80 participants. The Organiser will warn cyclists of the exhibition in Wootton Courtenay and for them to take extra care.

1676: MATTERS FOR REPORT

Mr Griffin reported that despite the extensive drainage repairs on the road to Burrow, water bypasses around the hedge and block work and floods the road in heavy rain. Clerk to write to Highways.

Mrs Smith queried what the response was from Cycle Max regarding any planned Cycle Races in 2018. The Clerk has had no response and will chase this up.

Mrs Barbieri reported that cones could be borrowed from The Archery Club, when events are taking place in the Village. If any funerals take place, Hedley price have cones available and their staff marshal the traffic.

Mr Wilmoth reported that Highways have patched up the road to Fairgarden, however a couple of potholes remain which he will monitor.

The Art Exhibition is taking place in WC Village Hall this weekend.

Mr Wilmoth attended the previous Exmoor Consultative Forum and reported that the issue of signage clutter was raised. He also confirmed that the cutting of hedges is the landowners responsibility.

1677: Date of the next meeting: October 11th 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

..... J Wilmoth Chairman 11th October 2017