

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUTLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 6th April 2021 at 7.30 pm BY ZOOM.

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT : K Otton (Chairman), T Willmott, A Coleman, D Sharland.

OTHERS PRESENT : G Hughes

APOLOGIES: S Alalia

VISITING COUNCILLORS REPORTS: N Hewett-Cooper.

Pre- meeting statements and questions from members of the public in respect of business itemised on the Agenda :

STATEMENT OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to make and to have recorded any Declarations of Interest made in accordance with the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct Order adopted on 7th August 2012. (Based on District/ County Model) (Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011).

URGENT BUSINESS : K Otton reported that a document needed to be signed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk regarding the partnership of the SID with Baltonsborough plus the Memorandum of Understanding with Somerset County Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd March 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record. Proposed T Willmott, seconded A Coleman, all in favour. Minutes to be posted on the Village Website.

MATTERS ARISING : None. Minutes to be posted and available on Village Website

PLANNING :

| Application Number | Proposal | Applicant & Location |
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| 2021/0399/FUL | Development of 50mx30m manege & timber framed, timber clad stable block. Recommend Approval. Proposed T Willmott, seconded A Coleman. All in favour. | Nikki Spooner Well House, Kingweston Road, Butleigh |

| Decisions | | |
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| 2021/0158/HSE | Erection of first floor side extension, 2 storey extension to rear & extension to garage. Approved | Mrs A Murphy 24 Holm Oaks, Butleigh. |
| 2021/0310/TCA | Works to trees in Cons Area Approved | Carrick, High Street, Butleigh |

CASUAL VACANCIES: No further applicants

FINANCE :

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| CURRENT AC | | BR AC | |
| BALANCE | £ 10176.94 | BALANCE | £ 7645.56 |
| - S Petherbridge | £ 4437.92 | + int | |
| Balance | £ 5739.02 | Balance | £ 7645.56 |

Proposed K Otton, seconded A Coleman, all in favour.

HIGHWAYS -Speed Indicator Device- Update. (KO) In transit to Sourdown Farm. Community Speedwatch- Update- further SID proposal as above under Urgent Matters. (KO)

REVIEW OF LEAD COUNCILLORS: New list agreed and circulated.

UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE- responding to applications following lecture on 22nd March. (TW)

Note MDC is the only Council in Somerset without a 5 year allocation therefore the Local Plan is not fit for purpose. Under National Planning Guidelines which then apply there is an assumption in favour of a planning application with the only principle reasons for refusal being Highways, Drainage, Sewage and Environmental i.e. phosphates.

As a consequence a Neighbourhood Plan is recommended by SALC which can take 18 months to complete. Grants are available and a lead person to take it forward.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION (AC) The Government consultation closes on 19th April with 2 bids to consider.

Stronger Somerset will make 2 Unitary Councils. Butleigh will come under the East Somerset Unitary Council which would encompass South Somerset and Mendip. The proposal will have a Locality Agreements Charter, will devolve assets and services and offer practical help.

One Somerset will be Somerset County Council, creating local community networks based on clinical commissioning groups. Butleigh would be in West Mendip. Services could be devolved to Parish Councils to take decisions on minor highway issues, minor development control, environmental issues.

The latest proposal from the 4 District Leaders is to hold a referendum in Somerset after the consultation deadline.

It was agreed we would monitor the ongoing situation carefully.

DOG POO BINS REQUEST. Defer to next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS. Further traveller in Green Pits lane. Butleigh Parish owns Long Drove. The Blagrove end is gated and needs to be kept locked due to travellers in the Glastonbury area. There are 5 local farmers needing access and the gate is constantly being unlocked and left open. K Otton to speak to the Burroughs at Home Farm, Butleigh Wootton to insist that the gate is closed and locked when leaving the drove.

MATTERS OF REPORT (Items for the next meeting) Risk Assessment for the Church Rooms as the June meeting onwards has to be legally held in person.
June : Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.
Next meeting 4th May 2021. AGM

Chairman
4th May 2021.