

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUTLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 by Zoom.**

**PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT : S Alalia, (Chairman). K Otton, T Willmott, D Sharland,**

**OTHERS PRESENT : A Brown, T Hoyle**

**APOLOGIES: None**

**VISITING COUNCILLORS REPORTS: N Hewett-Cooper -report circulated..**

**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 : None**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021,** having been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record. Proposed T Willmott, seconded S Alalia, all in favour. Minutes to be posted on the Village Website.

**MATTERS ARISING: None**

**HIGHWAYS – K Otton reported: Speed Indicator Device-** Update. LED Radar Activated 600mm Butleigh gateway sign , Data collection, Data retrieve and carriage.- Ordered from TWM Total £3155.95.

**Community Speedwatch-** Update- further SID proposal in partnership with Baltonsborough– Sites have been decided upon to be agreed by Somerset County Council. Clerk to enquire regarding insurance. A draft agreement between the 2 parishes has been drawn up. The parish needs a trained Chapter 8 volunteer to move the SID at the agreed times.

Asked to comment- A Brown expressed his concern with regard the non existence of a Community Speedwatch Team for some years. The parish is in need of a co-ordinator.

**FINGER POST RENOVATION:** Order for 5 posts to be renovated in 2021 sent to Somerset Forge. Total £ 4345. Remainder to be repaired in 2022/23

**VILLAGE GREEN TREES:** Work completed. Possibly may need further work on the Plane tree bordering Water Lane and the village green. Crown reduce by 2/3 metres, maintaining the current shape of the crown. This will require an application to MDC due to being in a Conservation Area.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS :**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Applicant &amp; Location</b>
2020/2416/FUL	Proposed creation of biodiversity & swimming pond with associated engineering work Recommend Approval- Proposed T Willmott, seconded D Sharland. All in favour	S Andrews Wootton House, Back Lane, Butleigh Wootton.
2021/0123/HDG	Application for hedgerow removal. Removal of 4 hedgerows and replanting in order to lay a new water main. Recommend Approval- Proposed T Willmott, seconded K Otton. All in favour.	Ben Sands
<b>Decisions</b>		
2020/2387/HSE	Erection of rear single storey extension- Approved	M Crocker-Gaines 11 Holm Oaks
2020/2498/TCA	Works to trees in a Conservation Area. Approved	G de Wilton Dyers Orchard, Water Lane.
2020/1878/TCA	Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area	B Barnes 31 High Street

The Clerk brought the MDC Planning Bulletin dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Councillors attention. Due to Covid 19, validation of applications, planning decisions, consultation responses, site visits and extensions of time regarding the Phosphate issue are delayed or will be carried out in a different way. They will not be automatically sending out decision notices, therefore the Clerk has registered on the Public Access System and has requested that current applications that have not been determined are tracked. Being tracked means that we are alerted when a decision is made or revised plans are received.

## FINANCE REPORT

### CURRENT AC

BALANCE £ 10726.06

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### BR AC

BALANCE £ 7645.38

Interest £ .18

**Balance £ 7645.56**

### Telecom Fund

**Finger posts £ 1056.39**

**Village Green Maint £ 450.00 Spend pending on tree maintenance**

**Heritage Trail £ 99.12 Spend pending**

**Total £1605.51**

### Footpaths

**Money left uncommitted £ 224.93**

Proposed S Alalia, seconded T Willmott, all in favour.

**FINANCIAL APPROVALS** : : Resolutions to approve the following expenditure :

**Adam Clarke Tree Surgeon £450. M Day Heritage Trail £99.12**

Proposed S Alalia , seconded T Willmott. All in favour

**CO-OPTION OF R CHADDOCK:** Proposed S Alalia, seconded T Willmott. All in favour

**POST COVID DISCUSSIONS:** Happy to hear from groups in the village if they have anything planned.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Somerset Sight is a local charity which has been supporting sight impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

One of our services is the Volunteer Visiting Service whereby volunteers are matched locally with a sight impaired person for regular visits for company and support, and also helps alleviate their loneliness and isolation.

Volunteers help with a variety of tasks such as reading, correspondence, or making appointments, going out for a drive or just a cup of tea and a chat. Many volunteers get great satisfaction and enjoyment from their voluntary work, many friendships are formed and the people they support very much look forward to their visits. At the current time as face to face visits are not permissible, the service continues with regular phone calls until such time as a visit is allowed again.

For anyone who is sight impaired and would like to know more about our services or if anyone would like to volunteer for the Visiting Service, please contact us on [01823 333818](tel:01823333818) for further information.

**LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS.** Rowley Farm entrance -Bristol Water reinstatement of digging has collapsed.  
Gullies from Cedar Walk to Rowley Farm are blocked including a culvert on the Rowley Farm side. Causes water to drain to the low spot at Rowley Farm entrance. – Report to Highways  
Trees High Street corner of Sub Road on both sides. – Chairman to address.

**MATTERS OF REPORT (Items for the next meeting)**  
**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.**

Chairman  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.