

Minutes of the Burrowbridge Parish Council meeting held on 8th March, 2016 in the Coronation Hall, Burrowbridge.

- 211 Welcome:**B.Tyler(chair),C.Loughlin,S.Wilton,D.Tilley,S.Kirk,
M.Payton(Clerk).
- 212 Apologies:**D.Fothergill,D.Graham,V.Orton.
- 213 Public Question & Answer session:** R.Quinton was in attendance and had come to thank the Parish Councillors for his ‘retiring’ gift. He than left the meeting.
- 214 Minutes of the February meeting:** These were signed after the ‘Action’ points checked.
- 215 Matters arising from the Minutes:**
a.The Clerk explained that the new defibrillator and cabinet had arrived but Ken Tucker who had agreed to instal it, was away at the present time.
b.Somerset Day: The Clerk explained that the person who had originally offered to organise it had backed down but the hall committee and the pub were getting together for an event on May 14th.
c.There were no other matters arising.
- 216 Planning:**
a.B.Tyler offered to attend, if possible, the training session covering Highway considerations on Tuesday, 15th March at The Deane House. **Action: B.Tyler**
- 217 Finance:**
a.Nil PAYE calculations had been received from the accountant, therefore, the Clerks salary for the six months October 2015 to March 2016 of £916.90p was paid in full. BT proposed this and CL seconded.
b.The Clerks expenses of £150.12 for the same period as the salary was also presented. BT proposed and SK seconded that this be paid.
c.The Clerk also presented an invoice from Amazon for £50.00p which had been paid by her for R.Quinton’s leaving present. BT proposed and CL seconded that this be paid.
d.The Clerk gave an update on finances as follows:Community Account:£1630.78, Active Saver: £6,139.34
e.There was no need to transfer funds.
f.The Clerk stated that, as R.Quinton, had resigned another signatory was required for the bank. C.Loughlin offered.
g.A grant from Somerset Association of Local Councils in the sum of £1410.00 had been received. This had been applied for the setting up of a website/Parish Council laptop etc. S.Kirk to look at the price of laptops. **Action: S.Kirk**
h.There were no other financial issues.
- 218 Highways:**
a.Several complaints had been received from residents about the state of the road outside Thorngrove Farm, Middlezoy. Although this is not in Burrowbridge Parish, it does effect many residents of this village. The Clerk, therefore, had contacted the Middlezoy PC who stated that any pressure that Burrowbridge could put on Highways would be appreciated. Councillors agreed to this. **Action: Clerk**
b.Notification had been received that the Athelney Level crossing would be closed on the night of 14th March.

- 219 **Footpaths:** There was nothing to report.
- 220 **Flood Resilience:**
 - a.Notification of the ‘Open’ afternoon to show details of the proposed Bridgwater Barrier at Bridgwater Arts Centre on the 10th March had been circulated.
- 221 **Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters:** There was nothing to report.
- 222 **SALC:** Availability on various training courses had been received.
- 223 **Community Council:** There was nothing to report.
- 224 **Electoral Review:** Details of the Electoral Review had been circulated.
- 225 **Annual Parish Meeting 24th May, 2016.**
 - a.The Clerk confirmed that the Burrowbridge W.I had agreed to provide refreshments for the APM. A discussion followed about the feasibility of providing a Fish & Chip supper instead but all agreed that they would rather go ahead with the W.I. Therefore, the Clerk asked to convey to them to cater for 70 people. **Action: Clerk**
 - b.The Chairman stated that invitations had not gone out as he was still waiting for the details from the previous year. D.Tilley asked to send them out. **Action: D.Tilley**
- 226 **The Queen’s 90th Birthday celebration:**
 - a.Confirming that the fire will be lit at Walkers Farm at 7.30pm in line with other beacons throughout the country. D.Tilley to provide information for The Bridge magazine.
 - b.Details of a commemorative medal had been received. All agreed that the PC would not do anything about it this time.
- 227 **National Trust/Burrow Mump car park:** C.Loughlin offered to clean.
- 228 **Correspondence:** There was nothing
- 229 **Items of Information of Council only:**
 - a.The Clerk mentioned that she had been asked to report to the EA that a resident was burning rubbish (possibly plastic) on the bank of the river and near another watercourse.
 - b.The Clerk reported the success of the Qigong classes and Councillors agreed to subsidise further lessons by 50% for Burrowbridge residents. This to be reviewed at a later date.
 - c.Data Protection was also discussed and the Clerk asked to send round a Date Protection Cleansing message to all her contacts. **Action Clerk**
- 230 **Matters to be reported:** New Defibrillator/Qigong etc
- 231 **Date & time of next meeting: 12th April, 2016 at 7.30pm.**
- 232 **Close of meeting: 8.40pm.**

Signed:.....date.....

Chair.