

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2022**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

Welcome: S.Kirk Chairman, S. Wilton, M.Swan , I.Foster, H.Husain, S.Buller, D.Fothergill, D.House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: N.McGrath, M.Jay, B. Hall,

Members of the Public: There were none

953. Minutes of January's Meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked.

954. Question & Answer Session: a. There were none

955. Matters arising from the previous Minutes:

a. The Doggy Poo Bin has been delivered and will be installed asap beside the Parrett Bridge.

956. Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £13,117.30 in the Active Saver Account. £642.04 in the Community Account. £534.27 in The Coach House Account.

b. Quote for the Coach House: A quote for £4000.00 was received from Duncan Varley to continue the works on The Coach House to continue the stabilisation and preparation of existing structure by removing the central pillar, build low retaining walls, create a central entrance. The flooring is not included in the quote. The councillors said that they will speak to Dianne Nicolls on the materials for the floor. The quote was unanimously accepted and will be paid from the CIL Budget. **Action: DH**

c. Parish Clerk's Salary: The Clerk presented the payslip for the month of January 2022. SK proposed, SW seconded.

d. Parish Clerk's March Salary: The Clerk asked if her March Salary be paid in the last week of March so that the expenditure is shown in the 2021/22 financial accounts. All agreed. **Action: DH**

e. Parish Clerk's Expenses: The Clerk present her expenses for £55.50. SK proposed, SW seconded. **Action: DH**

f. Defibrillator: The Invoice for £1509.60 for the payment of the Defibrillator was authorised. SK proposed, SW seconded. This will be paid once the defibrillator has been delivered. **Action: DH**

g. Any Other financial issues: There were none.

957. Planning Applications: There were none.

958. Highways: a. Blocked drains: The Clerk was pleased to inform the meeting that the two blocked drains at the corner of TA7 ORL has been cleared of debris.

c. A361 Burrowbridge Traffic Signal Refurbishment: The Chairman briefed the meeting about the onsite meeting which was held with Richards Needs, Service Manager, Somerset County Council, where the new signalised shuttle system at the Burrowbridge Traffic Lights was discussed. The new control box will be positioned behind the telephone box in the far corner. The Silver Birch Tree will be made safe. It has been requested for 2 sets of pedestrian control lights to be installed. This is to be confirmed. Richard was briefed on the plans for the development of the Coach House and garden. When the road works etc are being carried out due to the installation of the lights, the pavements will be re-instated and will be accessible to pedestrians and wheelchair users. The works are due to start early 2023. Any road closures will take place over night.

959. Footpaths: Nothing to Report

960. Parish Land: The Parish council have contacted Kali Martin, Somerset Highways to check if there is a planting Licence on the garden beside the Coach House. It is general practice that Parish Councils are issued a licence so that small areas of council grounds can be maintained. **Action: DH**

961. The Coach House: Unfortunately, the Coach House gates are beginning to deteriorate and need to be removed. During the recent gales, one door has been blown off and has been put in a safe place.

962. Flood Resilience: A meeting has been arranged for 3rd February 2022

Action: DH

963. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: Nothing to Report.

964. SALC: Nothing to Report.

965. Correspondence: a. Closure of Parrett Bridge: The PC received a concerns from residents to why the Parrett Bridge is closed. The EA initially closed the Bridge to walkers and vehicles, but then installed a container to prevent vehicles driving over the bridge but to allow pedestrians to walkover the bridge. Local Landowners have been written to informing them to the reasons why the bridge has been closed which was due to the failure and collapse of Roeburndale Bridge in Lancashire where there was a fatality. Structural investigation is ongoing.

966. Annual Parish Meeting: The Burrowbridge WI will provide the buffet for the APM. The cost will be £6.50 ph. The meeting voted unanimously in accepting this costing. **Action: DH**

967. Items of Information Council Only: a. BBC radio Somerset contacted the PC asking if they know of anyone who knows the history of the Burrow Mump as they would like to interview them for a radio programme. Unfortunately, the person who was recommended was unable to attend and no-one else came forward.

b. Curry Rivel Parish Council are arranging a meeting with the local Parish Councils to discuss the changes to the current county council being merged into one unitary council. Burrowbridge PC have informed Curry Rivel PC that they are interested in to attend a meeting. A date for the meeting has not been arranged yet. **Action: DH**

c. WI-Tree donation Queens Platinum Jubilee: David Fothergill asked the PC whether that the tree planting should be made a formal event by inviting the Lord Lieutenant to present the trees. MS was asked to discuss this with the WI and will inform the Clerk of the date to ask if the Lord Lieutenant would be available. **Action;DH/MS**

968. Matters to be reported:

Close of Meeting. 2030

Steve Kirk, Chairman

Date: 1st March 2022