

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Mike Jay, Chairman of Village Hall. Wifi invoice for Village Hall

**Welcome:** S.Kirk, Chairman, M.Jay, N.McGrath, J.Jeanes, L.Jeanes, D.House, Parish Clerk

**Apologies:** D.Fothergill, N.Covell,, S.Wilton, H.Husain,

**Members of the Public:** One member of the public attended

**Guest Speaker:** Liz Parfitt, from Westonzoyland Parish Council briefed the meeting on the problem of increased HGVs from TOWENS Development of Inert Material Storage Facility at Springway Business Park. This will mean an increase in HGV traffic to 20-60/70 vehicles a day between the hours of 0700-1700 on the A372. This planning application has been submitted to Sedgemoor County Council. Concerns are that Somerset County Council have not been included and there will be impact on the volume of HGVs will be travelling from Taunton to Westzoyland and travelling along the A372. The parishes along this route have not been consulted. Burrowbridge Parish Council will be contacting both councils. **Action: DH**

**1244. Minutes of November's meeting:** These were signed once the action points were checked.

**1245. Question & Answer Session:** There were none

**1246. Matters arising from the previous Minutes:** There were none

**1247. Finance: a. Update on Finance:** The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £8464.22 in the Active Saver Account. £500.66 in the Community Account. £437.78 in The Coach House Account.

**b. Precept:** The Clerk recommended that the PRECEPT for 2024/25 to be £9000.00. MJ informed the meeting that due to the changes in the Somerset County Council whereby works might be passed to Parish Council's to fund and manage that this might need to be reviewed. MJ advised the meeting that there is a LCN meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, North Curry, and that it is imperative that a member of the Parish Council attends as further information is needed. Leane Jeanes and Steve Kirk are planning to attend. The Clerk will check what other Parish are planning **Action: ALL**

**c. Parish Clerk's Salary.** The Clerk's presented her November's Salary. The SK proposed and MJ seconded. **Action: DH**

**d. Parish Clerk's Expenses:** The Clerk presented her expenses for October & November £32.87. SK proposed, MJ seconded. **Action: DH**

**e. Christmas Tree Invoice:** Not submitted

**f. Parish Garden Invoice:** Not submitted

**g. S. Kirk Expenses:** An invoice was presented for Christmas Tree lights £26.97. MJ proposed, NM seconded. **Action: DH**

**h. Village Hall Rent:** Not submitted **Action: DH**

**i. Village Hall WiFi:** An invoice was presented for annual use of WiFi from the Village Hall £531.63. SK proposed, NM seconded. **Action: DH**

**f. Any Other financial issues:** Nothing to Report

**1248. Planning Application:** 51/23/0005 Replacement of dwelling at Oak Lodge, Stathe Road, Burrowbridge (resubmission of 51/22/0006) Nothing to Report

**1249. Highways: a. Speed limit A361 at Burrow Wall:** The Clerk and The Traffic Engineer, Somerset Council are still to arrange a telephone meeting to discuss the concerns of the 60mph limit from Othery towards the traffic lights at Burrowbridge. The PCSOs have passed the concerns raised to Daniel Cox, Traffic Enforcement, Avon & Somerset Police who has made contact with the Clerk. He said that he will catch up with Traffic Management, SCC to assess the problems raised. **Action: DH**

**c. Slow Signs:** The Clerk has asked Daniel Cox, why more of these signs can't be produced? No response as yet received. **Action: DH**

**d. Flooding Stathe Road:** It is disappointing to see the flooding along Stathe Road return and also additional flooding near the pumping station. Residents had to unblock the drain themselves to prevent their properties being flooded. David Walker, Flood Coordinator for Burrowbridge is in regular contact with Ken Gordon, Assistant Highway Service Manager about the regular flooding on Stathe Road. **Action: DH**

**e. Hedges West Yeo Road:** The owner of the hedges has been contacted to cut these Hedges back which will allow better vision entering the A361. The owner was most agreeable and is fully aware that this job needs to be completed. To date it has not been done. The Clerk will contact Highways to cut back the hedges along the A361. **Action: DH**

**f. Accident at the crossroads A361:** Please see point e. The driver of the car is well but shaken up.

**1250. Footpaths:** Nothing to Report

**1251. Parish Land: a. Damaged Finger Post:** The Finger Post can't be repaired due to the bracket cannot be budgeted from the post: This is work in progress. **Action: ALL**

**b. Post Box – Stanmoor Road:** The Post Office has been instructed to return the Post Box to its original location. However, the planning department has told the Post Office that a planning application has to be submitted. The Clerk has written to the planning department to ask why? No response received yet! **Action: DH**

**1252. The Coach House: a. Signage:** The Picnic sign has been installed.

**1253. Flood Resilience:** Nothing to Report

**1254. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters:** Nothing to Report

**1255. SALC:** Nothing to Report.

**1256. Correspondence:** Please see 1249a, e, f above.

**1257. LCN:** MJ attended the LCN meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. MJ informed the meeting that due to the unitary authority joining of the County Councils, that some maintenance could be moved to Parish Councils to manage and fund. This would have an impact on the Precept figure. Before the Precept can be set, two of the councillors will be attending the LCN meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. **Action: LJ/SK**

**1258. Annual Parish Meeting:** The date for next year APM will be 14/05/23 **Action: DH**

**1259. Items of Information Council Only:** Nothing to Report

**Matters to be reported:**

**Steve Kirk, Chairman:** .....

**Date:.....Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Close of Meeting: 2130**