

EXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 in Bridgetown Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Mr Guy Thomas-Everard (Chair), Mr Robert Takle, Mr Colin Rawle, Ms Tonia Matthews and Mrs Jennifer Yates (JY, Clerk). (Mr Steve Rowe joined at the end of the meeting).

1. Apologies:

Ms Janette Webber and Mr Steve Rowe

2. Declaration of Interests:

No interests were declared.

3. Questions from the Public

No members of the public attended the meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes of 22nd May 2023 and 6th June 2023:

The Minutes of both meetings had been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising:

The Exmoor National Park Authority Election results were shared and discussed. It was felt that a good mix of people from both Devon and Somerset had been elected.

Discussion was held re the sign at the bottom of Exton Hill as previously discussed. A member of the parish has fed back his concerns too. It has also been noted that the vegetation is high at that location.

Action Steve Rowe to check and report

Jennifer Yates had received a call with regard to the gully clearance and jetting as there seemed to be some confusion about the area requested and the responsibilities of landowners. It was found that jetting had taken place at the top of Exton Hill but not completed. It was recommended that there is a drain in Quarme Lane that would benefit from clearance. It was also noted that the collapsed culvert in Week Lane had not yet been repaired.

Action Steve Rowe to follow up

6. Finance Report:

- a) The Clerk reported a balance of £1,620 in the Reserve Account and £3,384.42 in the Current Account after taking into account the following cheques to be approved: Zurich Insurance £168.00. Discussion took place re the details of the insurance – JY to circulate the schedule.
- b) It was agreed that Jennifer Yates and Robert Takle are to be added as signatories to the accounts. JY to action.
- c) Agreed and signed – JY to contact Andrew Moore to countersign

7. Planning:

- a) **application 6/3/23/005** Following discussion it was agreed that there was no comment to be made as the application is out of the Parish
- b) **application 6/40/23/006** Following discussion it was agreed that there was no comment to be made as the application is out of the Parish

8. Update on Roles and Representatives for Clerk Records:

Local Community Network – Janette Webber
Flood Group and Emergency Planning meetings – Ted Williams
Housing – No specific representative
Forum meetings – Robert Takle
Somerset Bus Partnership – Tonia Matthews
Highways – Steve Rowe
Website – Jennifer Yates
Community News – Dick Longman

9. Reports from Somerset Councillors: Cllr Pugsley and Cllr Nicholson had indicated they had to attend a meeting in Dulverton and hoped to make this meeting in time, but were not able to arrive before the meeting closed so apologies were accepted.

10. Reports from Councillors on Meetings Attended: It was noted in her absence that Janette Webber had attended the first LCN meeting under the new arrangements.

11. Correspondence and Emails received: JY had received an enquiry re safety for pedestrians but when followed up it was for a different parish council and had been received in error.

12. Any other business – A very successful local event Exmoor Rocks had taken place. Money had been raised for local charities and the village hall fund. Discussion was held re the potential placement of a defibrillator in the phone box in Exton.

Action JY to find details of defib. Suppliers/costs.

Steve Rowe arrived as the meeting was closing and the opportunity was taken to discuss the areas covered in Item 5 above. He has already taken action re the blue sign at the bottom of Exton Hill and has requested that it be lowered. Information was shared re the jetting requests.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 11th September 2023 at 7.30 in Bridgetown Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.28pm

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