

MINUTES OF HAMBRIDGE AND WESTPORT PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, HAMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

22/903 PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Denley (Chairman), Cllr. P. Masters (Vice Chair), Cllr.. R Maidment, Cllr. R Meecham, Cllr G Hill, M. Stanton (District Councillor), Mr. A Dance (County Councillor), & Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk). There was no members of the public present.

22/904 APOLOGIES:

Nothing to report

22/905 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Denley declared an interest regarding footpaths - Proposed diversion of footpath L 9/22, Hambridge

22/906 MINUTES:

The Minutes from the April meeting have been circulated. They were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Maidment

Seconded: Cllr. Masters

Agreed unanimously.

22/907 PUBLIC TIME

22/907/a Public Time:

A member of the public who could not attend asked a Parish Councillor to express her concern that the application for the footpath diversion that had recently been submitted to SCC, had been withdrawn. She was going to speak to SCC Footpaths about this.

The Chairman Cllr Denley also reported that the remainder of the invoice for the hearing loop and visual audio system could now be paid after it had all been signed off.

Action: Clerk

22/907/b District Councillor:

District Councillor Stanton was present at the meeting. He had not sent a report beforehand as very little has happened due to the recent elections.

22/907/c County Councillor: The Parish Council congratulated Cllr Adam Dance on his recent election success. He spoke of the future as a Unitary Council. It is still unknown what the Parish Council will be responsible for but over the next few months this should become clearer.

22/907/d P.C.S.O. Report:

Nothing to report

22/908 MATTERS ARISING

22/908/a Banking update: The Chairman Cllr Denley reported that he had now updated the payment information for the BT broadband for the village hall from Nat West account to the Unity Trust bank. The final transfer of the remaining funds that were in the Nat West account have now all been successfully transferred into The Unity Bank account as well. Authorisation for payments must now be sorted out with the Unity Bank and all Parish Councillors will have the authorisation to sign off payments (2 Parish Councillors will have to sign of all payments).

Action: Chairman Cllr Denley/Clerk

22/909 PLANNING:

22/909/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

22/909/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

22/909/c Applications for consideration.

Application No: 22/00967/FUL - Proposal: The erection of two yard covers; the first over a collecting yard and the second over a loafing yard. Location: Ruskway Farm, Ruskway Lane, Westport, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0BW

This application falls in Barrington Parish, hence it is up to Barrington Parish Council to make their comments. However, complaints were made about the continuous parking of farm machinery and silage bales on the verges outside this property. This land belongs to Highways. Cllr Maidment also reported the state of Ruskway Lane which has worsened with huge potholes, since the main road has been closed once again. Clerk to report both issues to Highways.

Action: Clerk

22/910 FINANCE:

22/910/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

22/910/b Matters for Resolution:

Insurance for 2022-23 – quotes. The clerk discussed the quotes received from insurance companies. A resolution was made to accept the quote from Zurich and to sign up for a 3 year fixed deal - £577.83

Clerk to confirm with Zurich and arrange payment.

Action: Clerk

Proposed: Cllr. Maidment

Seconded: Cllr.Meecham

Agreed unanimously

22/910/c Cheques Payable:

Louise Brooks	Salary – April 2022	£ 404.20	Pd via Unity Trust
HMRC	NI & PAYE April 2022	£ 84.60	Pd via Unity Trust
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – April 22	£ 40.00	Pd via Unity Trust
M Von Tyszka	Churchyard mowing April x 3 @ £100.00 per session	£ 300.00	Pd via Unity Trust
M Von Tyszka	Recreation ground maintenance April 4 x mowing @ £110 per session	£ 440.00	Pd via Unity Trust
SSDC	Ranger Scheme Inv No: 06000056794	£ 384.14	Pd via Unity Trust
Audio Visual Direct Ltd	Remainder of invoice no: ADV1330	£ 2,695.20	Pd via Unity Trust
Zurich Insurance	Annual insurance policy 2022-23	£ 577.83	Pd via Unity Trust

Proposed: Cllr. Maidment

Seconded: Cllr.Meecham

Agreed unanimously

22/911 CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received, had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors. There were extra items that the clerk discussed.

22/912 FOOTPATHS:

Footpath L 9/22, Hambridge:

After being contacted by the Rights of Way Warden for Hambridge and Westport who had requested a site visit, both Cllr Maidment and Cllr Masters reported that they had attended a recent meeting with Ms. Ebsary. She requested they walk the footpath in question which they did. She made note of any blockages and informed the Councillors that she would keep them informed of any progress.

22/913 MEMBERS' REPORTS/ITEMS FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Items for the next meeting: Any of the above which require follow-ups from this meeting.

Prices for Grit Bins, mirrors for junctions and parish council notice boards.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall.