

**MINUTES OF HAMBRIDGE AND WESTPORT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, HAMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

**23/990 PRESENT:**

Cllr. S. Denley (Chairman), Cllr. P. Masters (Vice Chair), Cllr. R Maidment, Cllr. R Meecham, Cllr G. Hill, & Mrs. L. Brooks (Clerk). There was 1 member of the public present.

**23/991 APOLOGIES:**

M. Stanton (District Councillor)  
A. Dance (County Councillor)  
J. Roundell-Green (County Councillor)

**23/992 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nothing to report.

**23/993 MINUTES:**

The Minutes from the February meeting had been circulated. They were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Meecham

Seconded: Cllr. Maidment

Agreed unanimously.

**23/994 PUBLIC TIME**

**23/994/a Public Time:**

The new editor of the newsletter resigned from the role as she felt the village residents were giving her little or no support and she felt that the lack of feedback from residents meant that they weren't interested in receiving a newsletter. The Parish Council discussed the need for the newsletter to be in the form of a hard copy and delivered door to door, like it always has been, so it reaches everyone.

A MOP discussed the amount of deer carcasses around the area and wondered if they had been killed by dogs or trophy hunters.

A MOP reminded the Chair regarding the oak trees that have been donated to the village.

**Action: Chairman Cllr Denley**

**23/994/b District Councillor & County Councillor report (combined):**

District Councillor Stanton was not present. This was his last meeting as our District Councillor.

County Councillor Roundell-Green and Country Councillor Dance were also not present. They had sent a report prior to the meeting which had been circulated.

**23/994/c P.C.S.O. Report:**

Nothing to report

**23/995 MATTERS ARISING**

**23/995/a Providing a Trophy for the WI Flower Show**

The Parish Council felt that it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to provide a perpetual trophy for the WI flower show. Cllr Meecham is making enquiries into costs for a trophy and will report back at the next PC meeting.

**Action: Cllr Meecham**

**23/995/b New BT package for village hall Wi-Fi**

The Chairman Cllr Denley reported that he had now secured a new contract with BT for the hall Wi-Fi.

**23/996 PLANNING:**

**23/996/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**23/996/b Decisions Notified: The Clerk had been notified on the following:**

Nothing to report

**23/996/c Applications for consideration.**

APPLICATION NO. 23/00316/FUL

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to residential and conversion of an existing stable block to provide ancillary accommodation at Park Farm

LOCATION: Park Farm Crabtree Lane Curry Rivel Langport

**\*\*Support\*\*** with request for following condition:

There is no stated link between the principal dwelling and the main dwelling (i.e the occupants should be dependant relatives or be employed at the principal dwelling as required by the SSDC planning guidance, Residential Annexes 2008. The main house and this ancillary annex should be part of one planning unit.

**23/997 FINANCE:**

**23/997/a Matters for report**

Nothing to report

**23/997/b Matters for Resolution**

Nothing to report

**23/997c Cheques Payable:**

All paid via Unity Trust Bank

<b>PAYMENTS DUE</b>			
Louise Brooks	Salary – February 2023	£	446.70
HMRC	NI & PAYE February 2023	£	95.40
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – February 2023	£	40.00
SSDC	Rangers hours for February 2023	£	384.14

Proposed: Cllr. Masters

Seconded: Cllr. Meecham

Agreed unanimously.

**23/998 CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence received, had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors.

**23/999 FOOTPATHS:**

Clerk reported that any footpath issues to be reported straight to SCC Rights of Way Officer.

**23/1000 MEMBERS' REPORTS/ITEMS FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Members' Reports:**

Cllr Maidment enquired about equipment for a litter pick. Clerk explained this is normally organized through SSDC and the equipment is hired from them. She suggested waiting a month to see what is going to happen about this type of thing after the transfer to a Unitary Council.

**Items for next Agenda:**

Trophy for WI- Cllr. Meecham

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.**