

**MINUTES OF HAMBRIDGE AND WESTPORT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
**IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, HAMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

**23/1055 PRESENT:**

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

**23/1056 APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. J. Roundell-Greene (Unitary Councillor)

**23/1057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nothing to report.

**23/1058 MINUTES:**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Meecham

Seconded: Cllr. Hill

Agreed unanimously.

**23/1059 PUBLIC TIME**

**23/1059/a Public Time:**

Nothing to report

**23/1059/b Unitary Councillor report:**

Unitary Councillor Dance updated the Parish Council on the latest financial situation at Somerset Council and discussed the budget options. He also reported on the latest about the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil. There're still no decisions been made on what services the Parish Council will be responsible for funding.

**23/1059/c P.C.S.O. Report:**

Nothing to report.

**23/1060 MATTERS ARISING**

**23/1060/a Report on LCN meeting – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

The Chairman attended the September LCN meeting via Teams. He reported back to the Parish Council his views on the meeting.

**23/1060/a Defib funding update**

Cllr Meecham reported back that there has been no change to the Red Cross website regarding the next round of available funding towards a defibrillator. He would report back at the November meeting.

**23/1061 PLANNING:**

**23/1061/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report.

**23/1061/b Decisions Notified:** The Clerk had been notified on the following:

Nothing to report.

**23/1061/c Applications for consideration.**

Application Number: 23/02472/COU

Proposal: Proposed change of use of cafe/shop to Use Class E for commercial, business and service uses.

Location: Post Office Stores Hawkers Lane Hambridge TA10 0AU

The Parish Council had no objection to this application and was in full support of it.

**23/1062 FINANCE:**

**23/1062/a Matters for report**

The Clerk reported that the HWRT had requested their grant of £1,500.00. This is an annual budgeted amount and can therefore be called down at any time in the year by the HWRT. Clerk to make arrangements for payment.

**Action: Clerk**

**23/1062/b Matters for Resolution**

Nothing to report

**23/10562/c Cheques Payable:**

All paid via Unity Trust Bank – direct online transfer.

<b>PAYMENTS MADE IN OCTOBER</b>		
Louise Brooks	Salary – September 2023	£ 419.16
HMRC	NI & PAYE September 2023	£ 110.40
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – Sept 2023	£ 40.00
Max Von Tyszka	Mowing of churchyard - September 2023	£ 200.00
Max Von Tyszka	Mowing of recreation field – September 2023	£ 465.00
Somerset Council	Rangers hours for September 2023	£ 633.77
Cox & Co Payroll Solutions	Payroll & pension monthly services Oct - Dec 23	£ 108.00
Squiggle Graphics	Yearly hosting of parish website	£ 240.00
SALC & NALC	Annual affiliation fee April 23 – March 24	£ 155.05

Proposed: Cllr. Masters

Seconded: Cllr. Maidment

Agreed unanimously.

**23/1063 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk reported that all correspondence received, had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors.

**23/1064 FOOTPATHS:**

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

**23/1065 MEMBERS' REPORTS/ITEMS FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Members' Reports:**

The Chairman queried why they were not being informed of road closures as far as Ilminster? Clerk to check with Highways. **Action: Clerk**

**Items for next Agenda:**

Defib

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.**