

**MINUTES OF HAMBRIDGE AND WESTPORT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, HAMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

**24/1137 PRESENT:**

Cllr. S. Denley (Chairman), Cllr. P. Masters, Cllr. R Maidment, Cllr. J. Roundell-Greene (Unitary Councillor) & Mrs. L. Brooks (Clerk). There were 2 members of the public present.

**24/1138 APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. R Meecham (Vice-Chair

Cllr G. Hill

Cllr. A. Dance (Unitary Councillor)

**24/1139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nothing to report.

**24/1140 MINUTES:**

The Minutes from the April meeting had been circulated. They were agreed as being an accurate account of the meeting and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Meecham

Seconded: Cllr. Masters

Agreed unanimously.

**24/1141 PUBLIC TIME**

**24/1141/a Public Time:**

A MOP reported on the success of the Community drop in. 37 residents of Hambridge and Westport turned up. She reported on the feedback from the questionnaire. The next 'Community Drop In' has been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**24/1141/b Unitary Councillor report:**

The Clerk spoke to Unitary Councillor Jo Roundell Greene about the Parish Council's views on the LCN meetings. She informed the UC that she had spoken to many different Parish Councillors from other Parishes, many clerks and other UCs from other areas and everyone she had spoken to about them were disappointed with them and thought they were a waste of SC money and a waste of their time. UC Roundell Green said she felt the same and was also getting a lot of negative feedback from other Parish Councils. The clerk explained she had written a letter of complaint to the Communications Lead for Members and Stakeholders asking questions about LCNs – what they were costing, what they had achieved, how many were employed, why hadn't Parish Councils (and Unitary Councillors) been asked for feedback or consulted about their requirement or continuation. The Clerk also questioned the lack of communication between SC and Parish Councils about the services cuts that we'd been informed would be stopping from 1st April and now it seemed they were being continued for the time being due to a lack of price lists and communication from SC– this was another question she had put to the Communications Lead, but had still yet to receive a response which was not acceptable. UC Roundell Green said she would raise this matter and get some responses.

**24/1141/c P.C.S.O. Report:**

Nothing to report.

**24/1142 MATTERS ARISING**

**24/1142/a Hambridge Community 'drop in' morning – report**

See public time

**24/1142/b Defibrillator**

The Chairman plans to install this very soon.

**Action: Chairman Cllr Denley**

**24/1142/c New general maintenance work provider**

The contract for general maintenance has been awarded to Max Von Tyszka for this year. Cllr Masters will be managing any work that is required.

**Action: Cllr Masters**

**24/1142/d Maintenance jobs required.**

Cllr Masters will be responsible for managing the general maintenance worker and any jobs that are required will be sent to him.

With regards to funding churchyard maintenance, the Chairman reiterated that we had set the limit at £1,250.00 for the year and once that figure had been reached the Parish Council would not be paying anymore for this financial year. The clerk reported that she had informed the treasurer of the church, of the amount and also the total amount it cost last year (£1,700). She would monitor expenditure and let the church and Max know when

the limit was near to give them time to decide what they would do after that. The Chairman had also written to the Church to inform them of our decision.

**24/1143 PLANNING:**

**24/1143/a Matters for report:**

Application No 20/00391/FUL **\*\*WITHDRAWN\*\***

Erection of dwelling with change of access at former garden area

Garden And Orchard to The Cottage, Westport

**24/1143/b Decisions Notified:**

Nothing to report.

**24/1143/c Applications for consideration.**

Nothing to report.

**24/1144 FINANCE:**

**24/1143/a Matters for report**

Budget – monthly update - The clerk provided a monthly expenditure report

**24/1144/b Matters for Resolution**

Nothing to report

**24/1144/c Cheques Payable:**

All paid via Unity Trust Bank – direct online transfer.

<b>PAYMENTS DUE</b>			
Louise Brooks	Salary – April 2024	£	552.12
HMRC	NI & PAYE April 2024	£	138.00
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance - April 2024	£	41.40
Max Von Tyszka	3 x Mowing of recreation field – April 24	£	420.00
Max Von Tyszka	Churchyard maintenance March & April 24	£	240.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Policy for June 24 -May 25	£	668.48

Proposed: Cllr. Meecham

Seconded: Cllr. Maidment

Agreed unanimously.

**24/1145 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**24/1146 FOOTPATHS:**

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

**24/1147 MEMBERS' REPORTS/ITEMS FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

Nothing to report.

**24/1148 Items for next Agenda:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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