

MINUTES OF HAMBRIDGE AND WESTPORT PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th MAY 2025
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, HAMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

25/1268 PRESENT:

Cllr. R Meecham (Chairman), Cllr. R Maidment (Vice-Chair), Cllr. S. Denley, Cllr. P. Masters, Cllr G. Hill (via zoom), Somerset Cllr. Jo Roundell-Greene & Mrs. L. Brooks (Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

**Cllr. P. Masters made an announcement to thank Cllr. S. Denley for holding the position as Chairman of the Parish Council for the last 12 years. The Parish Council thanked him for his service and commitment to the village. **

25/1269 APOLOGIES:

No apologies received

25/1270 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nothing to report

25/1271 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. S Denley

Seconded: Cllr. P. Masters

Agreed unanimously.

25/1272 PUBLIC TIME

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Nothing to report

25/1272/b Unitary Councillor report:

Cllr Jo Roundell Greene gave an update on SC. The Annual meeting was due to be held on 21st May and she would update the parish council at the next meeting following it.

25/1272/c P.C.S.O. Report:

See Matter Arising

25/1273 MATTERS ARISING

25/1273/a Parking – PCSO meeting report:

The clerk has written to Rebecca Vaughn at Highways to discuss moving the wigwag warning sign further down the road, past the Somerset Progressive School. The clerk was waiting for a reply, which she would forward to all Councillors on receipt of. Once a reply had been received from Highways, a meeting could be arranged with both school heads, the PCSO and Highways in attendance. The Chair Cllr Meecham reported that parking had worsened again, particularly in the mornings. This will be monitored before the next meeting. The speed sensor still needs to be moved before the entrance to the village. Cllr Denley said he would do this with the help of the Chair, Cllr. Meecham.

Action: Cllr Denley/Chair Cllr Meecham

25/1273/b Defib for pub

The Chair, Cllr Meecham, reported that the newly purchased defibrillator and cabinet was now installed outside the pub. The clerk reminded the Councillors that the passcode for entry must not be written on locked cabinets. When people access them in an emergency after obtaining the code, this triggers an alarm message to the PC to inform them it has been used and the defibrillator is taken off the circuit until it has been checked and replaced with new pads. The cabinet is locked for security. Cllr Maidment spoke about the Ilminster defibrillator that had recently been vandalised. The clerk explained that the number needed to be removed otherwise this invalidated the insurance. Cllr Denley to remove the passcode.

Action: Cllr Denley

25/1273/c War memorial railings

Cllr Denley reported that he'd had no luck getting funding from The War Memorial Trust or Historic England. Cllr Maidment felt that they should go ahead with one of the quotes (the cheapest quote was £850). Cllr Denley was keen to do the work himself. The Chair, Cllr. Meecham made the decision that before they employed someone to do the work, he would try again to get funding. He asked Cllr. Denley to email him all the correspondence he had had to see if he could get some success.

Action: Cllr S Denley/The Chair Cllr Meecham

25/1273/d Village Ranger Type Jobs

Cllr Masters asked if we could get Max to use his discretion to go around the village and cut back any hedging that was blocking the view of road signage. The Parish Council was in complete agreement. Clerk to email Max and ask him to do this.

Action: Clerk

25/1274 PLANNING:

25/1274/a Matters for report:

Planning breaches: Ongoing.

25/1274/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

25/1274/c Applications for consideration.

Application Number: 25/00567/COU

Proposal: Change of use of part of Earnshill House for a mixed use of residential (C3) and hosting wedding ceremonies and receptions.

Location: Earnshill House Hambridge Langport Somerset TA10 0AX

The Parish Council were in SUPPORT of this application

25/1275 FINANCE:

25/1275/a Matters for report

Budget – monthly update: The clerk gave a monthly update to the Parish Council on income and expenditure to date.

25/1275/b Matters for Resolution

Nothing to report.

25/1275/c Cheques Payable:

All paid via Unity Trust Bank – direct online transfer.

PAYMENTS DUE		
Louise Brooks	Democratic services – April 2025	£ 588.25
HMRC	Employee NI & PAYE & Employer NI to pay – April 2025	£ 208.12
Louise Brooks	Home Office Monthly Allowance – April 2025 - Government set	£ 26.00
Louise Brooks	Apr Office supplies – Includes paper, ink and other office consumables, postage.	£ 17.71
Max Von Tyszka	Rec grass cutting April 2 x cuts @ £150 per cut	£ 300.00
Max Von Tyszka	Churchyard grass cutting April 1 x cut @£125 per cut	£ 125.00
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance Policy	£ 743.62

Proposed: Cllr. P Masters

Seconded: Cllr. R Maidment

Agreed unanimously.

25/1276 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

25/1277 FOOTPATHS:

The clerk reported that she had been in touch with the new RoW Officer for H&W. It looked like we were back at square one with the footpath diversion. The clerk would get the contact number of the RoW Officer and put him directly in touch with Cllr Denley. The clerk reported that she had spoken to him about footpath strimming for the year, but the RoW Officer said there was very few on the list for H&W to be cut.

Action: Clerk

25/1278 MEMBERS' REPORTS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Nothing to report

25/1279 Items for next Agenda:

Railings

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.27pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.