

**Minutes of the Meeting of Meare Parish Council**  
**Held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7.00pm in the Chapel**

**Public participation**

No requests to speak during the public participation session had been received

**Present:** Cllrs Bennetts, Baker, Bradley, C. Foster, T. Foster, Neale, Turner-Welch, Westover, Winters, Wren and the Clerk Gerard Tucker

**In attendance:** 18 members of public

**2022/**

**55. Apologies** – No apologies were received

**56. The minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Proposed by Cllr Bradley, seconded by Cllr T. Foster and voted unanimously that they were a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April. It was proposed by Cllr Westover, seconded by Cllr Wren and voted by majority as being a true and correct record.

**57. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr T Foster declared an interest in planning item 6a as he lives in close proximity to the applicant. Cllr Turner-Welch declared an interest in planning item 6b as he is related to the applicant

**58. Highways**

- i. Play Area Gate update – Cllr C. Foster reported that there is a requirement for two gates at the recreation field. The clerk and Cllr Foster will liaise and identify the appropriate suppliers of gates and furniture. **Action required**
- ii. Volunteer for Mowing the Playing Field – Cllr Foster reported that sadly no one has come forward to assist with mowing the recreation field grass, with the exception of Cllr Bradley.
- iii. Quote for fencing the Picnic Area – It is understood that Winsley White will be providing a quote to fence the area and has been reminded of the need to engage with the Council very soon
- iv. Road Sweeping. The clerk informed that the drain pots had been emptied in Meare. Cllr Bennetts informed that Westhay drains had not been cleared, which transpired to be because the grating covers could not be removed. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Mendip Highways and also to enquire when the road verges will be swept – **Action required**
- v. Radar Survey – 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 is confirmed at a location east of Homeway Farm
- ix. Road Closures
  - a) Shapwick Road 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May – Open Reach
  - b) Meareway 12<sup>th</sup> May – Water repairs
  - c) Edington Road, Burtle – 25<sup>th</sup> April

**59. Planning**

- (a) 2022/0512/FUL  
Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling The Willows, Glastonbury Road, Meare. Full application. Cllr Bennetts informed the council of the reasons for recommending refusal of this application when previously considered. Councillors considered that whilst the concerns of phosphate mitigation had been resolved and the property was now proposed to have a reduction in height, the majority of reasons previously

mentioned remained. Cllr Bradley proposed, seconded by Cllr Neale that the application is recommended for refusal based on the material considerations of over-looking, loss of privacy and highway access. This was agreed by majority. 9-0-1

(b) 2022/0562/HSE

Proposed single storey rear extension Monserrat, Meareway Lane, Meare.

Householder Application. Cllr Foster proposed, seconded by Cllr Neale and agreed by majority to support this application. 9-0-1

**60. Insurance** A quote has been received for the provision of insurance services from Ecclesiastic Insurance, the same provider. The clerk suggested that the detail of the policy be discussed at the next meeting of the council in May. **Action required**

**61. Finances**

**Invoices received and payments to be made**

Payee	Chq No	£
R A Baker – Removal of pavillion	996	4,200.00
Cancelled	997	0
S Edwards – Management of website	998	108.00
S Brown – March expenses	999	214.56
M Sweet – mowing and maintenance	000	440.00
C Westover – Defib box repair	002	45.00
EDF – Electricity use d/d	DD	14.00
Ripple Consultancy d/d	DD	10.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,031.56</b>

The clerk confirmed that precept payment of £42,000 had been received from Mendip DC

- a. Summary of Account. The summary of the account to the end of March was presented by the clerk. Cllr Bradley proposed, seconded by Cllr T Foster and unanimously agreed that the summary was correct
- b. Bank Reconciliation. The clerk presented the most recent bank statement and reconciliation. Proposed Cllr Westover, seconded Cllr Turner-Welch and unanimously agreed was accurate.
- c. S137 Grants Requests  
Caroline Sanderson – requires £446 to balance the income against expenditure for the April/May edition of the parish magazine. Proposed by Cllr Turner-Welch, seconded by Cllr C Foster and unanimously agreed to support this request 10-0-0

**S137 payments made – no invoice**

Payee	Chq No	£
Caroline Sanderson – magazine contribution	001	446

Meeting closed at 7.28pm.

**62.** The next meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm in the Chapel

Signed ..... Dated .....16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.....