



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Parish Councillors Present:** Cllr Atkinson (Chairman), Cllr K Hamlyn, Cllr G Thorne, Cllr R Nicholson, Cllr S Trusler, Cllr Bowyer, Cllr E Williams, Cllr A Curtis, Cllr S Paulger, Cllr A Nicholson, District Cllr Hackett.

**In attendance:** Clerk Kayleigh Walker, members of the public: 6

**1. PUBLIC SESSION**

1.1 Members of the public raised concerns over flooding in relation to item 6.1. Cllrs invited them to join the discussion later in the meeting.

**2. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 Cllr K Dimmock, District Cllr S Gibson.

2.2 None.

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were previously circulated. The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting and the Chairman signed a copy. Proposed by Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Curtis . The Chairman also signed a copy of the September minutes following a change requested at the October meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 None.

**5. REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT**

5.1 County Cllrs Report – None.

5.2 District Cllrs Report – Cllr Hackett advised he had been following up on the sewage issue in the playing field and is aware that environmental health had been informed. He requested that Cllrs keep him in the loop with anything relating to speeding as he may be able to assist with this. Cllr Hackett confirmed that the money collected by speeding fines does go directly back into dealing with the cause.

5.3 Co-option applications had been circulated to all Cllrs ahead of the meeting. Cllr Paulger proposed the co-option of Mr Russell, seconded by Cllr Williams, a vote was held and Cllrs voted unanimously in favour. Cllr Curtis proposed the co-option of Mrs Fisher, seconded by Cllr Bowyer, a vote was held and there were 5 votes in favour and 5 votes against, the Chairman used a casting vote and Mrs Fisher was co-opted. The Clerk will follow up with both new Councillors to complete the necessary paperwork.

5.4 The Clerk advised she had not yet been able to obtain a second quote for the maintenance work on the bus shelter. Cllr Trusler said she could obtain the number of a contractor and would pass this on to the Clerk.

5.5 The Clerk had previously circulated the response from South West Lakes Trust in relation to concerns over the new parking system. Cllrs acknowledged this and agreed no further action.

5.6 The Clerk and Chairman reported that they had been continuously following this up with Willow Tree Housing Association who had advised they had attended the site, cleared the blockage and taken a CCTV inspection of the drains. The outcome and repairs are awaited. Cllrs agreed to leave the playing field closed until the repair work was complete.

5.7 The Clerk had circulated 4 quotes for the annual playground inspection. Cllrs agreed to proceed with Idverde. Proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr Trusler and agreed by all.

5.8 The Clerk had circulated a broadband update from DCC. Cllrs acknowledged this and agreed no action.



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**6. PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT**

6.1 1/0923/2024/REMM - Reserved matters application for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale of residential development (up to 12 dwellings) pursuant to 1/1052/2020/OUTM - Land adjacent Lower Sladesmoor Crescent. - Cllrs engaged with the public in attendance. District Cllr Hackett agreed to request the application was called in to the plans committee if the planning officer was minded to approve based on the following concerns shared by the public and council; ‘The Parish Council have concerns about drainage, water runoff, the path linking the development to the Playing Field and Car Parking. The Parish Council are concerned that the application fails to conform to Planning Policy ST03 as highlighted by the response from South West Water and as such should be refused unless the developer can assure that the concerns of South West Water, Devon County Council and the Parish Council are satisfied. The Parish Council made detailed observations about this application which they would like to be considered: Will the existing sewage system cope with the proposed properties and will an additional pump be required to cope with the increased flow? The land surrounding the site does not drain well as it is clay soil on granite. Water currently pools at the bottom of the hill, partly due to run-off. This development will exacerbate the current flooding issues. The Parish Council would like to see an assurance that these concerns are addressed to their satisfaction. The Parish Council would like consideration of the proposed 2.87m high fence around the road which was considered to be overbearing. Properties tend to have three cars due to the rural location, and the provision of car parking space was considered insufficient. Therefore, the Parish Council are unable to support the application as it stands without further information and modification and accordingly would seek a meeting with the developer to advance and address their concerns.’ The Clerk will submit the same comments.

6.2 1/0846/2024/FUL - Erection of covered dung store - East Druyton Farm, St Giles on the Heath - Cllrs agreed to support this application, proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr R Nicholson and agreed by all.

**7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

7.1 Health & Safety Focussed project - The Clerk advised that Tristan at Highways had approved one of the signs designed by the school children and it was now being manufactured and can be put up in each direction on the main road through the village. The Clerk also advised that a member of the community suggested purchasing a Trauma Kit to put in the telephone box with the defibrillator. Cllrs agreed the Clerk should proceed with this. The Clerk also advised she had a replacement light for the defibrillator cabinet but required an electrician to fit it. The Clerk will also obtain quotes to install a brighter light/fix the current light inside the telephone box. Cllrs agreed the Clerk should approach two electricians and proceed with the most reasonable quote. Proposed by Cllr Paulger and seconded by Cllr Trusler with the majority of Cllrs in favour. Finally the Clerk proposed a date for the next community CPR and defib course of February 1, 2025. Cllrs agreed this should proceed. Cllr Hamlyn suggested St Johns ambulance may offer free training, the Clerk will investigate.

7.2 Parish Meeting - Cllr Atkinson reported that it was no longer possible for the speed watch team to operate due to the lack of members. Cllr Atkinson will still arrange a meeting for the new year to try and engage the public.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 Cllrs raised concerns over the condition of the road from Chapmans Well to Boyton Bridge, a deep pot hole and road erosion near Pinslow Cross along with flooding just down from the bus shelter. The Clerk will report all matters.

**9. FINANCES**

9.1 Authorisations of expenses: Coronation Hall hall hire November meeting £18, J Sanders grass cutting 06-24 £480, Adele Jones 123reg website domain £14.39. Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Thorne and agreed by all.

9.2 Current account as of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - £11378.75.

9.3 Monthly budget sheet – circulated for Cllrs information only.

Chairman Sign and date .....2.....



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**10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

10.1 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7.30pm.

\*\* Part II \*\* (Press and Public Excluded)

**11. ENFORCEMENT**

11.1 The Clerk provided a response to concerns over an appeal case.

**12. CLOSE**

12.1 Meeting closed approx. 9pm.