

# MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Meeting of Mudford Parish Council held on Thursday 27 January at 19:00hrs

**Present** – Councillors

Phil Sargent (Chair), Mark Rowlands, Phil Edgeworth, Peter Blackwood, Nick Lanigan

**In attendance:**

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk & 5 members of the public

### **i) Public Open Session**

There was significant discussion regarding a designated dog area along with a footpath around the playing field, worries about vehicles gaining access to the playing field and responsibility for the tree in the VH car park.

### **ii) County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Capozzoli gave a report on the latest at SSDC and Cllr Lewis reported that key figures in Somerset Highways department had moved into new roles.

### **19:40 Meeting opened**

**21/106 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.**  
Apologies received and accepted from Stephen Bartlett and John Snell (work commitments).

### **21/107 Declarations of interests.**

Cllr Lanigan declared a non-pecuniary interest in 6a.Planning (21/111), as a distant neighbour.

**21/108 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting**  
**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

### **21/109 Matters to report from a previous meeting**

All matters to be discussed were on the agenda.

### **21/110 Planning Decisions Report.**

None.

### **21/111 Planning Applications - 21/03740/FUL – Land OS 7067, Primrose Lane. Erection of new grain store.**

The Parish Council objected to the application, due to the condition of the accessway making it unsuitable for further heavy lorries and also the increased danger to pedestrians using the road.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

### **21/112 Finance - To approve the following BACS payments:**

Clerk's gross salary and expenses	£1134.07
Pinnacle Accountancy – Payroll Service	£42.00
K M Dike – Ground maintenance	£1135.18
David Jarvis Associates – Consultancy	£2700.00

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and unanimously agreed for the payments presented to be approved.

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## **21/113 Finance – To approve the 2022-23 precept request**

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve a precept request of £42000 to meet the 2022-23 budget in full.

## **21/114 Finance – To approve a grant request to SALC**

**RESOLVED:** The details of the grant request for the Village Hall were reported to the PC and it was agreed to approve the request to SALC for a grant of £2478.80 from the 'Reconnecting Communities' fund.

## **21/115 Clerks report & correspondence**

The clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Town & Parish elections to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Email reporting on a Wessex Internet meeting in Mudford VH on 29 January 2022.

## **Meeting Closed**

## **21/116 Parish Matters – Queens Jubilee Plans**

The Chair closed the meeting & invited all members present (including resident of Hales Meadow & a representative from VH committee) to discuss the planned event to be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the parish. It was proposed to hold a single event with the exact location tbd. Cllr Edgeworth agreed to contact Abri to discuss possibly using their premises and facilities & everyone was encouraged to attend a meeting in the VH on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 7pm.

**ACTION: Cllr Edgeworth**

## **Meeting Opened**

## **21/117 Parish Matters – Playing field footpath update**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as the independent advisor was not present.

## **21/118 Parish Matters – Fitness Equipment Repair Report**

Cllr Sargent provided a report of the current position regarding HAGs & in particular the repair of the foot pedal on the cycle. He was still chasing elements of the guarantee and would continue to report his progress at future meetings.

## **21/119 Highways, Footpaths & Rights of Way Matters**

Cllr Blackwood reported that some stiles and footpaths were blocked near to the proposed planning application that had been discussed earlier in the meeting. The clerk agreed to report if the exact location was provided, but pointed out that this could be reported as detailed below (extract from the previous minutes):

{The condition of stiles throughout the parish was discussed and the clerk advised that they could be reported on the Somerset County Council Website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/#Report-an-issue-on-the-network>}

The clerk was asked to report a noisy manhole cover & raised manhole cover outside the VH & the condition of the footpath along the highway up to the cemetery.

Cllr Rowlands advised those present to be aware of their implicated responsibilities when directing traffic at the scene of an RTA as happened recently.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

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## **21/120 Cemetery Matters**

Cllr Sargent suggested that members of the PC meet at the cemetery to discuss the Table of Fees & cemetery rules, ensuring that all aspects of running the cemetery had been considered with the recent update to the charges.

**ACTION: All Cllrs**

**21/121 Date of next meeting** – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**21.08 – Meeting closed**