## **CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Approved Minutes** for the Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7:00pm**

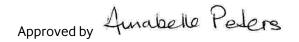
## **Councillor Attendance**

Cllr. Annabelle Peters – Chair	AP	Present	Cllr. Paul Tucker	PT	Present
Cllr. Charlie Cudlip	СС	Present	Cllr. David Griffin	DG	Present
Cllr. Diane Phillips	DP	Present	Cllr. Kieran Roe	KR	Present

**Also Present:** Cllr. David Fothergill (SCC) (from 7.50pm), ten (10) members of the public (including two (2) via the Zoom stream) and Andrew Williams, Creech St Michael Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

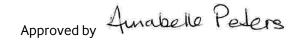
## Meeting started at 7:00pm

1.0	Chair's welcome
	AP welcomed all Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.
2.0	Public Question time - Questions asked by the Public and Press will be noted.
	A resident raised a concern about dog owners walking their animals without leads on private land in the community. The resident was advised to take a photograph if possible of any incidents and the Parish Council would continue to publicise the matter.
	Two residents spoke against the planning application 14/23/0015. The residents raised concerns over the levels of noise generated by the equipment housed behind the roller door, that formed part of the application. They also expressed concern over the operating hours of the premises and the impact that the noise was having on their family lives. The residents urged the Council to object to the planning application.
3.0	To receive County and District Councillors' Reports
	Cllr. Fothergill provided the following report.
	<b>Local Government Reorganisation</b> - the new Council came into being on 1st April 2023. Somerset Council replaces the four District Councils and County Council providing a range of over 500 services. Both a single point of telephone or website contacts are available on 0300 123 2224 or <a href="www.somerset.gov.uk">www.somerset.gov.uk</a>
	<b>Somerset County Council Finances</b> - Somerset County Council continues to show a significant projected overspend of £24.3 as at Month 9 (the latest figures available), with the main areas of Social Care causing the greatest overspends. There remain significant challenges in delivering the new Somerset Council budget given the current trend in overspend and the risk to some savings which are planned.



Covid-19 Spring Booster - over-75s and those with weakened immune systems will be offered a further dose of the vaccine this spring. The NHS plan will offer spring boosters to eligible members of the public from between 17 April and 30 June 2023. Younger drivers - Somerset Council is backing a major new campaign aimed at younger drivers to raise awareness of the dangers of excessive speed on rural roads. Visit www.somersetroadsafety.org to find out more about initiatives and courses. Online Support for Carers - Somerset Council has recently launched a three-month pilot project with Mobilise, an online business created by carers to help unpaid carers get the support they are entitled to. Mobilise will work directly with the existing commissioned Carers Service, including the Community Council for Somerset Agents, to ensure that targeted information will be given to carers and their families. This will include a range of online support including individual support calls – seven days a week. The Mobilise service is free for residents of Somerset and can be accessed via https://support.mobilise.co.uk/somerset Housing Support Scheme - A new scheme to support people leaving hospital and returning to their own homes is demonstrating the advantage of bringing services together in the new unitary Somerset Council. The new Council services will be accessible through www.somerset.gov.uk Lettings Agents: Trading Standards is reminding letting agents of their legal obligation to protect money they are holding on behalf of a client. Somerset Trading Standards imposed the fine on a Frome letting agent, after they had repeatedly ignored advice to obtain Client Money Protection that protects landlords' and tenants' money held by a letting agent. New Free School - Somerset Council has been successful in its application to the Department for Education

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	Mr Roe's co-option as Roe joined the meetir	•	r was approved and Mr	Roe signed the Decla	ration of Office. Mr
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6.0	Parish Council Vaca	ncies			
	None.				
	4.2 Dispensation Re	quest			
	DP declared an intere participate in any vote		cations 14/23/0006/LE ons.	3 and 14/23/0007 an	nd would not
	4.1 Declarations of I	ndividual Membe	rs		
5.0	Declarations of Inte	rests			
	Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. No	rman Cavill's apolo	gies were received. Cllr.	Davidson's absence v	was noted.
4.0	To receive any apolo	gies for absence			
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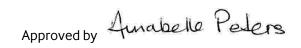


7.0	Minutes							
	7.1. to <b>Review and Approve</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. [V]							
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	Cllrs. agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. The Chair signed a copy of the minutes for the records.							
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	DG commented that during the Zoom call the planning consultant had failed to address the matter							
	of the deterioration of the property, that is the subject of this application. In particular, that the							
	applicant was responsible for that deterioration and therefore could not use that fact as a means of justifying the application. DG recognised that the building was in dire need of attention, but that							
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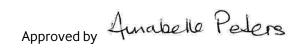
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12.0	Canal Signage – to consider and approve a proposal for the costs of installing signage along the canal footpath. [V]						
	The Clerk reported that a number of hire companies had been approached to source the necessary equipment needed for the works, but only one provider, Eagle Plant, had the necessary equipment available to hire.						



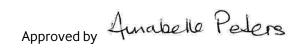
	A resident offered to help with the project, with the potential of being able to provide some equipment at a lower cost to the Council.  CC and PT to prepare a plan of the installation sites.						
	The proposal to allocate funds up to £860.00 for the works was approved.						
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9.0	Finance – to <b>review and approve</b> the Financial Transaction Report. [V]								
	The Financial Transaction report was approved. See <b>Appendix B</b> for a list of all payments. The Chair signed a copy of the report for the records.								
	Prop: AP	Sec: PT	In Favour: 6	Against: 0	Abstain: 0				
	Updates from Committees, Panels and Working Groups								
0.0	Finance Commit	tee							
	20.1. Expenditure	e against budget ye	ar-to-date.						
	<ul> <li>20.1. Expenditure against budget year-to-date.</li> <li>DG confirmed that a Finance Committee meeting was needed. DG's primary focus is on managing the ongoing costs of the Recreation park.</li> </ul>								



26.0	Changes to the Planning Process					
	Communication had been circulated, but no comment was made.					
	brought to the attention of the Parish council.					
	25.2 To note items of correspondence received by the Clerk and RFO deemed appropriate to be					
	CC had been in communication with a resident about flooding at North End. Somerset Council had undertaken some works to clear the drains in the area and this had seemed to have had a positive impact so far.					
	25.1 To consider any correspondence received that Councillors wish to raise that has already been circulated.					
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25.0	Other Matters  Correspondence					
	The footpath report was noted and the Council thanked Fred A'Court for his efforts in preparing the report.					
24.0	Footpaths Report					
	Ruishton Parish Council had made a financial contribution to the event and this was gratefully received. AP appealed for volunteers to assist on the day.					
	AP ran through the main attractions that were being made available at the event. Expected numbers of people requesting cream teas was between 400 and 500.					
23.0	Coronation Celebrations Group					
	the distribution network now covered 700 households in the Parish. More volunteers were needed.  AP had received positive feedback on the newsletter.					
	AP confirmed that the next edition of the newsletter was in preparation. The Clerk confirmed that					
22.0	Newsletter Working Group					
	The Clerk confirmed that he would supplement this data with the data from the Speed Indicator Devices.					
	CC appealed for more volunteers to supplement the group.					
	The Speedwatch Group had provided a summary of the data they had collected from their activity between December and February 2023. The data indicated that the proportion of motorists that were identified as exceeding the 20 mph speed restrictions was approximately 17%, an average that was higher than the regional average. CC reported that over 40 letters had been issued by Avon and Somerset Police as a result of the actions of the Speedwatch group.					
	21.1 Community Speedwatch Group					
21.0	Traffic Panel					
	The Clerk reported on expenditure to date, which was on profile and as expected. The Clerk reported that there are a number of items of expenditure that will need to be accounted for in the 23/24 year that were budgeted for within the 22/23 year.					



	The Clerk shared a presentation that he had received that summarised the changes to the planning application process that have been introduced following the establishment of the Unitary Authority.
27.0	Recreation Park – Report on the Incident of Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.
	The Clerk summarised the incident that had occurred at the Recreation Park, involving a group of young people and the member of staff from the security provider. The Police had been alerted, but no further action had been taken.
	The Clerk confirmed that a fence panel had been damaged and would need to be replaced. The fencing contractor had been contacted and would be dealing with the issue.
28.0	New Matters to be Carried Forward
	None.
29.0	Council to Decide if to Exclude Members of the Public and Press for the Following Item(s)  [V]
	None.

The meeting ended at 9.08pm

[V] = Where a resolution (vote) is expected

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The next Creech St Michael (CSM) Parish Council meetings are on:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Annual Parish Meeting) At 7pm in the CSM Village Hall