

CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council [CSMPC] held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on **Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7:00pm**

Councillor Attendance

Cllr. Annabelle Peters – Chair	AP	Present	Cllr. Diane Phillips	DP	Present
Cllr. Neil Davidson	ND	Present	Cllr. Kenneth Hunt	KH	Present
Cllr. Paul Tucker	PT	Present	Cllr. Charlie Cudlip	CC	Present
Cllr. David Griffin	DG	Present			

Also Present: County Cllr. Norman Cavill Somerset County Council (SCC) (from 8.00pm), five members of the public and Andrew Williams, CSM Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Meeting started at 7:00pm

1.0	Chair's welcome
	AP welcomed all Councillors and visitors to the meeting and invited members of the public to speak.
2.0	Public Question time - Questions asked by the Public and Press will be noted.
	A member of the public voiced his concerns, on behalf of the residents of Mill Lane, Creech St Michael, about planning application 14/21/0040/A. The comments were noted and it was recognised that the application raised significant concerns for the residents of Mill Lane.
3.0	To receive any apologies for absence
	Apologies were received from Cllr. David Fothergill Somerset County Council (SCC).
4.0	Declarations of Interests
	4.1 Declarations of Individual Members
	DP declared a new interest as she had been appointed as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Parish of Creech St Michael, Ruishton and Thornfalcon.
	4.2 Dispensation Request
	None
5.0	Parish Council Vacancies
	No applications had been received since the last meeting.
	5.1 Letter to residents of Langaller, Adsborough and parts of Thurloxtton
	AP explained that she had produced a letter to be sent to the residents of Langaller, Coombe and Adsborough, inviting applications to join the council. As the Parish Council did not currently have representation from these areas of the Parish.
6.0	6.1 Minutes - to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2022. [V]
	All present confirmed that they had received the minutes of the meeting held on 25 th August 2022.
	Cllrs. agreed the minutes of the 25 th of August 2022. The Chair signed a copy of the minutes for the records.
	Prop: AP Sec: DP In Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
	6.2 Minutes - to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2022. [V]

	All present confirmed that they had received the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th September 2022.				
	Cllrs. agreed the minutes of the 5 th of September 2022. The Chair signed a copy of the minutes for the records.				
	Prop: DP	Sec: DG	In Favour: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
7.0	A Statement from the Clerk and RFO.				
	The Clerk and RFO read a pre-prepared statement that related to an incident that occurred, between a member of the public and the Clerk and RFO, following the Parish Council meeting of the 5 th of September.				
8.0	Review and Monitor the Actions from Past Meetings - See Appendix A for details of action points and progress toward the completion of each action.				
9.0	Planning Applications - To consider the following application/s and to make recommendations to the Planning Officer. [V]				
	Application Reference	Description			
	14/22/0042/A	Display of 4 No. non-illuminated advertisement/sponsorship signs on Langaller Way Roundabout, A38/1450, Creech St Michael.			
		Decision			
		Refer to previous submission made in respect of this application.			
	Prop: AP	Sec: DP	In Favour: 6	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
	14/22/0043/A	Display of 4 No. non-illuminated advertisement/sponsorship signs on Green Lane Roundabout, A38/1430, Creech St Michael.			
		Decision			
		Refer to previous submission made in respect of this application.			
	Prop: AP	Sec: DP	In Favour: 6	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
	14/21/0040/A	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing use of land as a vehicle depot operating 24 hours a day at South West Crane Hire, Creech Mills, Creech St Michael.			
		Decision			
		Object to the application on the following grounds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evidence provided by the applicant does not demonstrate that the land has been in use for the necessary period of 10 years. • The frequency of vehicle movements evidenced in the application does not support allowing higher volumes of vehicle movements and operation over a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis. • The route in to the site is not suitable for high volumes of commercial traffic. • The draft lease provided by the applicant only provides proof of landlord's consent and does not evidence planning authority consent for use. Support would be given to an application for use as a vehicle depot with conditions relating to the volume of vehicles (less than 20) and the hours of use being in line with the original operation, between 07.00 and 19.00.			
	Prop: AP	Sec: DP	In Favour: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
	DP and DG to arrange to meet with the resident's representatives to draft a response of what would be an acceptable use of the land.				
10.0	To receive County and District Councillors' Reports				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset County Council Finances. As at the end of July (month 4) the overall projection was for an overspend on budget of £23.9m (up from £18.5m in June). 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Reorganisation. Following the Secretary of State DLUHC decision to support the move to a single Unitary Council across Somerset, vesting day for the new Unitary Council remains as 1st April 2023. • Community Governance Review. This was recently approved by SW&T Council. There is currently a legal challenge being lodged against the plans to create a Town Council for Taunton. • Local Community Networks. A public consultation on the development of Local Community Networks (LCNs) is ongoing. • Future of SEND in Somerset. Somerset County Council, NHS Somerset and Somerset Parent Carer Forum are inviting families as well as school leads, education, and health professionals to join a webinar this October to help shape the future of Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) in Somerset. • Innovation Zone. The Chancellor has announced that the Gravity site, just north of Bridgwater, could be part of one of the first of the Government's new Investment Zones. • Dillington House. SCC's Executive has confirmed that the council will seek to end its activities at Dillington House in Ilminster on 30th September 2023. • Public Health Nursing Team. SCC's Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting and School Nursing) team has been rated as 'Good' across all sections in a recent review of the service by inspectors at the Care Quality Commission (CQC). • Flu and Covid-19 vaccines are now widely available throughout the County. • West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Plan. The result of the recent referendum was that 80% of residents approved the plan. 					
11.0	<p>Finance - To agree the monthly payments in the Financial Transaction Report (circulated in advance of the meeting). [V]</p> <p>See Appendix B for a list of all payments.</p>					
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12.0	<p>Local Community Networks – to consider how to respond to the consultation on Local Community Networks. [V]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Cavill explained that he expected that following the conclusion of the consultation it was expected that a framework should be in place from the 1st of April 2023 and not the functioning networks. • Cllr. Cavill suggested that the proposed options could be supplemented by other proposals that met the needs of the communities. <p>It was agreed that the Clerk and RFO would attend a meeting of Parish Council's being hosted by Stoke St Mary PC on the 7th of October 2022 and report back via email to the Parish Council.</p> <p>A decision on the matter was deferred.</p>					
13.0	<p>Donation of Monies – to approve a donation of £110.00 to Somerset Community Fund. [V]</p> <p>Moved to agenda item 29.2</p>					
14.0	<p>Defibrillator Recall – to approve expenditure of no more than £698.40 for the replacement of batteries in 3 defibrillators. [V]</p> <p>Three suppliers of batteries have been approached to supply replacement batteries and the proposed cost was the highest of two quotes.</p>					
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15.0	<p>Rec Park Play Equipment Repairs and Maintenance – to approve expenditure of £17,475.99 to undertake repairs and maintenance to the Rec Park play equipment. [V]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Davidson asked for clarification of the warranty that exists with the equipment that was installed in 2019. • Cllr. Griffin asked that the contingent liability be fully established before any decision was made on expenditure. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the Rec Park Panel reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had a significant liability • Cllr. Cavill asked the members of the Parish if they could evidence the regular reporting of inspections. It was agreed that whilst a visual inspection was being conducted regularly, this needed to be recorded in a formal process. • Cllr. Hunt asked for clarification on whether there was a budget allocated to cover these costs and the Clerk and RFO confirmed that there was a sinking fund in the budget for this type of issue. Cllr. Hunt expressed his concern of the impact of this on the Parish Precept. <p>Action: Clerk and RFO to ascertain the warranty cover for the equipment and a meeting of the Rec Park Committee should be convened to discuss the matter further.</p> <p>A decision on the matter was deferred.</p>
	Committees, Panels and Working Groups - (reports circulated in advance of the meeting)
16.0	Staffing Committee
	A staffing Committee meeting is scheduled for the 12 th of October 2022.
17.0	Finance Committee
	A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for the 24 th of October 2022.
	DG updated on progress of discussions with the Party in the Park group. It is recognised that there is a desire to collaborate and work together to find a solution to the issues relating to the management of funds and future projects. It is also recognised that there is a limited appetite to stage a larger event and it may fall to the Parish Council to make a decision on any future large events.
18.0	Rec Park Committee
	The Rec Park committee are involved in ongoing discussions about the maintenance issues and will be meeting in the near future to progress the matters.
19.0	Canal Panel
	CC has been in contact with the Canal and Rivers Trust to organise a meeting with them to agree where the new signage will be located.
20.0	Planning Panel
	A reminder that the Planning Training for councillors has been rescheduled for 26 th October 2022.
21.0	Traffic Management Panel
	CC reported that we are still waiting for confirmation of the sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order.
	Action: Clerk and RFO to chase the Highways team at Somerset County Council to seek clarification on the Traffic Regulation Order.
22.0	PiP Working group
	See agenda item 17.0
23.0	Newsletter Working group
	AP confirmed that she had spoken with the editor of the Creech News and updated her on the Council's plan to produce a monthly newsletter. The Editor will be discussing the proposal with her group and will respond to AP.
24.0	Footpaths and Rights of Way Panel
	A brief report had been presented by the Footpaths and Rights of Way volunteer. The report outlined some works to stiles to improve access.
	Other Matters
25.0	Update on the Allotment Society CIL Bid
	The Clerk and RFO confirmed that the Allotment Society's bid for a grant was successful and will enable them to extend the numbers of plots available to rent.

26.0	Update on North End Improvements				
	AP confirmed that the repairs to the bench at North End had been completed and that the dog waste bin had been moved to a more suitable position.				
27.0	Correspondence				
	27.1 Email correspondence from Mr Jonathan Conibere. Mr Conibere had written raising concerns about the speed of vehicles passing through Adsborough on the A38. He raised his concern over the use of Speed Indicator Devices in neighbouring parishes and sought support from the Parish Council. CC suggested that the issue be raised with the Highways team at Somerset County Council. Action: Clerk and RFO to respond and suggest that contact be made with Somerset County Council.				
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)				
	29.1 Councillor Recruitment				
	A discussion took place to clarify the council's position regarding the recruitment of former councillors to the group.				
	29.2 Donation of Monies – to approve a donation of £110.00 to Somerset Community Fund. [V]				
	It was agreed to donate £110.00 to Somerset Community Fund.				
	Prop: AP	Sec: KH	In Favour: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

The meeting ended at 9.46

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

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

Monday 07 November 2022	at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall
Monday 05 December 2022	at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall
Monday 09 January 2023	at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall