CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes for the Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council [CSMPC] held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7:00pm

Councillor Attendance

Cllr. Annabelle Peters – Chair	AP	Present	Cllr. Paul Tucker	PT	Present
Cllr. Neil Davidson	ND	Present	Cllr. David Griffin	DG	Present

Also Present: Cllr. David Fothergill (SCC), 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 members of the public to the meeting.					
2.0	Public Question time - Questions asked by the Public and Press will be noted.					
	A representative from South Somerset Astronomy Society addressed the meeting with his proposal					
	to seek support and funding from the Parish council to update the Somerset Space Walk, that runs					
	alongside the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal. The project will also aim to introduce the cycle of					
	Halley's Comet which will progress through the solar system over the next 38 years. Contact details					
	for the project were passed to the Clerk and RFO.					
3.0	To receive County and District Councillors' Reports					
	Apologies were received from Cllr. Cavill.					
	Cllr. Fothergill's update included the following.					
	• Somerset County Council is reporting a £22 million budget gap for this financial year and a					
	projected £75 million gap for the 2023/24 year.					
	• The Local Community Network consultation has been delayed and is now likely to be reported on					
	at the end of the year.					
	Winter gritters are ready to deploy.					
	• A new travel site has been launched called Think Travel Options. This combines all travel options					
	for the County.					
4.0	To receive any apologies for absence					
	Apologies were received from ClIrs. Diane Phillips, Ken Hunt and Charlie Cudlip.					
5.0	Declarations of Interests					
	4.1 Declarations of Individual Members					
	None.					
	4.2 Dispensation Request					
	None					
6.0	Parish Council Vacancies					
	No applications have been received. AP asked the members of the public present, to make others					
	aware of the vacancies.					
7.0	Minutes					

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Amabelle Peters

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	The Financial Tr	ansaction report was	s approved. See Append	lix B for a list of all pa	yments.		
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15.0	Local Community Network Proposal – to approve the adoption of the proposed structure of a Hills and Levels Local Community Network. [V] AP invited Cllr. Fothergill to update the committee on the proposals to create Local Community Networks (LCNs). Cllr. Fothergill explained that LCNs would act as committees of the new unitary authority with delegated powers and funding from the Unitary Authority. They do not replace Parish Councils.						
	As a result of the timescales involved with the consultation, a proposal that joined the Creech St Michael parish with Monkton Elm, North Petherton Town Council and other parish councils was submitted to the consultation.						
	The proposal was ap						
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	 £5,000.00 per annum. Following consultation with residents it was requested that the fund be administered by the Ham Flood Committee. AP and DG had consulted with the Somerset Community Foundation and they had indicated that they were unable to administer the funds. The proposal was rejected. Action: AP to prepare a proposal to approve that the fund is administered by the Ham Flood 						
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	PT asked when the repairs to the toilets would be completed. The Clerk and RFO was unable to					
	provide a date at the current time, as the contractor has not been able to progress the works. The					
	Clerk and RFO was attempting to make contact with the contractor to resolve this.					
	The Clerk and RFO reported that there had been some issues with the security company unlocking					
	the Rec Park gates. A conversation with the security company had taken place and they were					
	putting plans in place to resolve these issues.					
20.0	Canal Panel					
	No recent meeting. The new signage is awaiting installation and there is a need to reduce some of					
	the surrounding trees.					
	There were reports of an overnight sleeper in the car park. At this stage there wasn't a need to take					
	steps to protect against this happening again.					
21.0	Traffic Management Panel					
	No recent meeting of the panel.					
	21.1 Update on Speed Limit TRO and Speedwatch Group					
	Cllr. Cudlip had been in contact with the Speedwatch group to arrange a meeting, now that the TRO is sealed.					
	It was agreed that a proposal for the purchase of the Speed Indicator devices would be prepared					
	for the next full council meeting.					
22.0	PiP Working Group					
	DG had held further discussions with Adrian Birch from the PiP group and some progress toward					
	resolving the issues relating to finance and the relationship with the Parish Council was being made.					
23.0	Newsletter Working Group					
	AP explained that a first edition of a Parish Council newsletter was being prepared and would be					
	published soon. The cost of the printing would be in the region of £30.00 for 300 copies.					
	Correspondence					
	AP shared recent correspondence from the Village Hall and Baptist Church about the forthcoming					
	Christmas Fayre. Arrangements were progressing well. Volunteers were needed for the day to					
	assist with various tasks. The date scheduled was December 10 th 2022.					
	AP reminded the meeting that the Remembrance service was scheduled for the 13 th of November					
	and AP would be laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.					
7.0	New Matters to be Carried Forward					
	None.					

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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

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The next Creech St Michael (CSM) Parish Council meetings are on:				
Monday 05 December 2022	at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall			
Monday 09 January 2023	at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall			

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