

CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes for the Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on **Monday 14 October 2024 at 7.00pm**

Councillor Attendance

Cllr. Annabelle Peters – Chair	AP	Present	Cllr. Neil Davidson – Vice Chair (from 7.18pm, item 8.3)	ND	Present
Cllr. Adrian Birch	AB	Present	Cllr. Stephen Greenhalgh	SG	Present
Cllr. David Griffin	DG	Present	Cllr. Barbara Williams	BW	Present
Cllr. Martyn Willis	MW	Present	Cllr. Kieran Roe MBE	KR	Present
Cllr. Paul Tucker	PT	Present			

Also Present: Seven (7) members of the public, Cllr. Norman Cavill (Somerset Council), Cllr. David Fothergill (Somerset Council) and Andrew Williams, Creech St Michael Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Meeting started at 7.01pm

1.0	<p>Chair's welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2.0	<p>Public Question time - Questions asked by the Public and Press will be noted. The Chair invited anyone present to speak and raise an item with the Parish Council.</p> <p>Two members of the public wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council an issue with a Public Right of Way at Whiteleaze Lane, Thurloxtton. They voiced concerns over the rerouting of a right of way by the landowner and also brought to the attention a change of use of the land from agricultural purposes to commercial. The Clerk and RFO confirmed that the issues had been reported to Somerset Council and that the information had been recorded in the Parish Council's planning log. The Chair asked that the Clerk and RFO contact the Rights of Way team to encourage them to progress the issue.</p>
3.0	<p>To receive Somerset Council Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr. Fothergill provided an update on key issues.</p> <p>Devolution proposals: In response to a request from government, Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils have submitted an expression of interest in devolution, seeking to unlock greater powers and resources for the area.</p> <p>Recycling centre winter opening times: From Tuesday, 1 October all 16 of Somerset Council's recycling sites will revert to their autumn/winter opening schedule. Sites will be open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 4pm at the weekend.</p> <p>School places: Somerset parents and carers of children due to start school or move on to their next school in September 2025 are being urged to apply for their place online and on time. https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/ Parents and carers of children due to start school for the first time or transfer to Junior or Middle School can apply for places for their children from 30</p>

	<p>September 2024 until 15 January 2025. Please visit: https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/</p> <p>Parking text scams: Fraudulent text messages about unpaid parking fines have been sent to some Somerset residents. The council are therefore reminding the public that the council does not text residents with parking fines.</p> <p>Winter Coat Exchange: Somerset’s Libraries service is relaunching its Winter Coat Exchange scheme, designed to support the community by providing access to warm coats for everyone in need. Donors are asked to hand items directly to a member of staff at one of the participating libraries</p> <p>Residents survey: Somerset Council has launched a new consultation to ask local people for their views on where they live and the services the council provides. You can take part in the https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/resident-survey-2024/ The survey closes on Monday 21 October.</p> <p>Recycling rates: Figures which cover the recycling from the 296,000 kerbside recycling collections made each week, and the recycling taken to the county’s 16 recycling sites shows that more than 130,000 tonnes of carbon was saved last year thanks to the material being recycled and reused in Somerset.</p> <p>Flu and Covid vaccinations: NHS England has confirmed that, based on the latest scientific evidence, the JCVI has recommended adults over the age of 65 will be eligible for a flu with the offer starting from October 3rd, to maximise protection for patients right across the winter months. The flu vaccine is also available at the same time with other vaccines such as the COVID-19 and shingles vaccines. More information and booking is available at https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/book-flu-vaccination/</p>				
4.0	Apologies for Absence				
	4.1 To receive any apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Giles and Cllr. Cudlip.				
	4.2 To approve any apologies for absence. The absence of Cllr. Giles and Cllr. Cudlip were approved.				
	Prop:AP	Sec:PT	In Favour:8	Against:0	Abstain:0
5.0	Declarations of Interests				
	5.1 Declarations of Individual Members None.				
	5.2 Dispensation Request None.				
6.0	Minutes				
	To Review and Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 02 September 2024. [M] The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 02 September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.				
	Prop:AP	Sec:MW	In Favour:8	Against:0	Abstain:0
7.0	Review and Monitor the Actions Outstanding from Past Meetings – See Appendix A for details of action points and progress toward the completion of each action.				
8.0	Planning Applications – to Consider and Make Recommendations to be passed to the relevant authority on the following Planning Applications (links to the relevant application are available via the planning reference). [M]				

	<p>8.1 Application 14/24/0024 - Erection of a freestanding oak framed pool room at Langaller House, Langaller Lane, Creech St Michael. [M]</p> <p>8.2 Application 14/24/0025/LB - Erection of a freestanding oak framed pool room at Langaller House, Langaller Lane, Creech St Michael. [M]</p> <p>Both applications were considered together. It was agreed and approved that no objection would be raised against these applications.</p>				
	Prop:KR	Sec:SG	In Favour:8	Against:0	Abstain:0
	<p>8.3. Application 14/24/0026 - Erection of 7 No. bungalows with associated works on land off Dillons Road, Creech St Michael.</p> <p>KR commented that the proposed plans were in keeping with existing properties in Dillons Road. A number of members raised concerns of the prospect that the development would be extended in time.</p> <p>It was agreed and approved that no objection would be raised but that a site traffic management plan would be requested to minimise the impact of vehicle movements on the village.</p>				
	Prop:DG	Sec:ND	In Favour:9	Against:0	Abstain:0
	Items for Decision				
9.0	<p>Derham Close Waste Bin – to approve a proposal to fund the installation of a combined waste bin at a location off Derham Close and the ongoing cost of waste disposal. [M]</p> <p>The item was deferred and the Clerk and RFO was asked to investigate if the landowner was liable for the installation of a bin.</p>				
10.0	<p>Strategic Plan – to approve the process for the creation of a Parish Council Strategic Plan. [M]</p> <p>The Clerk and RFO outlined the key themes of the draft strategic plan and the process by which the plan would be shared and developed.</p> <p>KR raised concerns about the costs involved in implementing any plan when the Parish Council is not yet aware of the impact of changes to Somerset Council services for the coming year. Cllr. Fothergill highlighted an event that would be taking place in early November at which there would be the opportunity to learn more about changes to services in Somerset.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer this item until Somerset Council had shared their plans for 2025/26.</p>				
11.0	<p>Caray Grove Play Equipment – to consider an invitation to acquire the play equipment currently sited at the Caray Grove play area. [M]</p> <p>It was agreed and approved that the invitation would be declined.</p>				
	Prop:AB	Sec:PT	In Favour:9	Against:0	Abstain:0
12.0	Policy Review				
	<p>12.1. Councillor Attendance Policy – to review the Councillor Attendance Policy and make any changes as deemed necessary. [M]</p> <p>The review was completed and approved.</p>				
	Prop:AP	Sec:AB	In Favour:9	Against:0	Abstain:0

13.0	<p>Financial Transactions Report – to review and approve the Financial Transaction Report for the period between 24 August 2024 and 1 October 2024. [M]</p> <p>The Financial Transaction report was approved. See Appendix B for a list of all payments. The Chair signed a copy of the report for the records.</p>					
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	Items for Discussion					
14.0	<p>Remembrance Sunday 10.11.2024</p> <p>AP asked that anyone who could attend, to do so. A wreath would be laid on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk and RFO confirmed that a wreath had been purchased.</p>					
	Updates from Committees, Panels and Working Groups					
15.0	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>15.1. Income and Expenditure Report</p> <p>The Clerk and RFO reported that there were no areas of concern. A meeting of the Finance Committee was scheduled to be held on 21 October 2024.</p>					
16.0	<p>Traffic Panel</p> <p>16.1 Feedback from Meeting</p> <p>MW reported on a positive meeting held with the three other members of the traffic panel. The group had identified a number of immediate actions, including improvements to traffic signs and exploring the potential of the use of planters on St Michael's Road.</p> <p>Other measures under consideration include a request to change the speed limit on Langaller Lane, taking steps to improve pedestrian safety on the railway bridge, implementing an HGV watch on the railway bridge and implementing an average speed camera zone.</p>					
17.0	<p>Events</p> <p>17.1 Feedback from Tug of War Meeting</p> <p>AP confirmed that the Family Fun Day would be held again in early July next year and that West Monkton Parish Council would be the lead organiser of the event. AP would be seeking financial support of £200.00 from the Parish Council.</p>					
18.0	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>18.1 Report of Issue on T10/14.</p> <p>The Clerk and RFO confirmed that an issue with the footpath had been reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Somerset Council.</p>					
	Other Matters					
19.0	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>19.1 To consider any correspondence received that Councillors wish to raise that has already been circulated.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>19.2 To note items of correspondence received by the Clerk and RFO deemed appropriate to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council.</p> <p>None.</p>					
20.0	<p>New Matters to be Carried Forward</p> <p>None.</p>					

The meeting ended at 8.29pm

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

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

04 November 2024

at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall

