

Haselbury Plucknett Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Monday 11th January 2021, 7:00pm (Virtual meeting held due to Corona Virus restrictions)

Present - Cllrs, C Simmonds (Chairman), M Bryant, M Rendall, B Atherton, J Prunty, H Williams, J Farrant, D Whitmarsh, P Reed and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk) and D Cllr O Patrick

Members of the public present: Nine

Open session: No matters were raised for discussion.

CS spoke a few words of tribute to Brian Goss, who sadly died this week. He noted a number of contributions that Brian made to the Parish Council and to Haselbury itself. Brian will be sadly missed and we pass on our sincere condolences to his family.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None
- 2. Record of business of last Month 14/12/2020:** Approved and will be signed as a true and proper record.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 5. D Cllr O Patrick's Report:** As circulated.
OP advised us of recent advancements made regarding the phosphates issue effecting planning applications. An interim solution is being worked on for the Councils of Somerset to be able to assess the impact of developments caught by the current situation. They now have a draft version of a calculator that will allow them to assess the potential impact of each development and work out how they could get to a point that it could be "nutrient neutral". The calculator looks at the current site impact and the proposal's impact. There is a range of mitigation that can then be employed to get them to a point where they might be able to take an application forward

HW thanked OP for writing to the planning department on his behalf but advised him that there had still been no response.

C Cllr M Keating's Report: As circulated

All help and information is now available in a single place on the SCC website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>
- 6. Planning:**
 - a) Planning Applications:** None
 - b) Planning Applications received after publication of Agenda:** Bay Tree Farm, Claycastle - Planning Appeal: APP/R3325/W/20/3258723
Appeal in respect of: South Somerset District Council 19/00273/OUT
Proposal: Outline application for the development of up to 35 dwellings with all matters reserved except access including the demolition of the existing building and highways works to Claycastle.

The response from the PC will be published on a separate document.
 - c) Planning applications considered prior to this meeting:** None
 - d) Decisions received:** None
- 7. Finance:**
 - a) Invoices for payment:** All payments were approved:

KM Dike Nurseries	Ground Maintenance	£197.00
SSDC	Ranger Nov	£346.32
L Gibbons	Clerk Salary/expenses	£241.50

We received a wayleave payment of £12.49 from Western Power Distribution.

b) Bank reconciliation: Was agreed.

8. The Park:

a) Safety checks: BA has circulated the safety checklist. There is nothing new to report.

b) improvements/repair work (Manor Farm S106): BA has circulated some suggestions including a simple skate park and some other individual pieces of equipment. We are confined a little by available space in the park and also the ongoing maintenance costs that we will incur once new equipment is installed. A full proposal will be circulated prior to our February meeting so that we can meet the deadline for submission to SSDC.

9. Road and Footpaths: a) A30 Tunnel: SSDC are investigating the possibility of a compulsory purchase. Unfortunately, this may be delayed due to staff being redeployed to other duties to help with the pandemic.

b) Roads and Highways Working Group: JP has drawn up a plan detailing the Claycastle tree planting proposal. Highways have advised her that it is their land so they should maintain it, trees or not. There will be room for the bi-annual cut of the verge, between the trees and the tarmac. The rest of the bank will need to be cut once during the winter which they will also do. The village community (possibly under the supervision of the Wildlife and Habitats Group) could look after the actual trees, which would be a mix of native trees such as Birch, Rowan, Spindle and Hawthorn. JP will forward these details to CC Highways to request their permission to plant the trees. PR enquired as to whether the landowner of the adjoining field had been contacted, as it will make hedge cutting more difficult. JP will consider this.

The increase in traffic through the village was noted, despite the lockdown and requirement to stay home. Highways are undertaking works to pavement and curbs on the A356 through Misterton from 8 - 19 January. The road is therefore closed between 0800 - 17.00 on weekdays. It is open at weekends.

The road through Misterton will also be closed for Bridge repair works on the 1st February for four weeks (full closure day and night).

c) Footpath Working Group Feedback: There is nothing new to report.

10. a) Village Ranger: The Ranger has been on holiday for six weeks and is due back later this month. His first duties will be to clear a number of blocked gullies.

b) SID: No matters to report. The SID will remain in operation during this lockdown period, due to the increased traffic still passing through the village.

11. Correspondence: None

12. Matters to report: Cllr Paul Reed has written to tender his resignation from the Parish Council as he is shortly to move away of this area. CS thanked him for the service he has given to the PC since becoming a Councillor.

LG has completed the lottery return for the 100 Club. This needs to be checked and signed by CS and MB prior to submission to SSDC licencing services. Councillors discussed how to promote the availability of Grants from the fund, in the absence of promotion in the Parish Newsletter. DW offered to draw up a form that would make applications to the fund more straightforward. We will investigate getting this and the application criteria published on our website.

13. Notices Parish News: Not currently in publication.

14. Items for next meeting: None

15. Next Meeting Date: 08/02/2021