

Haselbury Plucknett Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Monday 12th October 2020, 7:00pm (Virtual meeting held due to Corona Virus restrictions)

The 100 Club Draw took place; the winners are:

October Draw
1st Prize – A Hardwill
2nd Prize – S Harris
3rd Prize – P Bland

Present - Cllrs, C Simmonds (Chairman), M Bryant, M Rendall, B Atherton, J Prunty, H Williams, J Farrant and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public present: 2

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Reed
- 2. Record of business of last Month 14/09/2020:** Approved and will be signed as a true and proper record.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 5. D Cllr Report:** As circulated. OP reported that he shared in the community's disgust at the fly-tipping incident on Clay Castle Lane. He is currently following this up with the Locality Team who are in charge of enforcement action. OP has also resumed enquiries into the blocked tunnel (a permissive footpath) that forms part of the Parrett Trail. He reported that the legal department at SSDC has advised that since no action has occurred on this for some time, it is best to restart the process from the beginning. There is legislation allowing anyone to submit an application to reopen permissive footpaths, but there are costs involved. As the DCllr he is very happy to take a lead on this but will need to discuss the cost implications. Once he knows more about this, he will provide us with a proposal.

C Cllr's M Keating 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:** None
 - c) Planning applications considered prior to this meeting:** None
 - d) Decisions received:** None

HW suggested that he would like to write to the planning department, on behalf of the PC requesting a zoom meeting with them, so that we can gain a better understanding of how we can help each other to support future planning applications.

- 7. Finance:**
 - a) Invoices for payment:** All payments were approved:

KM Dike Nurseries	Ground Maintenance	£269.00
SSDC	RangerJun/Jul/Aug	£1038.96
The Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£17.00
C Simmonds	2 x SID Batteries	£103.20
L Gibbons	Clerk Salary/expenses/Annual Zoom fee	£281.07

b) Bank reconciliation: Was agreed.

- 8. The Park: a) Safety checks:** BA has drawn up and circulated a comprehensive plan to rectify the issues identified in our annual park inspection. The Ranger will assist where possible.

HW agreed to look at the fallen bird box.

CS has booked the hedge cutter for January, to cut the park and the wildlife area.

The value of the quarterly operational inspection of the play park, carried out by SSDC, was discussed. It appears that much of the information is just carried forward and there is no acknowledgement that some issues have been rectified. Councillors decided that the monthly inspections that we carry out ourselves were comprehensive and that we would go ahead and cancel the contract with SSDC. LG to give notice.

BA proposed that we should buy some new equipment to replace the log trail that was recently removed. He has circulated a few ideas. He would also like to see two new, child friendly, bins placed there. CS asked BA to investigate this further and present a full proposal at our November meeting. It was suggested that we could use 100 club money to purchase one piece of equipment as there have not been any requests this year for the money raised.

- 9. Road and Footpaths:**

a) A30 Tunnel: No further update. (See 5. Above).

b) Roads and Highways Working Group: Patching has taken place in advance of surface dressing (not resurfacing) on the A3066 from centre of NP to where the A3066 meets the A30 in HP. This is due to take place in June - August 2021.

c) Footpath Working Group Feedback: The line has been re-painted at the edge of the virtual pavement. LG contacted G Warren to ask if the pedestrian icons can be added at regular intervals, as he agreed to do when this was discussed. He has replied, saying that this was overlooked, therefore he will put in a further order for this to be completed.

Les has now retired and the new area warden is Sarah Cresswell.

The Ranger is currently not allowed to work with others. He is therefore unable to install any footpath gates at this time. HW agreed that there were none in need of urgent attention.

- 10. a) Village Ranger:** He is currently working on clearing and tidying footpaths. This was started in Swan Hill and he is working down, past the Church towards the pub. The ditch in Frog Lane will also be cleared.

b) SID: CS reported has purchased two new batteries for the SID. These are now being used and the SID is functioning for the required time.

c) 100 Club 2021: We will discuss whether we feel it is possible or necessary to continue with the 100 club in our November meeting. Selling the tickets and collecting the money will be an issue and this year no clubs or societies have requested any funds.

- 11. Local Government Response Document:** HW has attended a number of online sessions, some of which have been frustrating at times. The Secretary of State is currently considering the proposals. There may be further consultation when he makes a decision.

- 12. Correspondence:** We have received a final copy of the judgment from the Monitor.

Alison Scott, the environmental champion for HP, discussed the desire to plant more trees around the village. One idea that the PC would like to pursue is the possibility of planting an avenue of trees on the wide verges at Claycastle Lane and Common Lane. They would plant two or three-year-old Birch, Lime and Roan trees, where the verge is deep enough for them to be set back by at least one metre from the road. As this land is owned by Somerset County Council, LG will write it ask if we can obtain permission to proceed with this idea.

- 13. Matters to report:** Pupils from Perrott Hill School carried out a day of work for their Community project. They did some weed clearance and general tidying in Frog Lane and in the Community Orchard. LG to write to thank them for their efforts.

CS reported that he has been asked to raise the idea of a seed swap bank. It would need a secure location and someone keen to curate it.

- 14. Notices for Village News:** 100 club winners. A request for areas to plant trees.

15. **Items for next meeting:** Budget, Tree planting, The consultation document on the future of the Crewkerne area schools.
16. **Next Meeting Date:** 09/11/2020