

- 25/26/ 1 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson and Hall.
- 25/26/ 2 **ALSO PRESENT** - 7 members of the public and SCllr Munt.
- 25/26/ 3 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26/ 4 **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Salter had tendered his apologies which were accepted and approved by the Council.
- 25/26/ 5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Play Area as she is the Council's representative on the committee. Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the CVA as he is the publicity officer.
- 25/26/ 6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved for signature.
- 25/26/ 7 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26/ 8 **SOMERSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - SCllr Munt told the meeting about the Government's 'pothole fund'. He also mentioned bike repair workshops around our LCN area.
- 25/26/ 9 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS & ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE** - Cllr Barnett had attended two meetings. The next Highways meeting is scheduled for 1st May in Shapwick when various representatives will attend to answer questions on road safety and policing. Two subjects chosen were white lines and parking safety at schools. Cllrs Barnett and Hall would attend.
- 25/26/ 10 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Little Leaze Lane - work at far end - Work has started to properly rebuild the road. The Council was thanked for its help in getting this done.
 - b. Jetting of culverts - Little Leaze Lane - no update.
 - c. Langlands Lane potholes - no update.
 - d. Speed monitor request for Scotts Lane and King William Road - The Clerk updated the meeting. She would chase the matter up with the officer concerned. She would also ask for monitoring outside the School. It was felt that warning signs prior to the actual King William crossroads were needed. The Clerk was also instructed to write to Palmers Brewery to try and find out what is happening with the inn.
 - e. Any other updates - Discharge of water on to the highway - Clerk had contacted Highways regarding discharge of water from a house on to the road and this is being looked into.
 - f. Problems arising - Overgrown hedges impinging on Highways - the Clerk was instructed to write to two property owners whose boundary hedges overgrew the highway.
- 25/26/ 11 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson said there was nothing to report.
- 25/26/ 12 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople reminded everyone there will be an Easter egg trail around the village on 13th April.
- 25/26/ 13 **PLANNING:-**
- a. 14/25/00002 - Rose Farm, 3 Scotts Lane - determination of prior approval for rear and South extension - notification was received late on 30th January and a response required by 2nd February. Although this was a determination of prior approval this had not really allow time for any informed local response - granted.

b. 14/25/00003 - Inglenook, Manor Road - determination if prior approval is required. Erection of single storey extension from rear and West elevation - prior approval not required.

c. Any other planning matters for information - 6 Brook Lane - no update on the current appeal.

25/26/ 14 **PARISH PLOT - DITCH CLEARANCE** - Cllr Barnett had checked that the work had been satisfactorily completed.

25/26/ 15 **POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)** - no update.

25/26/ 16 **CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL DEFIBRILLATOR** - There had been a misunderstanding at the previous meeting. The CVA are looking into purchasing an additional device.

25/26/ 17 **WEBSITE & EMAIL ADDRESSES** - 3 councillors had now logged on to their new email addresses although some found it not very easy. Some members of the public had problems accessing the website. This would be investigated.

25/26/ 18 **FINANCE**

a. Accounts check - Up to date accounts had been provided together with the statements. Approved.

b. Cheques for signature - were approved for signature as follows:- Chq.701 SALC (sub) £248.86; Chq.702 Zurich (insurance) £327.00; Chq 703 Clerk (pay & expenses) £440.65.

c. Internal and External Audits - The internal auditor had agreed to undertake the work. The Certificate of Exemption was signed.

d. Any other financial matters - none.

25/26/ 19 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD.

25/26/ 20 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - None.

25/26/ 21 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

25/26/ 22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 13th May 2025 in Catcott School Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which is due to start at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm