

- 25/26/ 23 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson, Hall and Salter.
- 25/26/ 24 **ALSO PRESENT** - 8 members of the public.
- 25/26/ 25 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26/ 26 **APOLOGIES** - none received.
- 25/26/ 27 **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/ 28 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR AND SIGNING OF CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - Cllr Pople proposed Cllr Barnett, seconded by Cllr Hall. Carried. Cllr Barnett signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman witnessed by the Clerk.
- 25/26/ 29 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** - Cllr Thompson proposed Cllr Salter, seconded by Cllr Barnett. Carried.
- 25/26/ 30 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed for signature.
- 25/26/ 31 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AS REQUIRED** - Cllr Thompson was re-elected as the Footpath Liaison Officer. Cllr Pople was re-elected as the Playing Field representative.
- 25/26/ 32 **REVIEW STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL** - previously circulated to all councillors. Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 25/26/ 33 **REVIEW ASSESSMENT OF RISKS** - previously circulated to all councillors. Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 25/26/ 34 **ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - none.
- 25/26/ 35 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - Bus shelter - the CVA wish to further improve the bus shelter with the addition of more shelving and, in due course, weather proofing improvements. This was agreed.
- 25/26/ 36 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - not present. The Clerk would write to both SCllrs asking for a written report when they cannot attend in person for future meetings.
- 25/26/ 37 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCNS) AND ENHANCED HIGHWAY - MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - Cllr Barnett reported on two meetings which he and Cllr Hall had attended. The LCN meeting had been poorly attended and specific questions had not been answered by the Somerset Councillor attending. There was still no information regarding what responsibilities Somerset felt should be devolved to parishes. The EHM meeting had been quite well attended, the Clerk also being present and the information in her notes was passed to the meeting.
- 25/26/ 38 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Jetting of culverts - Little Leaze Lane - Cllr Salter reported that as well as doing an excellent job of totally restructuring the road the workmen had also dug out the ditches properly. The Clerk would write to thank Highways for the excellent job. There was no update on the jetting of the culverts.
 - b. Speed monitor request for Scotts Lane, King William Road and by the School - There was also good news regarding this. Highways will repaint the white lines at the junction and also instal a warning sign 100 yards up the road to warn drivers of the crossroads.
 - c. Any other updates - Langlands Lane potholes - no update.
 - d. Problems arising - Damaged sign - the Give Way sign at the top of Scotts Lane has been damaged and needs replacing including the pole.
- 25/26/ 39 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson reported that he has cut the footpath round the school.

25/26/ 40 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople reported that the Easter Trail was a success. The Committee had also received a letter of praise from a visitor who was very impressed with the standard of care and upkeep of the area.

25/26/ 41 **PLANNING:-** Any planning matters for information - Result of Appeal 6 Brook Lane - The Clerk had checked online and the appeal has been dismissed.

25/26/ 42 **PARISH PLOT** - The Clerk reported that she has received acknowledgement from the RPA that our HLS scheme paperwork for the year has been received.

25/26/ 43 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - accounts for the 2024-2025 year, previously circulated, were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.704 Clerk (salary and expenses) £447.68; Chq.705 R Young (internal audit) £20.00; Chq.706 Drainage Board (Parish Plot water rates) £32.82; Chq.707 CPRE (subscription) £40.00.
- c. Internal audit - Report from internal auditor stating there were no matters to bring to the Council's attention was read.
- d. External audit:-
 - i. Annual Governance Statement 2024-2025 - previously circulated was completed, approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk
 - ii. Accounting Statements 2024-2025 - previously signed by the Clerk and circulated was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- e. Any other financial matters - none.

25/26/ 44 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - CPRE; C&CD.

25/26/ 45 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - The Clerk would contact Palmers Brewery regarding the future of the King William Inn as she had forgotten to do this.

25/26/ 46 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

25/26/ 47 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman Date