

- 25/26/ 152 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson and Hall.
- 25/26/ 153 **ALSO PRESENT** - 6 members of the public and SClIr Munt.
- 25/26/ 154 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26/ 155 **APOLOGIES** - received, approved and accepted from Cllr Salter.
- 25/26/ 156 **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/ 157 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 25/26/ 158 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26/ 159 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SClIr Munt reported on several things including the chance for residents to submit an opinion on the Electoral Boundary Review; new contracts for various things including hospitality; Domestic abuse strategy; Local Care Networks; temporary Bridgwater library status; an on-line interactive map and One Network.
- 25/26/ 160 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN)** - next meeting 7th January 2026 and AGM on 2nd July 2026 - it was stressed by councillors that enough Somerset Councillors should be present to enable the election of a Chair.
- 25/26/ 161 **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)** - Cllr Barnett reported on the interactive maps. Mr Gill had attended but the representative for the other sections of Somerset was not there. A39 diversions and closures were discussed.
- 25/26/ 162 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Road markings and road signs - the Clerk will again chase the "SLOW" markings for the blind summit on the Nydon, for the removal of ALL the bus stop signage in King William Road, repair and reinstallation of signage at the top of Scotts Lane.
 - b. Collapsing road near Nydon Bridge - this is now extending further up the road and getting increasingly dangerous especially in wet weather when the depth of the dip cannot be judged.
 - c. Any other highways updates -
 - i. Langlands Lane - Cllr Barnett reported that some potholes had been marked for repair.
 - ii. Reporting of highway issues - in response to a question it was confirmed that members of the public are able to report highway issues on the portal on the Somerset Council website.
 - d. Any Highway problems arising - no new ones.
- 25/26/ 163 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - nothing to report.
- 25/26/ 164 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople on the success of the Christmas Fayre which had been a great success and raised about £500.
- 25/26/ 165 **KING WILLIAM INNE** - a spokesperson for the group looking into the viability of this project spoke on the possibility of the parish council appointing a representative on to the committee. Some details will be sent to the Clerk for forwarding on to councillors so that full consideration can be given at the next meeting.
- 25/26/ 166 **PLANNING:-**
- a. 14/24/00002 - Erection of 2 holiday lodges - No update.
 - b. 14/25/00005 - Replacement dwelling and garage - 8 Lippetts Way - no update.

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- c. 14/25/00006 - erect 1 self build dwelling & new vehicular access - land West 8 Lippetts Way - no update.
- d. 14/25/00009 - change of use and associated works - The Crown, 1 The Nydon - no update.
- e. Any other planning matters - none.
 - i. Tessa Munt MP Teams Meeting - the Clerk had been unable to attend. Cllr Thompson reported on various matters of interest to the locality.
 - ii. Planning Enforcement - the 2019 Strategy had been circulated and the Clerk would re-send to councillors.

25/26/ 167 **PARISH PLOT** - Mr Porter's invoice is still awaited.

25/26/ 168 **CVA DEFIBRILLATOR** - A representative of the CVA reported that this is now well under way and may even be available for use by Christmas dependent on various conditions. It was noted that the CIL fund would still have enough in it to cover the remaining work and this was approved. The council also agreed to pay the standing charge and electricity usage each year for the next five years when it could be reviewed if felt necessary.

25/26/ 169 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - sheets and statements were provided and approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.723 National Grid (defibrillator electricity connection) £1,142.39; Chq.724 Stepping Out (grounds maintenance) £385.00; Chq.725 Barnetts Dairy (Christmas Tree) £70.00; Chq. 726 Clerk (salary and expenses) £452.58.
- c. Consideration of costs submitted by Stepping Out for work in 2026 - the costs were approved.
- d. Any other financial matters - Poldens Today - Clerk to resend details of their Business Plan.

25/26/ 170 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - an apology from Somerset Council regarding financial matters.

25/26/ 171 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Christmas tree lighting payment; Precept; NALC new financial regs and NALC new Standing Orders.

25/26/ 172 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

25/26/ 173 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7pm - with festive refreshments to follow.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.