

- 25/26/ 195 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Thompson and Hall.
- 25/26/ 196 **ALSO PRESENT** - 7 members of the public and SCllr Munt.
- 25/26/ 197 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26/ 198 **APOLOGIES** - received and approved from Cllr Salter.
- 25/26/ 199 **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/ 200 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 25/26/ 201 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 25/26/ 202 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt told us that £5m was to be spent over the next three years to improve infrastructure for cycles etc. Somerset Council has recently won two awards for improvements. A balanced budget has been set and the deficit has been reduced from £101m to £25m this year.
- 25/26/ 203 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN)** - next meetings 23/04/26 18:30-20:30.
- 25/26/ 204 **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)** - A special meeting is being arranged to discuss Rural Road Safety. This is to be online on 16 March at 10.00am. The Clerk would try to attend.
- 25/26/ 205 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- Road markings and road signs - no update.
 - Collapsing road near Nydon Bridge - Some areas have been spray marked for attention.
 - Any other highways updates - a dangerous sink hole in Langland Lane had been reported and was already repaired. There is a problem with a blocked drain on The Nydon by the entrance to Little Leaze Lane.
 - Road Closures - Those that had come in were notified to the meeting.
 - Any Highway problems arising - A previously reported blocked drain appears to be clear now.
- 25/26/ 206 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson reported that the hedge trimmer needs servicing. It was agreed that he should go ahead and order this to be undertaken and invoiced to the Council. The wooden gate to the school footpath has fallen because the post has rotted. It was agreed that Cllr Thompson should get a replacement post to be invoiced to the Council. He offered to undertake the work. Cllr Barnett reported that he is having fencing done on his land and that a stile which had been pulled out would be replaced by a gate.
- 25/26/ 207 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople said the committee is trying to think of a new way to celebrate Easter.
- 25/26/ 208 **KING WILLIAM INNE** - Cllr Thompson reported on the good progress that is being made with this endeavour. This included updating the building and interviewing potential staff.
- 25/26/ 209 **PLANNING:-**
- 14/25/00005 - Replacement dwelling and garage - 8 Lippetts Way - no update.
 - 14/25/00006 - erect 1 self build dwelling & new vehicular access - land West 8 Lippetts Way - no update.
 - 14/25/00009 - change of use and associated works - The Crown, 1 The Nydon - granted with many conditions attached.
 - 14/25/00004 - erection of 5 dwellings and conversion of barn into 1 dwelling plus access and landscaping at The Barn, 23 Manor Road - listed as a major application - withdrawn.
 - 14/25/00008 - erection of 2 detached dwellings using existing entrance at 6 Brook Lane - this was unanimously supported.
 - Any other planning matters - none.
- 25/26/ 210 **PARISH PLOT** - no update.
- 25/26/ 211 **CVA DEFIBRILLATOR** - up and running. It would probably be a couple more months before the charge for the electricity supply changed to the Parish Council.
- 25/26/ 212 **FINANCE**
- Accounts check - sheets and statements were provided were provided in advance and approved.
 - Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.735 Clerk (salary and expenses) £455.73; Chq.736 Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £52.00.
 - Any other financial matters - NS&I interest received was £248.50. The S.137 figure for 2026-27 is £11.60 per elector.
- 25/26/ 213 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Wessex Water drop in sessions; C&CD; grants for flooding problems.
- 25/26/ 214 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Financial Regs, Standing Orders, several policies for website.
- 25/26/ 215 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 25/26/ 216 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman

Date