

- 26/27 - 1 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Salter (in the Chair), Hall and Pople.
- 26/27 - 2 **ALSO PRESENT** - 7 members of the public.
- 26/27 - 3 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 26/27 - 4 **APOLOGIES** - received and approved from Cllr Thompson. Cllr Barnett apologised that he would probably arrive late.
- 26/27 - 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.
- 26/27 - 6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed but the minute book not being available it was agreed that Cllr Barnett would sign them prior to the next meeting.
- 26/27 - 7 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 26/27 - 8 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - Not available.
- 26/27 - 9 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN)** - next meeting 23/04/26 18:30 - 20:30. **AGM** 02/07/26/18.30-2030
- 26/27 - 10 **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)** - no update other than a report on the enhanced Highways Maintenance Scheme.
- 26/27 - 11 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Road near Nydon Bridge - to be chased up.
 - b. Any other highways updates - none.
 - c. Any Highways Problems arising - a pothole was reported on Weares Lane. Cllr Hall would identify the site and report it.
- 26/27 - 12 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - no update.
- 26/27 - 13 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople reported that the committee had not done anything over Easter. The committee is very small and short handed.
- 26/27 - 14 **KING WILLIAM INNE** - Cllr Thompson being away a member of the public reported that the selection of people to run the pub was now down to three couples. Palmers Brewery have undertaken major work and the local group was also doing a lot. They haven't started on the skittle alley yet. The Clerk warned that there are timing restrictions on the skittle alley to prevent noise nuisance to neighbours. They hope to open 1st July. There may be soft openings and they also plan to open for Open Gardens. A share offer will go out soon. 400 have signed up so far. Fire and Burglar alarms have been installed. Palmers have been very supportive throughout.
- 26/27 - 15 **PLANNING:-**
- a. 14/25/00005 - Replacement dwelling and garage - 8 Lippetts Way - no update
 - b. 14/25/00006 - erect 2 self build dwellings & new vehicular access - land West 8 Lippetts Way - no update
 - c. 14/25/00008 - erection of 2 detached dwellings using existing entrance at 6 Brook Lane - granted
 - d. Any other planning matters for information - Cllrs Barnett and Hall had met with the owner's representative on site. At a quick glance it appears that the new scheme for development will be considerably more acceptable than the first one. Nothing about this will be discussed by the Parish Council until a formal application is received.

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- 26/27 - 16 **PARISH PLOT** - the Rural Payments Agency acknowledge receipt of the Council's application for the coming year.
- 26/27 - 17 **IT POLICY** - had been circulated to all. Agreed to adopt it. Cllr Barnett to sign it when he signs the minutes.
- 26/27 - 18 **CVA DEFIBRILLATOR** - because of the difficulty of guessing the usage, which appears to be minimal, EDF wish to leave changing the payment provision currently set up for the time being. Tessa Munt MP is due to formerly 'open' the defibrillator on Sunday 19th April at 2pm. A good turn out is hoped for.
- 26/27 - 19 **FINANCE**
 - a. Accounts check - the Clerk had been unable to update the accounts as statements had not yet been received.
 - b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows - Chq.737 Jowett & Jowett (work on installation of electricity supply to Pound defibrillator - previously approved and signed in the interim) £927.60; Chq.738 SALC (subscription) £256.32; Chq.739 Clerk (salary and expenses) £457.15; Chq.740 Somerset Council (waste collection) 202.80; Chq.741 Zurich Municipal (insurance) £327.00.
 - c. CIL Return - Clerk reported that she had completed the CIL return for the previous year. There is a remaining balance of CIL funds of £1,215.60. To be used by the end of 2027/2028.
 - d. Any other financial matters - half precept £6,000 received. The other half to follow in 6 months. It is assumed this is to enable County to accrue the interest thus denying it to the parishes.
- 26/27 - 20 **PRESENT** - Cllr Barnett arrived and took the Chair.
- 26/27 - 21 **POLICIES/STATEMENTS FOR WEBSITE TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS** - Clerk reported that there are several policies not currently on the website which need to be looked at.
- 26/27 - 22 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Elan City, CPRE.
- 26/27 - 23 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - NALC new financial regulations; NALC new Standing Orders; policies for website.
- 26/27 - 24 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.4
- 26/27 - 25 **Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 12th May 2026 following the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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