Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 13th October 2026 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm

26/27 - 137 **Present** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Hall, Salter and Thompson

26/27 - 138 **Also Present** - 6 members of the public.

26/27 - 139 **In Attendance** - The Clerk to the Council.

26/27 - 140 **Apologies for Absence** - none received.

26/27 - 141 **Declarations of Interest and Consideration of Any Dispensations Required** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the play area as she is our representative on the committee. Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the CVA because he is their publicity officer.

26/27 - 142 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - were approved for signature.

26/27 - 143 **Updates arising from previous parish council meetings and not listed** - none.

26/27 - 144 **Somerset Councillors' reports** - none.

26/27 - 145 **LCN and Highways Group** - Cllr Barnett and the Clerk had attended an LCN meeting in Shapwick and gave a brief report.

26/27 - 146 **Tessa Munt MP** - held a meeting on Saturday at the Village Hall to discuss the appalling postal service. There were 50 attendees but nobody from the Post Office. She is holding online meetings for Chairs and Clerks on 23rd November. Cllrs Barnett and Salter apologised that they would not be able to take part. Cllr Hall would attend in the Chairman's place.

26/27 - 147 **Highways:-**

a. Any highways updates - the road near Nydon Bridge is worsening again.

b. Any Highways Problems arising - The brambles on the route to school down King William Road and Manor Road have now been cut back. Unfortunately a large quantity of sizeable cuttings were left in the road for members of the public to clear up.

26/27 - 148 **NALC Standing Orders** - remove from agenda for the time being. Clerk awaiting clarification from SLCC regarding some matters.

26/27 - 149 **Set up an HR Committee** - Not thought necessary for such a small friendly council.

26/27 - 150 **Rights of Way/Footpaths** - Cllr Thompson reported that 2 new gates have been installed on the path to Burtle.

26/27 - 151 **Play Area Report** - Cllr Pople reported that the Christmas Fayre is not going ahead this year.

26/27 - 152 **Village Hall meeting re King William Inne** - a meeting held to encourage more support and help for the King William had been well attended.

26/27 - 153 **Planning:-**

a. 14/26/00008 Brambles, Little Leaze Lane- erect garage - no update when the Clerk last looked a few days ago.

b. 14/26/00007 - Wellfield House, 19 Manor Road - change of use to residential and conversion into 5 dwellings - it was reported that a new document from the applicants regarding parking had been posted on the planning web page.

c. Any other planning matters for information - 14/26/00009 Certificate of Lawfulness at 1 Vine Orchard for an outbuilding has been granted permission.

26/27 - 154 **Somerset Local Plan** - no update.

26/27 - 155 **CVA defibrillator** - The Clerk and Mr Strickland would meet to arrange the change regarding bank payments.

26/27 - 156 **2nd Noticeboard - at Hall** - no update.

26/27 - 157 **Proposed Somerset Levels National Park** - a brief report was given. At present it is not known what the potential outline would be even if this area is chosen. The Council agreed to express an interest.

26/27 - 158 **Parish Plot** - the plot has now been cut but the invoice has not yet been received.

26/27 - 159 **Finance**

a. Accounts Check - accounts and statements had been emailed to councillor. Approved.

b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.758 Clerk (back dated pay rise) £68.90; Chq.759 Clerk (Salary and expenses) £469.36.

c. Any other financial matters -

26/27 - 160 **SALC AGM & Somerset Conference** - Cllrs Barnett and Hall had attended as had the Clerk. The Clerk reported on the Parish Online workshop which Cllr Hall had also attended. It was agreed to potentially subscribe to this starting with a free trial. Cllr Barnett reported that yet again there was no possibility of asking even basic questions on the accounts. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to SALC expressing concern about this total lack of transparency.

26/27 - 161 **Items for information, circulation, distribution** - C&CD; with regard to the Heritage at risk document the only items mentioned were a milestone on the A39 and Dial House. There was no concern regarding Dial House and the condition of the milestone was unknown.

26/27 - 162 **Items for future meeting(s)** - NALC financial regulations and Standing Orders; Various policies required for website; Heritage at Risk.

26/27 - 163 **Urgent correspondence** - none.

26/27 - 164 **Date and venue of next meeting** - 10th November at 7.00pm in Catcott School Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30

Chairman ..... Date .....