



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting**  
held on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

**[A]** Apologies were received from Somerset Councillor Wren, PCSO Hill and Parish Councillors Lane and Hasell

**[B]** There were no members of the public present

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**Item 1:** There were no disclosures of interest by members on agenda items

**Item 2:** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**Item 3:** There were no outstanding matters arising from the previous minutes

**Item 4:** Police Liaison. Thanks were expressed to PCSO Hill for the recent report, although it was noted that there had been more “activity” in the parish than usual. It was agreed to raise the issue of the “pinch point” on Wellington Hill at a later stage, to include the possibility of additional helpful road signage or a priority system.

**Item 5:** Planning, Infrastructure and Development

[a] A meeting had been held at Ford Street with Kate Brown from Traffic Management and agreement had been reached on three sites for the speed indicator device. It was agreed however by the residents present that there were some issues with moving the unit on occasions, such as safety and insurance. However, although the financial request for a unit (£4700) had been received no decision has yet been made. Councillor Howes presented the results of a speed analysis at Holywell Lake at 30 mph plus and the figures were high. The question of devices and possible speed limit alterations and/or sharing of the unit will be revisited.

[b] Gigaclear has recabled much of Ford Street and offered internet phone coverage to residents. However there have been a few issues with installations which are still ongoing, although mostly settled. The advertised 400mb transfer rate is not being achieved although speeds are approaching 100mb

**Item 6:** Financial Issues

[a] There were no items of expenditure over £100 excluding salary payments. The necessary documentation for Q2 salary, PAYE and administration allowance were signed

**ACTION:** Clerk to undertake transfer of funds

**DONE:** September 12<sup>th</sup>

The balance now stands at £19927.67

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

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## Wellington Without Parish Council

[b] The subscription to the Somerset Association of Local Councils which is normally agreed at this time of year has not been received.

### **Item 7: County, District and Unitary Authority Councillors**

County Councillor Mansell highlighted the difficulties of the “budget gap” which was proving problematic. Not all funding for social care has been received, and a careful approach with balances is important. The new Council is settling down well with a few inevitable “bumps” and although new teams are being developed the necessary consultation takes time. There are consultations taking place on planning policy linked to transport and safe connections (For example) for rural areas. There has been no change to date in planning laws despite plans from the Government to do so.

### **Item 8: Any other urgent business**

[a] The graffiti on the Ford Street underpass has still not been attended to.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Highways again with copy to Councillor Mansell.

**DONE:** September 12<sup>th</sup> with reference SWT546386197.

[b] The council has received a document to act as a “code of conduct” as not all authorities have such. It was considered however that our present code works well, is thorough and hence there is no need to change.

[c] Councillor Hasell will be contacted to ascertain the situation of the Thorne St Margaret signpost.

[d] Many of the fingerposts at Voxmoor and Ford Street have had the arms moved to point incorrectly.

[e] The footpath at the “Apache” site is still blocked and cannot be used. In addition, the site is still occupied after an inappropriate time.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the relevant authority

**DONE:** September 12<sup>th</sup>

[f] It was agreed to circulate a poster forwarded by Sue Frith.

[g] Communication had been received regarding grit bin filling. A map of the locations will be provided by Somerset Council

[h] It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Hollingsworth for the sterling work he undertakes in litter clearance at Ford Street.

Thank you to the staff of the Beambridge Inn for hosting the meeting at no cost to the parish

The next meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Beambridge Inn starting at 7.00pm

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