

LITTLE SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5th July 2022 Little Somerford Village Hall

Minutes

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| Present | Cllr P Cameron (Chair) | Cllr D Matthews | Cllr C Minshell |
| | Cllr D Orchard (Vice Chair) | Cllr S Orchard | Cllr J Fairbairn |
| In Attendance | R Nuttall (Clerk) | Wiltshire Cllr Threlfall | |

Public Question Time No questions received from the public

Report from Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Cllr Threlfall reported on the following

- Wiltshire has taken in 1154 Ukrainians so far.
- There are currently issues with waste collections as a result of staff shortages, collections should be made within 2-3 days.
- Wiltshire Council can offer support to the Parish Council if there are issues with landowners not clearing ditches as required.
- Various planning issues/ queries are in hand with Wiltshire Council
- It would be very unlikely to get a lower speed limit enforced on Clay Street and Field View, but a metric count would provide evidence of vehicle speeds as a starting point.
- Cllr Threlfall will guide the Parish Council through the process of applying for grants for footpath gates.

22/07/1 **No Apologies for Absence**

22/07/2 There were no **declarations of interest**.

22/07/3.1 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** of 7th June 2022 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed: Cllr Minshell; Seconded: Cllr Fairbairn

22/07/3.2 It was agreed that all items shaded green on the **Action Register** were completed.
21/03/9.2 Lottery Grant was refused.
22/03/6.6 Renewed effort required to find another Councillor.
22/05/7 Cllr Fairbairn will make bat & bird boxes, suggest families asked to sponsor them.

Approved *P. Cameron* Chair 06/09/22 Date

- 22/07/4.1 **The following Planning Applications were considered**
 PL/2022/04515 Ashleigh, The Hill, extension, NO OBJECTION
 PL/2022/04414 Hill Cottage, The Hill, extension, NO OBJECTION
 PL/2022/04394 Malthouse Farm, East End Lane, extension, NO OBJECTION
- 22/07/4.2 **No new Applications Determined by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting**
- 22/07/5.1 **The Finance report** was received, and the Parish Council ratified and approved payments of £652.40 and £73.85. The income received was £185.07
 Proposed: Cllr Cameron; seconded Cllr S Orchard
- 22/07/5.2 **Receipts & Payments** to 27 June 2022 was **noted**. The year-to-date surplus is £1781
 The bank balances stand at £20879.40 to end June 2022.
 The bank reconciliation for June was signed by the Chair.
- 22/07/5.3 The Councillors considered the current **allotment** rental agreement and decided that no amendments were required, except for the wording clean to be changed to clear (point2). It was decided to keep the rent at £20 for a further year.
 Proposed Cllr Minshell; Seconded Cllr S Orchard

Following the allotment inspection and holders meeting it was requested that the clerk write to the two allotment holders whose plots have not been cultivated this season.

Action: Clerk

Network Rail to be contacted regarding bramble encroachment.

Action: Clerk

The mowing regime will be reviewed for 2023 to take account of comments regarding grass along cemetery boundary fence. The Council are following a specific long-term plan with regard to biodiversity and wildflower management.

The Councillors considered the comments regarding security and potential theft of produce. It was decided that no action should be taken at present as the threat was minimal, allotment holders are asked to monitor any trespass onto their allotments and report any issues of this nature to with the Clerk.

The Councillors are keen to encourage LS residents to visit the Community Orchard but remind the public that individual allotment plots are not for public access.

The list of current licence holders was noted; it was requested that the allotment agreements be sent out in September.

Action: Clerk

- 22/07/5.4 The Councillors considered the current **paddock** rental agreement and decided that no amendments were required.
 Proposed Cllr Cameron; Seconded Cllr Fairbairn
 As it is Council policy to advertise the Paddock bi-annually, the clerk was asked to contact the current licence holders and advertise in Facebook and Signpost.
 Applications will be considered at the September meeting **Action: Clerk**
- 22/07/6.1 **The Annual Cemetery report** was received, a sign to be attached to tap regarding turning off securely.
Action: Cllr D Orchard
- 22/07/6.2 **The Annual Footpath report** was received, footpaths for gate replacements are being prioritised, Cllr Minshell is working with landowners on this, which is receiving positive feedback.

- 22/07/6.3 **The Emergency Plan** has been updated, copies to be placed in Village Hall, Church, and Somerford Arms.
- 22/07/6.4 The **meeting dates** for 2023 were approved.
- 22/07/7.1 Tasks for the **Parish Steward** to include:
Potholes at top of clay Street and in Mill Lane, 30mph sign in Mill Lane, grill on ditch in Clay Street, drains near play park. **Action: Clerk**
- 22/07/8 **Clerk's report, correspondence received, items for next agenda** -there were no items under this heading
- 22/07/9.1 **Allotments & Paddock** – see 22/07/5.3 /5.4
- 22/07/9.2 **Cemetery** – see 22/07/6.1
- 22/07/9.3 **Emergency Plan** – see 22/07/6.3
- 22/07/9.4 **Website** – no updates
- 22/07/9.5 **Footpaths & Rights of Way** – see 22/07/6.2
- 22/07/9.6 **Defibrillator** – no updates
- 22/07/9.7 **Play Park** – no updates
- 22/07/9.8 **Telephone Book Exchange** – no updates
- 22/07/9.9 **Wildlife Friendly Village** – poster for noticeboard **Action: Clerk**
- 22/07/10 **Dates for Future Meetings - 6th September, 1st November.**