

**CURRY MALLET PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Monday 21 February 2022 at 7.30pm
in the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall, Curry Mallet**

Present: Cllrs. C Hussey (Chair), D Beck, J Scott, T Smith, F Wood and W Wilkes Wood.

In attendance: L Gowers (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

21/ To Note apologies for Absence:

111 None

21/ Public Participation

112 Members of the public spoke about:

- Trees. A Lombardy Poplar, located on land beside The Manor House had fallen in a recent storm. It had fallen across the road and taken down power and telephone lines. It was one in a line of 5 trees, which were thought to be 90 years old and therefore coming to the end of their lives. There was concern for the remaining trees which could fall on nearby properties and a request that they were assessed by a tree surgeon and either reduced by approximately 20 foot or removed.
- HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The church and the school would like to encourage the children to work with an artist to produce a piece of artwork, which could then be displayed in the church. There would be a request to the Parish Council for some grant funding.
- Foxhunting. A representative of "Action against Foxhunting" had been asked by a villager to speak on behalf of parents who objected to foxhunting in the village. There were concerns regarding hunting around the school, the impact on children and animals in the village and obstruction of driveways and roads.
Two further members of the public also spoke against foxhunting in the village.

21/ To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

113 It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022 be **APPROVED**.

21/ Declarations of Interest

114 None.

Cllr. Hussey, with the agreement of all councillors present, moved Item 12, up the agenda at the request of one of the members of the public.

21/ Correspondence: To receive correspondence from residents regarding:

115 Foxhunting. Correspondence was noted.

21/ To Receive the Clerks Update Report:

- 116** The Clerk reported that she was in contact with County Highways regarding the Lombardy Poplars and was investigating ownership of the trees.
The Clerk also reported that the upcoming elections would be on Thursday 5th May 2022.

21/ Planning:

117 a) To note the following planning application.

22/00011/HOU Heartsease Cottage, High Street, Curry Mallet.

Rear single-storey extension.

Recommend Approval.

21/ To receive planning decision notices from District Council.

118 21/03623/HOU Churchills Cottage, Lower Street, Curry Mallet

Erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling

Application permitted with conditions.

Noted.

21/ Finance:

119 a) It was agreed to approve the payments listed:

- Clerks wages – February: £139.32
- HMRC employee tax and NI: £34.60
- Parish Magazine Printing: £97.50
- Cloud Next: £7.20 (.org domain transfer)
- Cloud Next: £4.80 (additional site hosting fee)

b) To note that the 3rd quarter bank reconciliations have been completed and checked.

Noted.

21/ Play Area Update

- 120** Cllr. Smith reported that the working group had recommended that the Parish Council consider new play equipment as the cost of removing the second-hand equipment from Somerton Town Council was too expensive. Three companies had been approached for quotes and two had been out to look at the site prior to quoting.
Cllr. Smith had made contact with an SSDC Locality Officer who had a wealth of experience supporting Town and Parish Councils to fundraise and install new play equipment. He would be invited to the next working group meeting.

21/ To Agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

- 121** It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Saturday 21 May 2022 at the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall.

21/ To Receive any other Matters of Report

- 122** 1. The owner of the New Old Forge had approached Cllr. Smith with concerns that the new verge was being ripped up by traffic.

2. It was agreed that the village meeting about speeding should be rearranged, due to being cancelled at short notice due to the storm. It was decided to hold the meeting on Friday 11 March at 7pm and the Clerk was asked to book the village hall.

21/ Date of the next meeting.

123 Monday 21 March 2022 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:

Dated: