

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

**Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Monday 17 January 2022 at 7.30pm
in the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall, Curry Mallet**

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

In attendance: L Gowers (Clerk) County Councillor C Paul (part of the meeting) and 2 members of the public.

21/99 To Note apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs William Wilkes Wood (unwell) and Fleur Wood (unwell)

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100 Public Participation

A member of the public reminded the Parish Council that on 6th February 2022 it would be the tenth anniversary of the planting of an oak tree within the school grounds, to celebrated HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

21/ To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

101 It was AGREED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday 10 December 2021 be APPROVED.

21/ Declarations of Interest

102 None.

21/ To receive updates from District and County Councillors:

103 County Cllr. Clare Paul reported the following:

- Somerset County Council had launched a new online tool with an interactive map, for reporting pot holes.
- The effects of Covid were still dominating work, with many staff redeployed. Somerset Waste Partnership had missed some recycling collections due to staff off sick due to the Omicron variant, however the green bins had been collected as normal.
- There would be an emergency meeting of Full Council at Somerset County Council, to put measures in place to allow remote meetings to go ahead, should they be required.
- The plan to move to a unitary authority was moving ahead. There would be a meeting of the Local Government Reorganisation Scrutiny committee at the end of January.
- It was anticipated that the Government's "Plan B" regulations would be lifted on 26th January.

21/ To Receive the Clerks Update Report:

104 The Clerk reported that the agreed change of night for Curry Mallet Parish Council meetings meant that they now clashed with Beercrocombe Parish Council meetings. As both Parish Council's used the same building, and Curry Mallet PC was struggling to find a night when the

Clerk and all members were available, Beercrocombe PC had offered to change their meeting night.

21/ Planning:

105 a) To note the following planning application.

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

Erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling

The Council did not wish to comment on this application.

21/ Finance:

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

- Clerks wages – January: £139.32
- HMRC employee tax and NI: £34.60

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

The Clerk had been unable to complete the bank reconciliations prior to the meeting. It was therefore agreed to defer this item.

c) To approve the budget for 2022/2023

It was agreed to approve the budget for 2022/2023

d) To approve the overall Precept for 2022/2023

It was AGREED to set the precept for 2022/2023 in the sum of £ 6112.07, which represented an increase of £0.74 in comparison with the previous year, bringing the equivalent band D charge to £45.77.

21/ Grant Applications: To consider applications to the Parish Council and approve
107 payments.

Grants payments were agreed as below:

Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church: £380

Curry Mallet Play Group: It was agreed that more information was required from the Play Group regarding their application. It was also noted that their bank account was in the process of being opened and any funds would only be paid once this was complete.

21/ Play Area Update

108 Cllr. Smith reported that the previously agreed quote to move the play equipment from Somerton to Curry Mallet had increased. The contractor had omitted extraction of posts in the quote. This increased the quote by £3000.00.

The working group were meeting to discuss this increase in costs; however, it was Cllr. Smiths recommendation that research should be made into purchasing new equipment as taking the second hand equipment may not now be cost effective

Cllr. Smith also reported that the Village Hall Committee were supportive of the addition of equipment in the play area.

21/ To Receive any other Matters of Report

109 Cllr. Smith reported that the latest copy of the Beer n Curry village newsletter was now available on the website.

21/ Date of the next meeting.

110 Monday 21 February 2022 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

Signed:

Dated: