

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

**Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
On Monday 21 March 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 District Councillor M Stanton

21/ To Note apologies for Absence:

124 None

21/ Public Participation

125 Members of the public spoke about:

No-one wished to speak.

21/ To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

126 It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022 be **APPROVED**.

21/ Declarations of Interest

127 None.

21/ To receive updates from District and County Councillors.

128 Cllr. Stanton gave an update regarding the planning department at South Somerset District Council and explained the planning process, following a comment from the Parish Council that comments and recommendations to the planning department regarding planning applications in the parish, appear to be disregarded.

21/ To Receive the Clerks Update Report:

129 The Clerk reported that County Highways believed that the Lombardy Poplars on the verge outside the Manor House boundary may be theirs and was awaiting confirmation.

21/ Planning:

130 22/00441/LBC The Old Post Office Silver Street Curry Mallet. TA3 6SR

The carrying out of repairs to external walls.

Supporting documentation was not available on the SSDC planning portal therefore Councillors agreed an automatic objection and would bring the application forward to an Emergency meeting on Thursday 31 March, for review.

22/00492/COU Bell Inn Higher Street Curry Mallet. TA3 6SY

Change of use of 2 No. existing bed and breakfast units into 2 no. open market dwellings.

Recommend Approval.

21/ 131 To receive planning decision notices from District Council.
22/00011/HOU Heartsease Cottage Higher Street Curry Mallet. TA3 6SY
Rear single-storey extension
Approved

21/00732/FUL Land OS 2283 Top Road Curry Mallet. TA3 6DW

Application for the siting of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling (caravan) while the agricultural unit develops and retrospective consent of access and track.

Approved

Both decision notices were noted.

21/ Finance:
132 It was agreed to approve the payments listed:

- Clerks wages – March: £139.32
- HMRC employee tax and NI: £34.60
- SSDC – Playground Inspections: £127.20
- Duchy of Cornwall –
Half yearly rent for playing field: £66.00

21/ Play Area Update

133 Cllr. Smith reported that quotes for new play equipment had been received. Meetings with the working group were proving challenging and the next meeting to follow up and review quotes and recommend next steps was yet to be scheduled. The SSDC Locality Officer would be invited as an initial telephone conversation with him had shown that he had useful knowledge and a good insight into play areas.

21/ To receive notes from a village meeting about speeding and approve the
134 recommendations therein.

The Clerk had forwarded the notes to Councillors prior to the meeting. Key points were:

- Village speed limits would require expenditure from the Parish Council, lots of signs but no enforcement.
- Footways should be improved, particularly between the school and the village.
- The problem may not be speed related but the care with which people were driving.
- Certain drivers who treat the roads like race tracks would be unlikely to worry about 30mph signs/roundels on the road.
- Parking around the school often caused problems, but not speed related.

The Clerk would:

- Chase the 20mph sign for the school
- Remind Highways about the state of the pavements in the village, particularly to the school.
- Investigate if Community Speedwatch could operate in a non-restricted speed area and at what cost.
- Investigate the cost of road loops to try to evidence speed.
- Request that road markings were refreshed.

- Research costings and design of polite signs which request drivers to “Drive Carefully through the village”.
- Check legalities of residents putting signs on their properties.
- Ask Highways if it would be possible to restrict the speed through the centre of the village only.

Recommendations from the meeting:

- Install polite signs at the entrances to the village.
- Include a summary of the meeting in the village magazine.
- Approach the school to investigate education of parents whilst driving and parking.
- Advise the village to report problems to the police with particular cars/drivers.

21/ To Receive any other Matters of Report

135 Cllr. Wood had received agreement from the landowner to replace the very old bin that was located outside the village shop, with the Broxap Weyburn bin. This would be brought forward to the April Parish Council meeting for formal agreement to spend £379.00.

Cllrs. Hussey and Beck reported that they had attended the working group meeting for events to celebrate HM Queen Platinum Jubilee. The plans would include a beacon on Thursday 2nd June in a field belonging to Mr J Adams. Mr Adams had given permission provided he had been able to cut silage from the location prior to the event.

There would also be an afternoon tea and games held near the pub and village hall on Saturday 4th June. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council insurance policy would cover these events.

Cllr Smith confirmed that the pub had been sold and the sale was progressing. He also reported that a recent jumble sale held in the village, and organised by Melanie Sekules from the Parish, had raised £775 towards the Ukraine appeal.

21/ Date of the next meeting.

136 Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed:

Dated: