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Public Session

Dan Bohea – Spoke regarding improvements made to the Parish Council Website & gave credit where due.

Cllr Jenny Kenton – District/County Councillor update –

Only 8 months left before the Unitary Council take over the functions delegated to SSDC, most importantly they are unsure how planning will be dealt with however all SSDC members agree that they want to keep the area system in place.

The section 19 flood report is now completed, you can access the whole report online by visiting the most recent area West meeting agenda for 15th June 2022 and will also be available on SSDC website.

The new leisure centre, income is above the target set by about £80k and the centre has 1756 members, it holds 46 fitness classes and employs 67 local people.

Regarding County Council, training continues & I have completed corporate parent training which is mandatory for all County Councillors. The cost of children's social care faces £72 million of additional costs. The main difficulties facing the Council is finding enough foster homes for our children, finding enough social workers that will stay and give the children consistency in their lives, dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic on wellbeing and opportunities for those leaving care. There are currently 560 children in care within Somerset, some of those need complex and expensive care. Children who are over 18 & leave care are still able to access support through the Councils staff until they are 25.

Avon & Somerset Constabulary – Report distributed via email to Cllr's.

The Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Buckland St Mary Parish Council held at The Village Hall Thursday 7th July 2022 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

Councillors K Every (Chair), I Farmer, D Spencer, R Barton & D Shaylor

In Attendance

Clerk Mrs S Coombe, District/County Cllr Kenton & 1 member of the public

- 2022/14 To receive apologies for non-attendance**
Cllr's A Rich & E Marshall sent apologies & these were accepted
- 2022/15 To receive declarations of interest**
None
- 2022/16 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on the 9th June 2022**
Minutes received & approved by all Cllr's
- 2022/17 Matters arising from the minutes.**
Hastoe informed of the poor state of the houses at Rookery Rise & awaiting a reply.
The road at the junction with A303 is still a problem & needs reporting again, Cllr Shaylor to action
- 2022/18 Reports from County/District Councillors & Avon and Somerset Constabulary**
Report posted in public session above

2022/19 Planning

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Application No.	22/00184/S73A
Applicant	Mr Roy Harkness
Proposal	Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 19/02023/FUL for erection of a new 3 bedroom detached bungalow & double garage to allow changes to fenestration
Location	Hillside, Tower Lane, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3TQ

The Parish Council fully support this application – No Objections

2022/20 Finance

The following payments & expenses were approved.

VIP Marquees Ltd	Outstanding payment for Marquee	£56.40
MJP Bookkeeping	Internal Audit Cost	£53.75
SALC	Clerk Training Course	£90.00
Eagle Plant	Generator for PJ	£390.24
SLCC	Clerk Membership	£106.00
S Coombe	Clerks Salary July	£328.81
S Coombe	Clerks Expenses July	£45.40
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The clerk asked for all outstanding Platinum Jubilee invoices asap.

2022/21 Website/Facebook

The clerk reported that she has created a Parish Council Facebook page to post about road closures etc
Some members of the PC aren't happy to investigate a new website as it may mean paying twice as they currently fund the village website. Cllr Barton will invite Jon Mayled to the next meeting to discuss.

- 2022/22 Community/Neighbourhood Plan**
Cllr Shaylor to get more information on this. The clerk will make a note to add on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2022/23 Correspondence**
None
- 2022/24 Parish Matters for report**
Cllr Spencer – Complained that Recycling had not been collected for 4 weeks on the trot. It was also discussed about the amount of rubbish the collectors leave in the road.
Cllr Spencer also stated that she wasn't happy that the School Bus Contract had been renewed but not relayed to parents that it was a new company & new driver.

Cllr Shaylor said he still needed to look at Climate issues and The dualing of the Taunton to Ilminster A358.

Cllr Barton stated that Tree Roots on the corner of Madgeon lane, TA20 3QF are causing a hump in the road.

Cllr Farmer agreed to cut & bale the village field at the request of the Jolyon Chesworth from Wilder Buckland.
- 2022/25 Date for next meeting**
Thursday 1st September 2022

Meeting closed to the public at 9.11pm.
- 2022/26 Confidential Session – Exclusion of the Press & Public**
(To resolve that under Section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press & public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.)

The SSDC Online Questionnaire & associated information pack was discussed & a decision made.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.27pm

K Every
Chair

S Coombe
Clerk

12 July 2022