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April Parish Council Minutes 2024

7pm, 10th April 2024 at The Council Offices

Present: Cllr Foley (Vice Chair), Cllr Gould, Cllr Nelms, Cllr Hulett, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Dullaghan, Cllr Middleton.

Apologises: Cllr Philips (Chair), Cllr Holder.

7 members of the public

Somerset Cllr Bailey

24/084 Recording of meetings

Attention is drawn to the Councils policy on recording meetings. Those wishing to record meetings are asked to notify prior to or at the commencement of the meeting if they intend to audio/video record public proceedings. The council will record the meeting.

24/085 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence to be accepted by council. Cllr Philips (Chair) Cllr Holder (resigned).

24/086 Declarations of Interest

Interests remained as declared on the register of interest available from the clerk or on the website.

24/087 Approval of Minutes.

To consider acceptance of minutes of full council meeting held 21st March 2024.

Motion to approve - 1. Cllr Lewis, 2. Cllr Middleton for 7 against 0.

24/088 Somerset Council Ward Member Report

Cllr Bailey highlighted bits from the Somerset Council report April 2024.

24/089 Public Questions

Spokesperson for HYG asking why we had chosen to defund the Youth Club and it's consequences.

Chair failed to write as promised and also the rudeness of the Chair was commented on.

Somerset Cllr Pearlstone joined the meeting

A lady voiced her concerns about village newsletter.

A lady asked about speeding through the centre of the village, what was being done, the council is intending to set up a working group.

A gentleman asked how much SSHPC Council Offices cost answer zero for two years, he further questioned the council reserves, answered: they are there replace and repair our council assets ie. the Sports Pavilion. Cllr Bailey asked why a previous highway report was never minuted.

A representative from HYG asked for the questions here, to be reported in the minutes, with reference the safeguarding. The Parish Council has already accepted HYG's safeguarding as adequate. It was also stated that the HYG comes under the umbrella of the HYFCT, HYFCT have to be happy with the organisations that operate within their trust, meet their requirements. The Parish Council does not have the mandate to run a youth service. Any further concerns should be raised with HYFCT for the them to action not the Parish Council.

Somerset Cllr Pearlston, updated us on the Somerset Council report for April.

Cllr Pearlstone left the meeting.

24/090 Casual Vacancies

Tim Fryer identified at the point

Motion to approve Tim Fryer - Council agreed, Tim joined the meeting.

24/091 Somerset Council Services

The Parish Ranger Scheme also known as the "Lengthsman" discuss continuation as clerk temporally suspended reference costs.

Action - Council to encourage volunteers to engage in clearing paths.

Motion to retain the Lengthman as is on monthly basis - Council agreed

24/092 Public Access & Engagement

Open office for Surgery morning 10-12 noon and evening 6-8pm, 3rd Thursday every month.

Cllr Gould left the meeting, Cllr Nelms left the meeting

Cllr Gould rejoined the meeting

Motion to approve the Surgery as above - 1. Cllr Dullaghan, 2. Cllr Middleton for 7 against 0.

24/093 Newsletter

This month's newsletter has been produced with colour cover pages.

Motion whether to or not to change the newsletter - Council agreed not to on a show of hands

24/094 Account Balances and Schedule of payments.

Council to note.

Account Balances as at 28/03/24

Lloyds Business Acc xxxxx860	£37,570.73
Lloyds BB Inst Acc xxxxx260	£44,383.22

Available figures

Melton Building Soc.	£33,428.98
Cambridge & Counties	£23,026.17

Income

Stonehill Allotment deposit	+£25.00
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Invoices Paid by Standing Order*/Previously approved: (since 06/03/24)

Evis Ground Maintenance (Feb)	£750.00*
Cloudy IT Monthly M/Soft 365 Licence fee	£70.68
Stable Print Jan Newsletter	£210.00
SLCC Course fee (approved)	£144.00
L Foley Office tables	£115.00
Clerk Water jugs/glasses	£18.20
Lloyds Service charges	£7.85

Total £1,315.73

Payments to be agreed by resolution:

(Standing orders/salary pre resolved)*

Evis Ground Maintenance (Feb)	£750.00*
Cloudy IT Monthly M/Soft 365 Licence fee	£65.28 (amended fees)
Stable Print April Newsletter (colour)	£295.00
Som. Council Parish Ranger	£422.51
SALC Playground Inspection Course (MF)	£50.00
PG Security Unit 7 Alarm	£986.00
PGS 24hr service	£100.00

Amazon	Office	£57.86
HMRC	PAYE/NI	£627.31
Clerk	salary (late payment)	£1001.30
ICO	Data Licence (annual)	£35.00
	Total	£4,390.26

Action - Match funding for HYFC onto to the agenda next month

Motion to agree finances - 1. Cllr Middleton, 2. Cllr Foley for 7 against 0.

24/095 Financial Matters to note

Cloudy IT, Non-Domestic Rates, Building Society Accounts

Noted

The meeting was extended for 30 minutes

24/096 Governance Issues

Discussion about Governance and Liability

The meeting closed at 9.20pm