

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milverton Parish Council
held on Monday, 5th October 2020 via Zoom**

Present: Mesdames, A Dakowski, G Lumby, and J Argles
Messrs: I Ainsworth Smith , R Cotton, P Chambers, P Young and T Phelps

In Attendance: G Wren and 4 members of the Public

Questions from the Public -

None received

Reports from County and District Councillors-

No report had been received from the County Councillor In his report, G Wren, District Councillor who explained there is a new minister responsible for Local Government which has delayed the White Paper.

Somerset CC has proposed an 8 week consultation process from the 1 April 2022 regarding moving forward and changes to the Council.

The Creedwell development was discussed and currently there are issues with drainage and the proposed storage of storm water in crates, they are waiting for Government planning reforms.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from M Burton and S Cottrell

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared:

Mr Ainsworth Smith: Personal Interest as Chairman of the Milverton & Fitzhead Society

Mr Chambers: Personal Interest as Trustee and member of The Milverton Trust.

Mrs Lumby, Trustee of the Victoria Rooms, Trustee of the Milverton Concert Society.

Mrs Dakowski, Personal Interest Milverton and District Twinning Association and Trustee and member of The Milverton Trust.

3 Minutes and Matters arising from the minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2020 have been circulated with the summons to this meeting.

Mrs Dakowski then proposed that they be accepted, this was seconded by Mrs Lumby and passed.

4 Clerk and RFO resignations

Owing to the departure of both the Clerk and the RFO, it was necessary for the Deputy Chair to have a full hand over.

5 Proposed co-option to Parish Council

Mr Steve Potts and Mrs Maggie Dinning introduced themselves to the Council and gave a brief resume of themselves and why they would like to join the Parish Council.

6 Crime

The Crime report has been circulated

7 Finance

- i. There were no reconciliations or Budget Forecast to report.
- ii. Schedule of Cheques- the Chairman has approved all known outstanding Cheques.

P Young Deputy Chair has had a handover from the outgoing RFO and will be shortly be having a handover from the outgoing clerk so currently no finances to share but all financial issues are in hand.

8 Projects

- (i) **Toilet Block Refurbishment-** R Cotton reported that further quotes were being requested as current quotes unacceptable. He was speaking to Crofts and all previous tenderers, they will be coming back to him in the coming week and he will report at the next meeting . An Amenities meeting is to be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting.
- (ii) **Speed Indicator Devices** – P Young reported that speed indicator devices have been agreed with traffic management for Sand Street and Wood Street. Further information sought regarding the location of the Station Road device The installation of these devices will then be put out to tender.
- (iii) **Other business regarding traffic calming-** the SCC traffic management department has agreed to the sighting of 2 lots of bollards on the pavement on Silver Street outside 2 separate properties and they also reviewed the damage to the Victoria Rooms. They have also agreed to mark left only lanes on the roundabout both in the Wiveliscombe and Taunton Directions. A review of all the signage will be carried out in Preston Bowyer and 3 bollards placed outside a property. It was discussed that there is no “slow down cyclists” signage approved so if the village would like to put some up it would have to be on private property. A Dakowski expressed concerns regarding speeding traffic on Butts Way. The bridge work in Wellington was also discussed and the extra traffic especially large lorries hopefully this will be finished by the 9th of October. *(after the meeting a message was received to say this would not be the case as work has been delayed)*

- 9 **Allotments-** A Dakowski reported the current main focus was getting out the allotment agreements and this should have been completed by the end of the week. To be included in the pack for the existing plot holders are the revised tenancy agreements Anyone signing an agreement will be charged the new rate and also new measurements. An Allotment bank account is going to be set up and the allotment holders will have a say in how the surplus funds will be spent.

10 Roads and Footpaths-

- (i) **Foothpaths-** There is currently an issue with the path between Daltons across the field towards Houndsmoor , trees etc have blown over obstructing the path ..it is however not marked as an official footpath on the map and it was questioned if the council should be paying for maintenance of this and should it be the landowner. T Phelps will speak to the farmer who owns the field.
- (ii) **Roads-** The matter of the Tonedale Bridge was raised again and S Cottrell has requested that traffic is an agenda item at the next meeting.
- (iii) **Speedwatch-** No statistics this month. It was mentioned Sand Street is busy? The Speedwatch group have had some afternoon sessions.

11 Exempt Session- The Press and Public were excluded from the session and the meeting concluded at 8.19 pm