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Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council in St Andrew's Room, the Old School Rooms, Congresbury, on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Clarke , Greaves, Griffiths, Hacking, Hill, Jones and Sampson.

In attendance: Cllr Stuart Treadaway and Liz Greaves

There was 1 member of the public or press present.

Public Participation

- Cllr Treadaway stated that the annual budget for North Somerset Council had now been set with the increase of 1.99% in April in addition to the 2% levy to cover adult social care. Cllr Treadaway also mentioned the North Somerset Parking review which he understood would be discussed later with a request to submit for consideration Mill Lane.
- Alex Ballard outlined that she had been invited to attend by Cllr Doolan to discuss potential problems around housing and foodbanks. She stated that the doctors surgery are issuing foodbank vouchers but there is the issue that those who qualify may not be able to afford the bus fare to get to the closest foodbanks in Weston or Clevedon. Mrs Ballard asked whether there was anything that the Parish Council could do to perhaps act as a distribution centre. She also stated that the maximum rent that is paid to young people for rent is £270 universal credit. Therefore there is an issue that there is no affordable rentable accommodation and studio accommodation is required. She urged the Parish Council to consider this with any plans for new housing developments. Cllr Treadaway stated that he was having a meeting with a representative from Alliance Homes on 11th March and he would take this into consideration during these discussions and report back.

Police Report: All crime statistics are now available on-line at <https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/AN007/crime/>.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Apologies for absence

Cllrs Ballantine, Beyfus, Doolan and Hathaway. Sarah Sheehan had provided a letter of resignation with immediate effect to Cllr Hacking. Cllrs wished Sarah ever success with her other village commitments and thanked her for all that she had done whilst working as a

Councillor for the past year. Cllr Greaves stated that he had enjoyed working with Sarah and that she had been a valuable and extremely helpful member of the team on both the Full Council and as a member of the Planning Committee.

- 19199** **Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations**
N/A
- 19200** **Exclusion of the press and public**
N/A
- 19201** **Approval of minutes**
Full Parish Council - 17th February 2020
Resolved: That the above minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.
- 19202** **Food Banks**
Members discussed the issues and stated that the Parish Council did not have the infrastructure to manage a foodbank locally. Cllr Hill updated everyone that the one off donation had been made of £75 to the Weston Foodbank from the Hannah Marshman Trust and then every month 11 loaves and also provided. This is in compliance with the original legacy of the field to provide bread for the poor of the community.
Resolved: That the Parish Council would contact the local foodbanks to ask whether they have any procedures in place for distribution to local villages.
- 19203** **Meeting Schedule**
Resolved: That the meeting schedule was agreed with a date of 21st May for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Hacking to set the agenda and speakers for this meeting.
- 19204** **Yatton Royal Mail Sorting Office**
Resolved: That the Parish Council will write a letter outlining concerns with regard to the closure of the Yatton Post Office sorting office which will move to Clevedon in a matter of weeks.
- 19205** **North Somerset Car Parking Review**
Cllr Treadaway stated that the parking review was across North Somerset and the aim would be to balance out charges by reducing charges in Weston and increasing in areas such as Clevedon to get a unified approach. Members noted the review.
- 19206** **Parking Restrictions**
Resolved: That the following areas be sent to North Somerset Council for consideration;

1. Mill Lane, use of double yellow lines along one side to restrict parking levels,
2. Broad Street, restricted time limits and
3. Broad Street, addition of disabled bay.

19207 Your Neighbourhood Consultation

Members discussed the survey and invited residents to complete the survey. This has been published on our Facebook page and will be sent to Congresbury.net to publicise the consultation available at; <https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/yourneighbourhood/consultationHome>

19208 Green Waste

Resolved: That the Parish Council will invest in a green waste bin at a cost of 1x 240L garden waste collected fortnightly at £7.37 per collection per bin. Total (22 collections of 1x bin) per year £162.14. This will be ordered for the next financial year.

AMENITIES

19209 Community Resilience Meeting

Cllr Sampson updated all members with the agenda for the meeting that includes an introduction followed by presentations from members of the Environment Agency, North Somerset Council, Wessex Water and also the local Congresbury Flood Team.

Resolved: That a new screen and projector are purchased to ensure that this meeting and others have the necessary equipment needed for presentations.

19210 Play Equipment

Resolved: That Option 3 from TK Play is preferred. All the specifications will be provided and next steps to be discussed with North Somerset Council. Members will then consider options for further equipment for King George V as further s106 from the Smallway developments will become available in the future which has been outlined for play areas.

FINANCE

19211 Budget 2019/20

Resolved: That Members accepted the report on the budget performance year to date.

19212 Payment schedule

Resolved: Members accepted the schedule of payments made of £6,414.93 and schedule of receipts of £1,950.75.

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Internal Audit

Resolved: Members approved the Internal Audit report dated 14th February 2020 and noted the recommendations.

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Any matters arising to go on the next agenda

Cllr Greaves – Protection of the Cross

Cllr Hacking – Highways

Millennium Green

Meeting finished 8.55 pm.

Signed: Date:

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