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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of **Congresbury Parish Council**, held at the Old School Rooms, Congresbury on **Monday 17th July 2023** at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hill, Griffiths, Daw, Holland, Beyfus, Underwood and Clarke
In attendance: Nicky Andrews (Clerk) and Cllr D Thomas (NS Councillor)

Seven Members of the public present:

22242 Public Participation

Several residents of Sheppys Mill expressed their concerns over the proposed closing of Smallway East/A370 junction as they would not be able to drive out of their homes because there is no entry into Smallway East from Kent Road either.

A member of the Environment Agency spoke briefly on the Gooseum Rhyne Improvement project and explained that he was holding two tree days this week, for the public to inform the Agency of any trees that have been planted for specific person.

7.40 Two members of the public left the meeting

Cllr D Thomas (NS Councillor) reported it had been a busy couple of months, the committees had met and further training had been given.

22243 Apologies for absence Cllr H Hathaway

22244 Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations None

7.45 Three members of the public left the meeting

22245. Approval of minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.

22246. Clerks Report

King George V Play equipment – After several reminders Wicksteed came to look at the playground on 13th July, no report has been received about the problems.

I have contacted National Grid regarding Kent Road Green about reinstating the green as works appear to have been completed. Martin Whaley is dealing and is looking into it

I have written to the Environment Agency regarding the ownership of the river banks it has been sent to their estates team for them to check the original deeds.

The new water heater has been installed.

There is a small bumble bee nest in the burial ground I have spoken to the North Somerset beekeepers and they have advised that it will be gone by the end of summer and to just fence the area off.

The Annual Governance & Accountability Return as been sent to the external auditor of the 19th June 2023 and has been acknowledged on the 20th June 2023. It has been posted on the website and the noticeboards to fulfil the notice of public rights.

The new accounting software Omega has been installed.

Adrian has installed the dog bin Stonewell Lane.

The clerk had received the resignation of Cllr Doolan, North Somerset Council have been informed

22247. To consider applying for ETII (a government discount scheme which applies to libraries) for energy bill support.

Resolved – To apply for ETII energy bill support for the community library. Cllr Hill proposed, Cllr Griffiths seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

22248. To review North Somerset Council proposals for Smallway Junction

The new proposals for Smallway were reviewed and it was noted that there has been many accidents at the junction.

Cllr Dan Thomas explained that the money had been obtained by the previous administration for bus service improvements.

Resolved – The Clerk to contact North Somerset Council regarding the concerns of the residents of Sheppys Mill and Smallway East, removal of the pedestrian walkways, road improvements especially for buses since they have been reduced and the safety of the road considering the amounts of accidents. Cllr Griffiths proposed, Cllr Daw seconded, all Cllrs agreed

22249. To consider asking North Somerset Council to fund a footway from 12 Wrington Road to A370 under the Integrated Transport Programme following further investigation by the Clerk.

Resolved – To ask North Somerset Council to fund a footway from 12 Wrington Road to the A370. Cllr Hill proposed, Cllr Beyfus seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

22250. Councillors to note that an accident has occurred in the public toilets and discuss suggestion of a handrail.

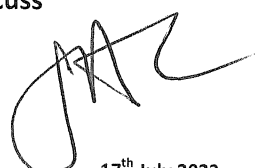
Cllr Hill explained how the accident had happened and Councillors noted that it had occurred.

22251. Councillors to agree for the Clerk to obtain a quote for handrail and trees at the library

Cllr Clarke explained that she had already cleared the ivy from the back of the library and she would sort out the trees but a quote would be needed to repair the handrail.

Resolved – To obtain a quotation for the remedial work required on the handrail. Cllr Griffiths proposed, Cllr Clarke seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

22252. Congresbury Burial Ground Maintenance – Councillors to discuss



A complaint has been received regarding two over grown elderflower shrubs restricting access to cremation tablets. Cllr Holland added that several plots were not keeping to the burial ground regulations. The Clerk explained that the burial ground inspections were being reinstated and letters would be sent to anyone breaking the regulations. It had been suggested that a compost bin should be built in the burial ground.

Resolved – That the Clerk asks Adrian's project Services to create a compost bin in the burial ground. Cllr Clarke proposed, Cllr Underwood seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

- 22253. Playground Inspections – Councillors to agree for the Clerk to obtain quotes for replacing the swing chains at King George V and to note annual report from GB Sports.**
Clerk to obtain quotations for the swing chains and any work that has arisen from the annual report.
- 22254. Councillor Clarke to update Council following a meeting with a trader from Broad Street**
Cllr Clarke updated the Council on her meeting with a trader from Broad Street.
- 22255. Finances**
For members to note the finances for month 1 (April 2023). Clerk and Chair/Vice Chair to sign and initial pages
a. Bank reconciliations
b. Payments & Receipts
c. Expenditure against budget
- 22256. Exclusion of Press and Public**
Recommended – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – to consider commercial matters.

Meeting ended 8.30pm

Signed:



Date:

