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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of **Congresbury Parish Council**, held at the Old School Rooms, Congresbury on **Monday 11th September 2023** at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Griffiths, Daw, Holland, Hathaway and Hill

In attendance: Nicky Andrews (Clerk) and Cllr D Thomas (NS Councillor)

Five Members of the public present:

23013 Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns over the Bus Service Improvement Plans at Woodhill and Smallway. Are the plans set in stone, is there going to be a public consultation and will local people's views be taken into account.

A resident of Brinsea Road expressed his concern following the accident near The Elms on Monday and the speed of the traffic on the road.

A resident of Kent Road stated that since the bench near the bin had been removed, the anti-social behaviour had moved to Editorial Bench which is opposite his property and he asked that when the bench is removed it is not replaced.

19.38 A member of the public left the meeting

23014 Apologies for absence

Cllr Clarke

23015 Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations

None

23016. Approval of minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023 were approved and signed as a true record. The finance minutes are unavailable as the meeting did not take place.

23017. Clerks Report

A further Fall Prevention drop in event is being held in Yatton Methodist Church Hall on 27.09.2023 between 11am – 3pm.

Burial Ground – I have received several complaints about the state of the burial ground. Cat and I met with the contractors and explained the issues. The Clerk had also agreed, following a quote, a contractor to tidy up the Yew Trees as they have elder and large brambles growing out of them which pose a health and safety issue.

Congresbury Football Club – Have asked if we could resurface the remaining part of The Drove as it is full of potholes. NSC has checked the Land Registry and this part of The Drove is unregistered and it is not on our deeds.

We have a new electricity/gas supplier – ENGIE

The allotment shed (which is an asset of the Parish Council) has had several attempted break ins. The allotment holders use it to store mowers/rotivators. As the Council no longer use the shed would it be acceptable to donate the shed to the allotment holders association and they would then be responsible for the shed. To be discussed at the next Full Council

The clerk has received the resignation of Cllr Geoff Underwood, North Somerset Council have been informed

Last week I received a visit from Nick Gough the PSCO for Congresbury and Keith Millard Police Support Volunteer. They asked and spoke about problems in Congresbury. He hopes to be able to attend Council meetings in the future.

I have been asked by Weston Town Council if we would grant permission for the Mayor of WSM to wear his chains of office in our parish at an evening event on 20.10.2023 – No objections to the Mayor wearing his chains of office.

23018 Kent Road Green – Benches

The Clerk informed the Council that the Chairman Cllr Jane Clarke had spoken to the resident who complained about the original bench and his opinion remains unchanged he does not wish the new bench to be replaced close to his property. In light of this information and the resident not wishing the editorial bench replaced. It was suggested that the anti-social behaviour is monitored following the removal of the bench and see if the Council receives any feedback.

19.46 A member of the public left the meeting

23319 Smallway/Wood Hill/A370 Bus Service Improvement Plan

A representative from North Somerset Council BSIP gave a presentation on the plans and listened to the Councillors concerns regarding the loss of the footpath and that there is no plans for a pedestrian crossing.

23020 To agree for the Clerk to purchase a no parking sign for the gate at King George V Playing Fields

Resolved - It was agreed that the Clerk could purchase a no parking sign for the gate - Cllr Holland proposed, Cllr Griffiths seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

23021 To discuss renewal of Ball Court Lease, Kent Road due 14.11.2023

Clerk to ask NSC what would happen with the Ball Court if we did not renew the lease.

23022 Millennium Green – To further discuss Environment Agency plans

Following the meeting prior to this one, it was decided that no further discussion was required.

23023 Staffing Committee – To appoint new members

Cllr W Holland appointed to the Staffing Committee

23024 Finances

For members to note the finances for month 4 (July 2023). Clerk and Chair/Vice Chair to sign and initial pages

Direct debits, and bank transfer payments as detailed totalling £ (July 23)

- a. Bank reconciliations
- b. Payments & Receipts
- c. Expenditure against budget

23025. 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.

23026 Playground Inspections

Resolved –To approve quotations for repairs to bench in King George V Play Area, Ball Court by Youth Club and trip hazard at Millennium Green Play Area entrance - Cllr Holland proposed, Cllr Hill seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

23027 To remove damaged bench on Millennium Green

Resolved - To approve quotation to remove damaged bench from Millennium Green (It was suggested that the carved back of the seat be kept by the Parish Council for future use or display) - Cllr Griffiths proposed, Cllr Holland seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

Meeting ended 9.00pm

Signed:Date.....