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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of **Congresbury Parish Council**, held at the Old School Rooms, Congresbury on **Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Clarke, Cove, Burd, Razzell, Daw, Holland and Hill

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

Six Members of the public present:

23094 Public Participation

A local resident spoke of the need for a 20mph speed limit on the B3133 and A370, he explained that a proposal had been sent to NSC in 2021 and asked that the Parish Council are supportive of the request with funding.

23095 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Griffiths and Hathaway.

23096 Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

None

23097 Approval of minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the Full Council held on Monday 15th January 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.

23098 Millennium Green – To review proposed actions following Millennium Green Management Group Meeting

None

23099 Clerks Report

Two bleed boxes have been placed next to the defibrillators in the precinct and at the chemist and will be monitored by the police.

The contractor we employ to erect the Christmas lights has stated they need replacing as they are deteriorating. It was suggested speaking to Cllr Griffiths about the lights.

A letter has been received from a different resident regarding the replacement bench on the Kent Road Green.

The Charity Commission Annual Returns have been completed for the Millennium Green and Hannah Marshman.

Broad Street Planters have been replaced following the resurfacing of Broad Street. NSC never contacted me to oversee their replacement, as I requested. Consequently, they have not been placed correctly. I have contacted NSC but they have stated that the Company has put them

back where they were found despite my requests to oversee them being replaced. We will need to get them moved as they are not protecting the cross. Last week the planter nearest the traffic lights has been moved out of the position. Cllr Burd stated that the cross hatching that the planters were normally placed on had not been replaced following the road resurfacing, the Clerk to investigate.

When the IT equipment was renewed it was noted that Vision ICT hold and control of our gov.uk email addresses which is a precarious position to be in. We have been advised that we could get control back but it is a laborious process with multiple hoops to jump through or we could set up new .org email addresses. An agenda item for next month's Full Council Meeting. There has been a rise in overnight burglaries in Congresbury, mostly sheds and outbuildings. The police have sent me posters to put up on our website and there is a dedicated crime prevention website that has further information and leaflets – www.aspolicestaysafe.co.uk Would anyone like to attend the allotment AGM on Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7.00pm in St Andrews Room. Cllr Clarke volunteered to attend.

A new group North Somerset Young Carers will be using the hall on Monday evenings until 8pm, due to the age of the children nobody will be allowed through the hall to use the kitchen.

23100 To consider any requests to join a committee where there is a vacancy.

It was agreed that Cllr Cove would join the Finance and Planning Committees and Cllr K Razzell would join the Staffing and Administration Committee.

19.47 *Three members of the public left the meeting.*

23101 Environment Agency– To discuss the change in objective to the Gooseum Reservoir Project.

A representative of the Environment Agency gave a presentation on the revised plans for Gooseum Reservoir including the deregulation from a reservoir to a flood plan and announced that a public drop in event was being held at the Old School Rooms on Friday 23rd February 2024 between 1pm and 4pm for the community to look at the plans and comment on the amendments.

20.10 *One member of the public left the meeting.*

23102 20MPH Zone

Cllr Dan Thomas explained that the application for a 20mph had progressed through stage 3 (an officer assessment) and was waiting for the Scheme Pipeline Board to take our application through to be evaluated for feasibility, Stage 4 (Options and engagement with the village). This should take months not years.

23103 HoneyHall Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

A representative from JBM Solar updated the Council on the progress of the solar farm application. The form of the Community Benefit Fund was discussed further and it was agreed to add it to the Finance agenda for further discussion.

23104 Internal Audit Report following internal auditors visit on 5th January 2024

Members received and noted the internal audit report following the internal auditors visit on 5th January 2024.

20.31 *Two members of the public left the meeting.*

23105 Annual Parish meeting date

Resolved – To hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Old School Rooms. Cllr Clarke proposed, Cllr Hill seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

23106 Finances

For members to note the finances for month 9 (January 2024) Clerk and Chair/Vice Chair to sign and initial pages.

Direct debits, and bank transfer payments as detailed totalling £10410.27 (January 2024)

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

23107 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 8.45pm

Signed:Date.....