



## Congresbury Parish Council

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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of **Congresbury Parish Council**, held at the Old School Rooms, Congresbury on **Monday 15th April 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Clarke, Burd, Razzell, Daw and Cove.

**In attendance:** Nicky Andrews (Clerk))

### Three Members of the public present:

#### **23124 Public Participation**

A resident asked that the Parish Council to revisit siting a bench on the Kent Road Green. She is also concerned about the vacant allotment plots and thinks it is too late to wait until the end of May to offer them to people from outside the village.

Another resident spoke about siting a bench on the Kent Road Green for people waiting for Bluey and a resting place on the way back from Tesco. She stated that she had written to the Councillors but had not received any replies.

A further resident indicated that he had stated all his points in his letter of January 2024. In Cllr Dan Thomas absence, Cllr T Daw gave a report from North Somerset Council. Snagging work is being carried out on Brockley Crossroads bus lane. Bristol Airport exceeded their night flight quota. Looking at extending the Strawberry Line from Congresbury to Butcombe and The NSC Local Plan is being reviewed so it will be delayed.

#### **23125 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs K Hill, H Hathaway, T Griffiths, W Holland and Cllr Dan Thomas (NS Councillor)

#### **23126 Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations.**

None

#### **23127 Approval of minutes**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the Full Council held on Monday 11th March 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.

#### **23128 Millennium Green – To review proposed actions following Millennium Green Management Group Meeting**

**Resolved** – To register the land east of Lingfield with the Land Registry (a small charge will be payable less than £200 - Cllr Daw proposed, Cllr Clarke seconded; all Cllrs agreed.

#### **23129 Clerks Report**

Adrian the maintenance contractor came to the office today, he advised me that he would need to take time off from his position due to his health. Clerk to look for a temporary replacement.

A burial ground inspection was completed on 15.03.2024 by Cllr Holland, the administrator and me. Letters are being sent out to plot owners who have breached the burial ground regulations.

The planters have been re-positioned; the Council would like to thank Cllr T Daw for arranging this.

North Somerset Council have launched seven-week waste and parking consultation. There are links in the email information to online questionnaires, which need to be completed by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The request for the Parish Council to pay for a sign last month. I have looked on the North Somerset Council website and Silver Street past the junction with Silverstone Way has not been adopted by them.

National Grid's Hinckley Connection Project are removing the temporary accesses so there may be disruption on the A370 and surrounding area over the next few months.

Our telephone and broadband provider will be switching us over to the digital network.

A couple of months ago I had an email asking if we would like a free portrait of King Charles III. I placed an order and it has arrived, can anyone suggest a place for it to be hung. Possibly the main hall.

I have been informed by a resident that the fingerposts at the Woodhill junction have been removed. He has asked had the Parish Council been notified of their removal and could they contact North Somerset Council to investigate the fate of the fingerposts. The Clerk to contact North Somerset Council regarding the fingerposts.

**23130 To discuss North Somerset Council proposals for local mobility hub (BSIP Initiative) Including transport hubs, seating, cycle parking and planting.**

The Councillors would like a meeting with both parties (Bus lanes and Hubs) before making any decisions. To be on the Full Council agenda for June 2024.

20.14 *One Member of the public left the meeting.*

**23131 Millennium Green Dog Policy for consideration.**

**Resolved** – The councillors agreed to adopt the above policy - Cllr Daw proposed, Cllr Clarke seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

**23132 To discuss renewal of football club lease.**

The Clerk to ask NALC for advice regarding using service agreement instead of a lease.

**23133 To discuss the new recreation facilities request to issue a statement of support for their new building.**

**Resolved** – The councillors agreed to issue a statement of support for the new recreation facility. - Cllr Clarke proposed, Cllr Daw seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

**23134 Flood Warden and Community Resilience**

Postponed as Cllr Dan Thomas was unable to attend the meeting.

**23135 HoneyHall Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund**

The initial view was that a lump sum would be more useful because of the projects that need to be undertaken soon. Cllr T Daw and Cllr Dan Thomas (NSC) to chase up the amount.

**23136 To readdress the Kent Road Bench**

The Chair to canvas the opinion of the neighbours of the Kent Road Green regarding the replacement of a bench.

20.58 *One Member of the public left the meeting.*

**23137 Finances**

For members to note the finances for month 12 (March 2024) Clerk and Chair/Vice Chair to sign and initial pages.

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

21.04 *One Member of the public left the meeting.*

**23138 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.

**23139 To discuss three quotations received for the replacement of the Old School Room windows and doors.**

The Clerk to ask the companies how quickly they could start the installation of the windows.

*Meeting ended 9.30pm*

Signed: .....Date.....