

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Clarke, Hill, Razzell, March, Burd and Daw  
**In attendance:** Nicky Andrews (Clerk) and Cllr Dan Thomas (NS Councillor)

**Two Members of the public present:**

## **24157 Public Participation**

Two representatives of the precinct shops spoke about the impact the new parking measures have had on their and other businesses.

Cllr D Thomas informed the Councillors that there were several consultations being conducted. The 20mph scheme has 24 days left for residents to make a comment. The Local Plan 2040 Reg 19 version consultation ends on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, at the request of the Councillors he explained the plan showing potential sites for housing and the Congresbury Arms car park signage, camera and lights are going through planning.

*The Chair suggested that the agenda is rearranged to discuss the precinct car park charges before the rest of the agenda. All Cllrs agreed.*

## **24158 To consider precinct car park charges.**

The parking charges were discussed at length and it was

**Resolved** – That the Parish Council approach Tincknells and invite them to a meeting to address the concerns of the residents and businesses of Congresbury – Cllr Razzell proposed, Cllr March seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

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

## **24159 Apologies for absence**

Cllr W Holland

## **24160 Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations.**

None

## **24161 Approval of minutes**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the Full Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and the Finance meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.

**24162 Millennium Green – To review proposed actions following Millennium Green Management Group Meeting**

A meeting has been arranged tomorrow between the Environment Agency and the Parish Council to talk about the remedial works for the orchard/paddock. Dog policy signs are to be purchased and erected on the entrances to the Millennium Green and the fallen willow is being removed and the brash chipped.

**24163 Clerks Report**

North Somerset Council are providing us with 250 free annual flowers for summer 2025.

VANS are launching a good neighbour scheme in rural villages and are looking for volunteers.

North Somerset Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) this year for all parishes in the area. The first briefing session was held online on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.

The consultation is underway for the 20mph speed limit in Congresbury, you have until 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to make comments.

The Local Devolution programme phase 1, North Somerset Council has notified the clerk that we will only need to take on two of their five litter bins (The one in Mill Lane by the Plough and the one in Stonewell Lane by the precinct), our contractor has agreed to start emptying the bins from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at no extra cost to the Council. The rest of phase 1 does not affect Congresbury Phase 2 will now commence.

It has been noted that Tesco have their own defibrillator inside the store.

Most of the allotments have been sorted, although there are five still to pay/vacate and we have three people on the waiting list.

The cleaning company have informed the parish office that their hourly rate will raise by £1.00 per hour with effect from 01.04.2025, due to the cost of living.

I have been contacted by a company representing a proposed solar farm to the west of Congresbury. They have arranged a public consultation event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March between 2.30pm and 6.30pm in the Old School Rooms (A private session is being held for Parish Councillors prior to the event between 1.45pm and 2.30pm).

The Environment Agency have agreed to donate £1500 for environmental enhances on Millennium Green and will make this contribution immediately (before the end of the financial year).

**24164 Welcome Festival Update.**

Cllr K Hill asked for volunteers to contact the venues and requested a name of a person to contact. It was suggested that on the second Saturday that a gathering could take place to thank people for their help in the village. It was decided that a Welcome Festival meeting would take place before April full Council instead of a Millennium Green Meeting.

**24165 Congresbury Community Library**

This item was postponed until the next agenda as all the information was not available.

**24166 Considerations of additional bank account(s)**

This item was postponed until the next agenda as all the information was not available.

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**24167 To review and adopt:**

a) Flexible Working Policy

**Resolved:** That the Flexible Working Policy has been reviewed, by the Parish Council and was adopted.

b) LGPS 2013 employer discretions

**Resolved:** That the LGPS 2013 employer discretions has been reviewed, by the Parish Council and was adopted

**24168 To authorise payment schedule for March 2025**

**Resolved:** To authorise payments for March 2025.

**24169 Finances**

For members to note the finances for month 11 (February 2025) Clerk and Chair/Vice Chair to sign and initial pages.

Direct debits, credit card and bank transfer payments as detailed totalling £12721.52 (February 2025)

a. Bank reconciliations

b. Payments & Receipts

c. Expenditure against budget

**24170 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.

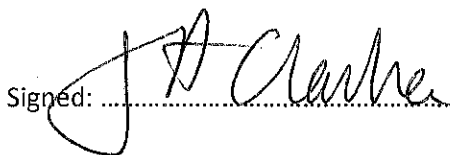
**24171 Parish Office Photocopier.**

The Clerk explained that due to the age of the photocopier, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to source parts and would be prudent to acquire a newer model before it is unable to be repaired.

**Resolved** – It was agreed to replace the photocopier on a five-year rental contract with our current supplier – Cllr Burd proposed, Cllr Hill seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

*Meeting ended 9.05pm.*

Signed: .....



Date: .....

