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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of **Congresbury Parish Council**, held at the Old School Rooms, Congresbury on **Monday 16th January 2023** at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hill, Holland, Sampson, Hughes, March Underwood and Hathaway

In attendance: Nicky Andrews (Clerk), Gemma Palmer (RFO) AND Cllr P Neve (NS Councillor)

No Members of the public present:

22150 Public Participation

District Councillor Report

Cllr P Neve reported that the bus services were discussed at last week's council meeting, an on demand service may be implemented for some routes.

NSC has proposed road improvements for Smallway he thought there could be more crossings for pedestrians. He reported that the Broad Street parking restrictions will be going ahead. Cllr Neve gave an update on planning issues and confirmed no decision has been made on Mulberry Road Development or Land East Of Smallway Congresbury. NSC are still awaiting clarification from Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities about housing numbers for the new local plan.

22151 Apologies for absence

Cllr Griffiths gave his apologies.

Cllr Clarke was absent.

22152 Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations

None

22153 Approval of minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022 and the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 7th December 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

22154. Clerks Report

1 – Brinsea Road – Speed Reading – Reading can be taken anywhere as long as there is somewhere to attach it. If you would like one on the 30mph zone it will cost another £225.

Agenda item for the next meeting

2 – Wrington Lane Sign – No reply to email

3 – Allotment Taps – The supplier can only get chrome taps not brass that match the criteria just waiting for him to give us the BS number so we can ask Bristol Water if they are OK.
4 – King George V – Stilts have been removed and play equipment is being manufactured in mid Feb and installed later in the month.
5 – Environment Agency – Have completed their embankment work at the Badger Sett
6- Broad Street – The new lining cannot be done until the spring due to the weather
7- Energy – Utility Aid/Clear Utility Solutions better rates for our energy supply. Agenda item for the next meeting.

22155. Budget for 2023-24

The RFO explained the income and expenditure for 2022-2023 and the requirements for 2023-2024, the priorities and their costs.

22156. Precept 2023-24

Resolved – That the council increases the precept for band D properties based on the North Somerset Council tax base figure by 5%. Cllr Holland proposed, Cllr Underwood seconded, all Cllrs agreed.

22157 To form response to ALCA about the proposed closure of Backwell Recycling Centre

Resolved – Substantial improvements would need to be made at the other two sites if this closure went ahead along with expanding kerb side recycling. Cllr Underwood proposed, Cllr Holland seconded, all Cllrs agreed

22158 To comment on North Somerset Council Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Movement Improvements – junction of Venus Street, Park Road and Brinsea Road

The Council agreed with the improvements but they will be looking for a 20mph zone in the future. They requested that the Congresbury sign be moved further down Brinsea Road as at present it is at ground level to prevent it blocking the line of sight from a driveway.

22159 National Grid – Kent Road Green

Resolved – That permission is granted and that the Clerk sends a list of projects priorities for 2023/24. Cllr Holland proposed, Cllr March seconded, all Cllrs agreed

22144. Exclusion of Press and Public

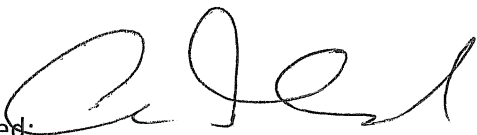
Recommended – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – to consider commercial matters.

22145. Water Heater Problem in Kitchen

Due to the high replacement cost of the boiler, it was decided that the Clerk needs to obtain three quotations to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting. The Clerk also to propose a temporary reduction in hire fees to those using the kitchen until a new heating is in place. This will be agreed at next Full Council meeting.



Meeting ended 9.15pm

Signed:  Date: 20/02/23