

SOMERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2020  
AT 7.00 P.M.

<i>Present:</i>	<i>R Starling (Chair)</i>	<i>R Walters (Vice Chair)</i>
	<i>D Crane</i>	<i>J Clift</i>
	<i>T Jones</i>	<i>I Wright</i>
	<i>B Barker</i>	<i>G Lack (clerk)</i>

The Chairman welcomed Borough Councillors Bensly and Galer and County Councillor Hanton to the meeting.

1. To consider apologies for absence. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. **To consider a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public and the Borough/County Councillors the opportunity to inform the meeting: -**  
Public discussion – 15 minutes allowed. No members of the public were in attendance.
4. Report from Borough Councillors/County Councillor – if present
  - a. Cllr Bensly. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bensly for the litter picking equipment.
  - b. Cllr Galer.
    - i. Progress was being made with funding for the litter picking equipment.
    - ii. There had been a coastal survey in Hemsby and Winterton.
    - iii. There was a consultation by the Borough Council which finishes on the 10th September regarding regeneration of the town. Cllr Galer was pushing for the establishment of Community Workshops to help people learn new skills.

**Reopening of the meeting:-**

5. Report from the PCSO – if present. Newsletter already circulated. No comments.
6. To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 7th July and 25th August 2020. Cllr Clift proposed that the minutes be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all councillors.
7. To report matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda, for information only.
  - a. Parking signs on Staithe. The Chairman noted that Staithe Trustees would be holding a meeting on the Staithe tomorrow evening and asked Cllr Clift to take up the matter of the signs with the Trustees then.

- b. Item 16. Playground. Cllr Clift confirmed that this could not be opened yet but there were no signs to say it was closed. Cllr Bensly to chase.

8. Accounts

- a. To review year-to-date position. Already circulated. No comments.

SOMERTON PARISH COUNCIL					
Summary of Receipts and Payments					
Year Ended 31st March 2021					
		Budget	Actual	Variance	
		£	£	£	
	Grass Cutting	1,025.00	272.50	752.50	
	Village Hall Hire	100.00	-	100.00	
	Insurance	300.00	340.64	- 40.64	
	Clerk Salary	1,000.00	495.60	504.40	
	Clerk Expenses	250.00	-	250.00	
	Bus Shelter	250.00	- 250.00	500.00	
	Admin	82.00	139.03	- 57.03	
	Church	760.00	-	760.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,767.00</b>	<b>997.77</b>	<b>2,769.23</b>	
	Opening Balance		6,220.11		
	Add: receipts		2,071.00		
	Less: payments (inc VAT)		- 479.99		
	Movement on community account		- 834.00		
	Closing Balance			6,977.12	
	<b>Balance per Bank Statement as at 31.7.20</b>			<b>6977.12</b>	

- b. To agree payments in accordance with the budget. Cllr Wright proposed that the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Crane and agreed by all Councillors.

Payee	Cheque No	Amount
G Lack	808	198.40

HMRC	809	49.40
R Bird	812	378.00
Helping Hand litter pickers	810	125.53
Platten Pest Control for Staithe	811	60.00
		811.33

9. Planning Applications and Decisions

- a. **BA/20202020/0280/TCAA.** Removal T14 and T19: Ornamental Cherry. Rectory Cottage, Sandy Lane, Somerton. No objections.

10. Election of 2 Staithe Trustees

Appointment of 2 Trustees to serve 4 year terms. At a meeting held on The Staithe on 25th August 2020 which was attended by all Parish Councillors, and at which a ballot was conducted, Derek Clapinson and Simon Carter were appointed. Noted.

11. Election of 2 Poors Charity Trustees.

Appointment of 2 Trustees to serve 4 year terms. At a meeting held on The Staithe on 25th August 2020 which was attended by all Parish Councillors, and at which a ballot was conducted, Mike Lees and Trevor Jones were appointed. Noted.

12. Kissing Gate at entrance to footpath no.6 (Riverbank west side). To agree disposal/removal of the old gate.

- a. This was raised by a resident at the Special Meeting held on 25th August 2020. The Chairman had circulated a photo of the old gate and noted that it was supporting the post at the moment. As a result the gate needed to be left in place until a new post could be erected. Everyone was in agreement with this proposal. It was confirmed that it was not unsafe or interfering with anyone who used the path.
- b. Also raised also at the Special Meeting was a query as to whether a quote had been received from a third party and it was confirmed that it had not been received. The resident was asked to produce a copy of the quote.

13. To agree weekend dates for autumn litter pick of roadside verges. This was agreed for 26th and 27th September. The Chairman confirmed that longer pickers and hoops were available.

14. Matters dealt with since last meeting;
- a). Mud on Manor Farm Road. 9th July 2020.
  - b). Fly Tipped tyres Manor Farm Road. 12th July 2020.
  - c). Fly Tipped mattress Martham Road 30th July 2020.
  - d) Fly Tipped decking Horsey Road, 15th August 2020.
  - e. Change SAM2 sign from Horsey to Martham Road 2nd August 2020. The Chairman confirmed that it had subsequently been moved back to Winterton Road on 1st September.
  - f. Blocked roadside drains, Collis Lane & Winterton Rd reported for the second time to NCC. Cllr Jones noted that, although the gullies had been cleared out the catch pits hadn't and this was causing silt and stone to wash straight into the ditch outside Mark Halls. Clerk to report.
- Cllr Jones also noted that the hedge at top of School Hill needed cutting back as it was causing cyclists to go out into the middle of the road. Clerk to report.
15. Provision of permissive footpath along Collis Lane.
- a. Cllr Jones noted that there was already a footpath from the war memorial up Church Road leading eventually to Collis Lane via Coronation Road and Bloodhills Road. It was noted that the footpath was not marked.
  - b. Cllr Clift had heard from residents that the traffic went very fast along Collis Lane making it unsafe to walk along.
  - c. Cllr Clift proposed that this was addressed at the next meeting and in the meantime landowners could be approached to see if they would agree to a permissive footpath. This was seconded by Cllr Walters and agreed by all Councillors.
16. Light Pollution Complaint - Horsey Road. Report R Starling & to decide whether to contact GYBC/Broads Authority
- a. It had been suggested by the Chairman in advance of the meeting that the resident who had raised the original complaint tried to seek resolution himself.
  - b. The Chairman noted the Dark Skies Policy in the village.
  - c. If the matter was not resolved to the resident's satisfaction then the Parish Council would take up the matter with the Borough Council and the Broads Authority.
  - d. Cllr Jones commented that the whole village should be included.

17. Correspondence. Already been circulated. No comments.

Date	Sender	Details	Action Taken/to be Taken
13.7.20	Broads Authority	Newsletter	circulated
13.7.20	Norfolk Constabulary	June Newsletter	circulated
18.7.20	Sue Stephenson	Update re water plant harvester	circulated
18.7.20	AONB Consultation	Comments by 25.9.20	circulated
28.7.20	BA	Adopted Statement of Community Involvement	
4.8.20	GYBC	Local Plan Part 2 submission	circulated
6.7.20	GYBC	Play area update	circulated
5.8.20	John Packman	Broads Monthly briefing August	circulated
12.8.20	Norfolk Constabulary	Newsletter	circulated
11.8.20	Norfolk Coast Partnership	Update	circulated
11.8.20	Norfolk Coast AONB	Boundary extension	circulated
16.8.20	Norfolk ALC	Land Management report from the BA	circulated
14.8.20	Norfolk ALC	Invitation to Community Energy Webinar	circulated
17.8.20	GYBC	Small foodservice & Hospitality invitation to apply for grant	circulated
21.8.20	GYBC	£25m Town Deal bid	circulated
21.8.20	GYBC	Touring sculpture	circulated
26.8.20	NCC	Coronavirus Update	circulated
27.8.20	NCC	Norfolk Car Free Day	circulated

18. Items for next agenda

a. Permissive footpath

19. Date of next meeting 3rd November 2020