

91/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances.	Current Account £ 317.29	Business Call £3054.76
	Pension Fund £1101.22	
(b) Accounts for Payment	Purnells £ 83.82	Type/print
	Purnells £192.00	Newsletter
	Greenslades £273.33	Grass cutting November
	Bridgwater Mowers £104.70	Mower Service
	Paul Cobbledick £450.00	Tree Work

The above accounts were APPROVED for payment

- (c) Annual Accounts
- The Account books were available for inspection
VAT reclaim received £1231.19
The draft budget as revised at the last meeting was re-presented. No new items were brought forward and the amended draft budget was APPROVED.
The precept for the year 2012-13 was AGREED at £15,000.
The Clerks report on Pension/Gratuity was accepted.
The funding of the Clerk's Gratuity will be re-considered at the April meeting.

92/11 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor John Edney spoke on Somerset County Council matters, they have agreed to a nil increase in Council Tax levy.
He referred to the matter of Land Sale on the Quantocks which he said had been badly handled, but negotiations are ongoing with the Forestry Commission, and any existing public access and rights-of-way will be guaranteed.

Councillor Edney left the meeting

93/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (i) Children's Playground - Repairs
The condition survey was confirmed.
RLT2 money to be applied for.
- (ii) Village Gardening/Tree Work
The agreed work has been carried out by Paul Cobbledick.
Parishioner Mr Page referred to the problem of cutting the hedge alongside the copse, Mervyn Brown will liaise.
The repaired historic sign was mentioned and Mr Bill Johnson was thanked.
- (iii) Newsletter
Next issue near Easter
- (iv) Queen's Jubilee/Olympics
It was reported that OPRA are keen to set up a special group. Liz Sidebotham agreed to serve. The Parish Plan group is likely to be involved and possibly these events could be combined with a fete.

- (v) Housing Needs Survey
Nothing to report
- (vi) Gardening Volunteers
A programme of work for the year to be agreed.

94/11 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision.

- (i) 20 December Sedgemoor District Council - Seminars on planning, February 2012 – Attending
- (ii) 22 December Somerset County Council - Local Choice Events, February 2012 – Attending
- (iii) 23 December Sedgemoor District Council - Faster Broadband – Clerk to action

B. To be Noted: All other correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk.

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda.

- (i) 21st December - Somerset County Council - Sale of woodland – Noted
- (ii) 6th January - Chat & Chill Financial Statement - Letter of thanks and continued support
- (iii) 10th January - SALC - Changes to Standards Board Regime – Awaiting training events
- (iv) 10th Jan - Village Hall Committee - Village Hall Questionnaire
- (v) 10th January - Environment Agency - Hinkley Point Contact Survey Clerk to complete
- (vi) January - Minutes of Quantock Parish Cluster Group Meeting - 13th December 2011
- (vii) January - Somerset County Council - Local choice events – Dates Confirmed
- (viii) 11th January - Combswich Motor Boat and Sailing Club - Sponsoring.
Children’s sailing course - Deferred to April
- (ix) 15th January - John Bailey - Traffic Problem – Road at Crossways Farm – Clerk to contact SCC Highways
- (x) 16th January - Sedgemoor District Council - Faster Broadband – Clerk to Action
- (xi) 17th January - Ms M Layton - Application 31/11/00007 With Clerk.

D. Outgoing. List – Made available

95/11 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No

- 39/11/00002 & 3 Preliminary work at Steart - Awaited
- 39/11/00006 Creation of wetland habitat at Steart. Environment Agency. Members considered the report from our Ward Member who recommended support with conditions. The meeting Approved the report.

- 39/11/00007 Retention of container used as toilet, Combwich ponds. The meeting noted that the submission of the Planning Group and the Clerks formal submission of Objection to the Application.
- 3/32/11/043 Creation of intertidal habitats – Bristol Port Company to West Somerset District Council. Our Ward Member gave a preliminary report. The Clerk to request an Extension of Time for Responding.

96/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison – Nothing to report.
(b) Village Hall – Next meeting Wednesday 18th. Wessex Water will help with drain problem.
(c) Steart Ward – Nothing further to report.
(d) OPRA – AGM 16th March
(e) School – Minutes of Governors meetings to be circulated.

Liz Sidebotham left the meeting.

97/11 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – Next meeting – 28th February
(ii) SALC – Date of next meeting awaited.

98/11 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Strimming by the Environment Agency on track
(ii) Hedge cutting at copse
(iii) Access to Combwich Ponds

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed..... Chairman Date.....