



Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, John Scadding and David Wilson.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from Cath Law and David Stone.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair made the following announcement: Village Hall The Chair read an email from the Village Hall Committee requesting continued support of entertainment for the Children's Christmas Party at a cost of £230.00. After discussion it was agreed to support the request.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 3 June 2025 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports The meeting noted that the Clerk had circulated the June report from Somerset Council. The meeting highlighted a new means of reporting potholes. The Clerk undertook to include the new reporting system in the Parish magazines.		
6	Local Community Networks The meeting noted that the Chair, John Bridges and the Clerk had attended the LCN AGM on 17 June. Denise Denis (Wells City Councillor) was elected as Chair with Ros Wyke (Somerset Councillor) as vice-chair. The meeting noted that the next meeting of the highways working group would be the 15 July.		
7	Planning applications The meeting considered the following planning application: Proposal: Demolition of Barn and Erection of 1no. Dormer Bungalow. Application Number: 2025/0922/FUL Location: Land At The Old School House Tellis Lane Binegar Radstock Somerset Applicant: Mr Mark Robbins Application Type: Full Application After discussion the meeting agreed to support the application.		
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. Receipts noted since the last report: £300.00 – J Emery – Cemetery – Family Salvidge £7.50 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank £600.00 – Village Hall – Grass Cutting 2024-25 £130.00 – J Saunders – Land Rent		



	3. Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – June salary payment 4. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £70.57 – J Abbott Expenses – See-Saw Wood £194.38 – SALC – Affiliation Fees £xxx.xx – HMRC – Salary £8.59 – D Abbott Expenses - VJ Flag £510 – J Dack – Interpretation Board work £84.99 – D Abbott Expenses – Microsoft 365 Annual subscription 5. Quarterly Financial Check The meeting noted that the quarterly financial check was due. John Bridges undertook to carry out the check.		
9	Policies The meeting noted that the amendments to both the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (Paras 17.a.v and 5.6) had been made to reflect the Council's previously agreed reduced value of £10,000 for formal local tender action as recommended by the Internal Auditor. Standing Orders Review The meeting noted that the Standing Orders had been reviewed against the 2025 NALC model Standing Orders and that no required changes had been identified. The meeting RESOLVED to approve the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.		
10	Playground The meeting noted the playground report and amended inspection rota. It was noted that the memorial bench had been delivered and arrangements would be made to install as agreed. Goal mouth work had been delayed following recent damage to the cross bar and the requirement to replace the woodwork.		
11	Projects Interpretation Board The meeting received an update on the design of the board. Members agreed to forward any comments to the Clerk.		
12	Grass cutting The meeting considered requirements for the maintenance of new conservation area behind the Village Hall. It was agreed to share the cost of the grass cutting with the village hall committee.		
13	Annual Services to the Community Awards The meeting considered nominations for the Chair of Somerset Council's Annual Services to the Community Awards and after discussion agreed a nomination would be submitted by the Chair.		
14	Events Attended The meeting noted attendance at the following: Local Community Network AGM John Bridges, the Chair and attended the LCN AGM on 17 Jun. Active Travel Working Group		



	The Chair met with Cllr Tony Hathway, Vice Chair St Cuthberts Out and Chair Active Travel WG on 1 July. It was noted that an Active Travel event as part of the Wells Environmental Network week would take place on 18 October.		
15	Highways and rights of way The meeting noted that the traffic island by the post office required attention. The clerk undertook to request work be carried out.		
16	Dates of future meetings 2025: 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December – 6.30pm.		
17	<u>Confidential Items</u> Certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Council is, therefore, recommended to resolve "That, in accordance with Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information." Casual Vacancy The meeting considered three applications for the casual vacancy and agreed to invite Mrs Nicola Hutchison to join the Parish Council.		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm