



Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, Cath Law, David Stone and David Wilson.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk) and four members of the public.

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| | Public Forum The meeting heard concerns regarding the Somerset Council Green Lane consultation. The Chair undertook to include the concerns raised within a Parish Council response to the consultation. It was advised that individuals should also respond to the consultation. | | |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from Nikki Hutchison and John Scadding. | | |
| 2 | Chair's Announcements The Chair made the following announcements: Christmas Tree The Chair thanked John Bridges and John Scadding for their help to take down the Christmas tree. Storm Chandra The Chair informed the meeting that Somerset Council had been in-touch regarding potential flooding across the county from Storm Chandra. Post Office Ditch The Chair thanked Combe Garden Maintenance for their prompt response to a request to clear the ditch outside the Post Office. Crime Stoppers South-West The Chair informed the meeting that the Parish Council had received a request from Crime Stoppers for a donation of £200. The Clerk undertook to forward the request to members for consideration at the March meeting. | | |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest. | | |
| 4 | Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 9 December 2025 meeting as a correct record. | | |
| 5 | Local Government Reports The January and February reports had been circulated by the Clerk. | | |
| 6 | Local Community Networks The Chair informed the meeting that he and the Clerk had attended the LCN meeting (online) on Tuesday 13 January. Clare Moody, the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, attended as a guest speaker. Active Travel Working Group The Chair, John Bridges and the Clerk attended the Active Travel Working Group meeting (online). Although planned as a single item agenda meeting there was an opportunity to raise concerns regarding the Green Lane Consultation. | | |
| 7 | Planning applications There were no planning applications for consideration. | | |
| 8 | Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. | | |



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| | <p>2. Receipts noted since the last report: £44.10 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank £79.79 – NS&I – Interest Capitalisation</p> <p>Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – December & January salary payment £xxx.xx – HMRC – Salary £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – NALC back pay – April - January</p> <p>3. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £36.00 – D Abbott expenses – Cloud Above Website Domain Fee £61.20 – Binegar & Gurney Slade Memorial Hall – Quarterly Room Hire £120.00 - D Abbott – Contracted expenses – 2025-2026 £550.00 - Combe Garden Maintenance – Grass Cutting £117.80 – Kilmersdon Estate – Christmas Tree – (cheque payment) £405.60 – Somerset Council – Quarterly Bin Emptying</p> <p>4. Quarterly Bank Reconciliation The meeting noted that the Cllr John Bridges had undertaken the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation on Tuesday 27 January 2025.</p> | | |
| 9 | <p>Playground The meeting noted the playground report and changes to the inspection sheet. David Wilson informed the meeting that he unfortunately had to hand-over his responsibilities as playground lead. The meeting thanked David for all he had done to manage the playground inspections and reports.</p> | | |
| 10 | <p>Interpretation Board The meeting noted that the Interpretation Board had been ordered before Christmas and delivery was expected soon.</p> | | |
| 11 | <p>Events Attended The meeting noted the Chair and Clerk had attended the LCN meeting (online) on Tuesday 13 January and the Chair, John Bridges and the Clerk had attended the Active Travel Working Group meeting (online) on Thursday 5 February.</p> | | |
| 12 | <p>Highways and rights of way The meeting noted that 'no lorries' signage had been installed at both ends of Tellis Lane. Cath undertook to thank the Somerset Highways Officer for their support.</p> | | |
| 13 | <p>Green Lane Consultation The meeting considered the Green Lane Consultation from Somerset Council. The Chair informed the meeting that he had spoken to the Principal Transport Planner – Active Travel. He undertook to draft a response which would be circulated to members for comment prior to submission.</p> | | |
| 14 | <p>Dates of future meetings 2026: 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July – 6.30pm</p> | | |

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.44pm