

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2018 MEETING AGENDA

To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 8th January, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. i) To accept the resignation of Cllr Turner-Davidson
ii) Casual Vacancy Procedure
3. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th December, 2017. Draft minutes have been circulated.
5. Matters arising from the minutes:
i) Play Area update
ii) Permissive Pathway update
6. District Councillor's report.
7. County Councillor's report.
8. Planning applications:
i) To consider Application No. 17/04848/FUL for the erection of a single story dwelling on land off College.
ii) To note comments on Application No 17/04779/LBC for upgrade work on Fordhay House
9. Clerk's report & correspondence:
i) Christmas Tree Shredding
ii) Blocked field drain on Right of Way behind Fordhay House area
iii) Parking in Orchardleigh
10. Finance:
i) To note that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant allocation for the next financial year has decreased from £40 to £20
ii) To approve the budget and set the precept requirement for 2018/19
11. Payments to approve:
i) Village Hall £97.50 for Post Office Outreach
ii) M. Randell for £54.44 for home office allowance, stamps and Vistaprint charges
iii) Ric Pallister £20 for mower fuel
12. Entertainments Committee report
13. Parish Ranger report.
14. Highways report.
15. Play Area report
16. Rights of Way report.
17. Items of report.
18. To agree date of next meeting.



*Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council*

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th January, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors Dr John Cox, Mike Bussell, Helen Early, Dave Tuck and Doug Reeve
Officer Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors Mark Keating (part of meeting) and Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were four residents present and Cllr Taylor welcomed them and wished them a Happy New Year. Marianne Merchant said that she would like to clear the running water along Westways so that children could play in it and asked if the council were happy for her to approach Highways. All agreed that this would be a nice idea but there was concern that any work done could be ruined by the large lorries that frequently encroach onto the verge. Pamela Lewis said that on a number of occasions she and others had been forced to walk on the road to get past vehicles parked on the pavement, particularly outside the pub. She was told that if a vehicle completely blocked the pavement this was classed as 'wilful obstruction' and was an offence. She was advised to take a photo and report the matter to the police. She also asked if the council knew what was happening to the pub. She was told that the councillors had no idea when, or even if, it was going to open. Mr & Mrs Jackson had come about the Speedwatch and were advised that this would be covered in the clerk's report.

- 1/18 Apologies for absence:** None
- 2/18 Resignation:** i) Cllr Turner-Davidson had sent his resignation due to family commitments. ii) The clerk said that she would send a Casual Vacancy Notice to the District Returning Officer and put a copy on the noticeboard. If ten electors gave notice in writing to the Returning Officer within 14 days then a bye-election would be called. If there was no call for a bye-election then the council will advertise the Vacancy and fill it by co-option.
- 3/18 Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** No Declarations of Interest received. There are Declarations of Pecuniary Interest on file for all councillors to cover the Budget discussions.
- 4/18 Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Reeve seconded the motion that the minutes, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the December meeting.
- 5/18 Matters arising:** i) Cllr Early said that she had nothing to report on the lease for the play area. ii) Cllr Bussell said that Symonds and Sampson were not returning his calls regarding the permissive pathway but he would continue to pursue them.
- 6/18 District Councillor's Report:** i) This item was deferred as Cllr Pallister was attending another meeting and would be late.
- 7/18 County Councillor's Report:** i) Cllr Keating was also going to be late but the chairman read out the main points of local interest from a written report he had sent. These were:- i) Somerset had not been chosen as a pilot for the Business Rate Retention Scheme which meant that a further £4m of savings would be required for 2018/19. ii) Highways attended 33 incidents over the Christmas period, mainly to deal with fallen trees. iii) The contractor undertaking the Western Corridor improvements was running a weekly drop in centre at Palmers Garden Centre on a Tuesday between 1.30pm and 5.30pm, to answer any queries. iv) A consultation on school admissions for 2019/2020 was taking place until 31st January, 2018. Full details were available at - <http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/AdmissionConsultation1920/consultationHome>
- 8/18 Planning Applications:** i) The councillors had looked at the Planning Application No. 17/04848/FUL for the erection of a single storey dwelling on ground off College. Whilst they had no objections to the building there was concern that the access was inadequate and the clerk was asked to pass this onto the Planning Officer. ii) It was noted that the councillors had supported Application No. 17/04779/LBC for upgrade work to Fordhay House.
- 9/18 Clerk's report and correspondence:** i) The clerk said that the District Council had set up a Christmas tree shredding service on the village hall car park. ii) An email had been received regarding a blocked drain causing problems. It runs under the road into Carters Lane and regularly backs up in a garden there. It continues under Portman Court coming out next to the public footpath running along the rear of the pub where blockages have caused further

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problems. Cllr Keating is looking into whose responsibility the various sections are as it is likely that some of it will need to be dealt with by the County. iii) An email had been received regarding parking in Orchardleigh. The councillors had looked at this and concluded that if the resident felt that the parking was causing a problem then it was a matter for the police. There is currently a white 'H' box but this is advisory only and not legally enforceable. As parking is frequently a problem in the village it was agreed that Cllr Bussell would write a piece for the next edition of The Chimes asking everyone to park with consideration. The clerk will reply to the resident. iv) An email has been received advising that the Speed Indication Device installation will be discontinued with effect from 31st March, 2018 due to budget cuts. There was a suggestion that the council could fund future installations but no costs were yet available. It was agreed that the clerk would email and ask for further details. V) Geoffrey Jackson had agreed to act as the Speedwatch Co-ordinator and had a number of volunteers willing to assist. He wished to ask the council if they would agree to the Speedwatch project being authorised by them so that the volunteers would be covered by the council insurance. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the insurers to ensure that they were covered. Mr Jackson was organising an open meeting to promote the Speedwatch and this would be attended by the local PCSO and the County Council Speedwatch Co-ordinator. He asked if the council would be willing to fund the cost of the Village Hall hire for the meeting and Cllr Early proposed with Cllr Cox seconding that this be agreed. The clerk said that he should ask for the bill to be sent to her. vi) An email has been received about the state of Green Lane. Cllr Reeve had reported the matter to Highways and said that he would monitor it. vii) The clerk said that a letter of thanks has been received from The Citizens Advice Bureau following the donation made.

Cllr Pallister arrived at this point and gave his report.

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District Councillors Report: i) He said that the contractor for waste collection wanted to exit the contract early. Somerset Waste Partnership who deal with the collection and disposal of waste for a number of local councils have agreed that the contract can be re-tendered. SSDC own the vehicles so in the worst case scenario of a new contractor not being found, they can take it back in house. The recycling methods used in the area mean that the waste can be resold as it is not contaminated. The current landfill site is nearing capacity and it has been decided that when this is no longer available the waste will be incinerated at a new facility being built in Bristol. This will be a clean air operation with the burning producing electricity. ii) Cllr Pallister said that there was nothing in the pre-Christmas government announcement that would cause too much of a problem and the District Council should still be able to balance their budget. The government will allow them to increase their council tax by £5 per year which represents just over 3%, much the same as the inflation rate. The final rate will be decided at the January meeting of the full council. It is hoped that income generation will increase over the coming years to allow them to provide more services.

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County Councillor: Cllr Keating arrived during this report and said that he had little to add to his report already submitted apart from the fact that a temporary repair had been undertaken in Westways and he would ensure that the permanent repair was carried out as soon as possible. He arranged with Cllr Pallister to meet up on site to look at the drain problem raised by the Carter's Lane resident. It was agreed that they would speak to the landowner about the blocked ditches in the field behind the pub.

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Finance: i) It was noted that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant had been reduced again this year from £40 to £20. ii) The councillors had all studied the budget put together at the budget meeting in November. The precept had been increased by £750 and most of this related to the provision for legal costs for the play area lease and an increased allowance for the play area rent. Cllr Cox proposed that the budget be approved with Cllr Early seconding. The chairman signed the Precept Form which will be submitted by the clerk.

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Payments: the following payments were presented and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Early:- i) The Village Hall £97.50 for the Post Office outreach service. ii) M Randell £54.44 for Home office allowance, stamps and the renewal costs of the council website. iii) R Pallister £20 for mower fuel. There was an additional invoice from the Somerset Association of Local Councils for £132.24 for the annual membership charge and this was added to the payment list.

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The clerk reported that a cheque for £141.28 had been received from HMRC. They had been holding £98.40 for three years and she had asked the payroll provider to pursue this on numerous occasions to no avail, so had asked them for the HMRC details and wrote directly herself. The payment included over £40 in interest.

- 14/18 Entertainment's Committee:** Cllr Taylor said that the Entertainments Committee was meeting on 15th January to discuss the next event.
- 15/18 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox said that he had been unable to meet the ranger on site in December and was concerned that a number of jobs had not been done. He had emailed the scheme manager for details of what had been undertaken. He was told that the silt trap was close to full and agreed to add it to the February list.
- 16/18 Highways:** i) Cllr Reeve reported that the signs have been put up advising of the closure of The Hollow for three days from 22nd January for the repairs to the grid. ii) Mike Fear from Highways had agreed that some of the gullies had quite obviously not been cleared for a considerable time. He was concerned that the contractor may have been paid for this work and he will investigate and ensure that they are cleared as soon as possible.
- 17/18 Play Area Report:** Cllr Early said that she would like to organise a working party for the weekend 17/18th February to erect the replacement fencing in the play area. Cllr Taylor said that he would contact the adjacent resident regarding access to clear the ground in advance. It was suggested that Cllr Early contact Roger Jewell and ask him to include a plea for volunteers in his next Round Robin.
- 18/18 Rights of Way Report:** Cllr Bussell said that he had nothing to report apart from that everywhere was very wet and muddy.
- 19/18 Items of Report:** The clerk said that she would be attending a Data Protection Course put on by Spark on 10th January. Cllr Taylor said that more use should be made of the training budget. The clerk said that Spark were organising a number of reasonably priced courses and she would check for any that were relevant.
- 20/18 Next Meeting:** will be on Monday 5th February, 2018

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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2. Casual Vacancy
3. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held 8th January, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
5. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i) Play Area update
 - ii) Permissive Pathway update
 - iii) Blocked field drain.
6. District Councillor's report.
7. County Councillor's report.
8. Planning applications:
9. Clerk's report & correspondence:
 - i) Libraries Consultation
 - ii) Speedwatch
 - iii) Speed Indication Device
10. Finance:
 - i) To note that the Precept paperwork has been submitted.
11. Payments to approve:
 - i) SSDC £76.31 for Chimes printing
 - ii) M. Randell for £8 for home office allowance.
12. Entertainments Committee report
13. Parish Ranger report.
14. Highways report.
15. Play Area report
16. Rights of Way report.
17. Items of report.
18. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, Dave Tuck and Doug Reeve
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Mark Keating (part of meeting) and Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were no residents present. Steve Haigh had come with his assistant to ask for a donation for the Nine Springs Community Radio Project. He said that the purpose of the radio station would be to give hands-on experience to the media students at Yeovil College. It would concentrate on very local news, events and issues. They needed to raise £35,000 to fund the transmitter and equipment and had been pledged £19,000 so far. Cllr Reeve asked how many councils had been approached and was told that over twenty had been contacted so far and this was the fourth meeting attended. Cllr Taylor asked how the ongoing costs would be funded. Mr. Haigh said that all the workers were likely to be volunteers and they would be allowed to take limited advertising and paid for public service announcements. Yeovil College would pay for the students' training days and there were also funds available for training courses in confidence building, presentation skills etc. which would help those returning to work. Cllr Pallister said that the radio stations currently covering the south west give very little coverage to the Yeovil area. He said that it would be appreciated by the elderly and housebound who liked to hear very local news and topics of local interest. Cllr Keating asked what coverage local councils would get for their donation and was told that they would be able to do outside broadcasts from events and would be happy for anyone to be interviewed about local issues etc. Cllr Taylor said that it was council policy to only donate to the Citizens Advice Bureau as their resources were very limited. He said he would put a note in the next Chimes to test local opinion and asked the clerk to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

21/18 Apologies for absence: Cllr Cox and Cllr Early

22/18 Casual Vacancy: The clerk said that the Casual Vacancy Notice had been sent to the Returning Officer and put on the noticeboard. As there had been no call for a bye-election the Returning Officer had advised that the council may now advertise the vacancy for filling by co-option. The advertisement Notice had been placed on the noticeboard and the council website. The clerk said that she would ask Roger Jewell to include it in the next round robin and also Julie Kneafsey for the next Chimes.

23/18 Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:
None

24/18 Minutes of the last meeting: Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Reeve seconded the motion that the minutes, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the January meeting.

25/18 Matters arising: i) The play area update was deferred as Cllr Early was absent. ii) Cllr Bussell said that Symonds and Sampson had contacted him to say that they had emailed the owner of the field regarding the permissive pathway but had yet to receive a reply. iii) Cllrs Pallister and Keating had looked into the blocked field drain reported by the Carters Lane resident. They had lifted the access trap in Portman Court and the water was flowing freely. They had spoken to the landowner who was aware that the drain had been blocked. He said that there will be an additional access point in Carters Lane following the work on converting the farmhouse.

26/18 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Pallister said that he had nothing to report apart from the appointment of a new head of Economic Development.

27/18 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Keating had sent his report and this had been circulated. The main points of local interest were:- i) The latest Ofsted report on the Children's Services Department had reported improvements, particularly in Adoption Services which had been rated good. ii) The plan to amalgamate the Children's Support Service with the early years' service 'Getset' and the Public Health Nursing Services (covering Health Visitors and School Nurses) was currently going through the democratic process. For further information contact publichealth@somerset.gov.uk. iii) The government had agreed that the County Council can add 3% to the precept for Adult Social Care. iv) The Social Services had been working closely with the Taunton Hospitals to ensure that care packages had been produced

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promptly so that patients could be discharged without delay and stop beds being blocked. Cllr Keating had nothing further to add.

28/18

Planning Applications: i) The councillors considered Application No. 18/00212/FUL for a replacement porch at 13, Orchardleigh and agreed to support the application. The clerk was asked to write to Planning accordingly. ii) It was noted that Application No. 17/04779/LBC for upgrade work to Fordhay House had been granted.

29/18

Clerk's report and correspondence: i) The County Council are running another consultation on the Library Service (www.somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/) Under the proposed options for consideration Yeovil would remain, although other service providers might share the space. However, one of the options for Crewkerne could result in its closure. The clerk said that the details had been forwarded to Roger Jewell for inclusion in the round robin and to Julie Kneafsey for The Chimes. ii) Mr Jackson had received confirmation that the Speedwatch volunteers will be covered by the Police insurance. An open meeting had been organised for 28th February in the Village Hall where the County Council Speedwatch Co-ordinator and the local PCSO would give more information about the scheme. iii) The clerk said that details had been received about the possible costs to the parish of funding future installations of the Speed Indication Device. The figures were as follows: 1) If all parishes pay for installations the costs would be £109.95 per location and East Chinnock has two locations. However, some parishes have already said that they will not take part so the minimum cost would be greater than this.. 2) Based on those who had expressed an interest so far the figures would be £537.73 per location. With a smaller number of participating councils there would be the capability of more installations per year, likely to be between 4 and 6 per location. 3) A SID could be purchased outright at a cost of £2,500 to £3,000. Added to this would be the cost of training the installers at around £300 - £400 per person, spare batteries, brackets and safety clothing etc. This would be the same as the current machines which only display the speed limit. They can only be installed for a maximum of two weeks with a two month gap before they can be installed again.

The email said that the final cost per installation could only be established when the number of participating councils was confirmed. There were still 108 councils to reply and the more that participated the cheaper it would be per council. The most it would be likely to cost was £537.73 per location based on the initial response, provided all those who had expressed an interest committed to the scheme. If half of the remaining councils agreed to participate the cost would fall to around £230 per location. The clerk said that this was obviously something that had not been budgeted for but could be funded out of reserves and added to the precept next year. The councillors were concerned that this could amount to a significant portion of the budget and were not convinced that the impact of the current SID represented sufficient value for money. They would prefer a sign that flashed the actual speed of approaching vehicles as they felt this was more likely to make them slow down. Cllr Keating said that these were more expensive but could be funded by the Small Improvement Scheme which may be available in the autumn. He said that participation in the SID programme and the new Speedwatch would be taken into consideration when a SIS request was considered as they would show that there was a problem with speeding motorists. The councillors agreed that no decision could be made without more accurate costings. The clerk was asked to ensure that East Chinnock expressed an interest in participating in order to keep their options open. iv) The clerk said that she had received a phone call from a Forge Lane resident regarding 'a lump' lump in the road and asking when the hedge at the bottom of the playing field would be trimmed.. Cllr Reeve had investigated the road and found a pothole next to a previous repair and this had been reported to the Highways. The hedge had been added to the ranger's list for the next visit. v) An email had been circulated about a 'Spring Clean Up' event but the councillors decided not to participate as village was kept quite tidy by the residents. The only areas that really suffered from litter were The Hollow and the Odcombe Road and they considered these to be too dangerous for volunteer litter

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pickers. vi) The clerk said that the Pre-school Group had been in touch regarding permission to use the playing field for a couple of events. They wished to have a Trail on 8th July. This had originally been planned for Easter but the Entertainments Committee had said that they were looking at having a Treasure Hunt then. Cllr Taylor said that this had been re-scheduled for the end of April so as not to clash and the clerk was asked to let them know that either date was fine. The other event was a dog show and fayre on 28th May. Dogs were not normally allowed on the playing field but the group had said that they would ensure that the area was left clear. The councillors were all happy for this event to go ahead.

30/18

Finance: The councillors noted that the precept paperwork had been submitted.

31/18

Payments: the following payments were presented and approval was proposed by Cllr Bussell and seconded by Cllr Tuck:- i) SSDC £76.31 for Chimes printing. ii) M Randell £24.08 for home office allowance and travel expenses. A pro-forma invoice had been received from Crewkerne Horticultural for £739.39 for a replacement deck for the mower. This had been previously agreed so was added to the payment list

32/18

Entertainment's Committee: Cllr Taylor said that the Treasure Hunt would need a minimum of 20 participants and would make use of the public footpaths in the village. There would be prizes and a cream tea in the village hall afterwards. The Music Evening was scheduled for 23rd June and would follow the same format as last year.

33/18

Parish Ranger Report: Cllr Cox had sent a report to say that the ranger had been in the village in January rather than December due to illness. In addition to the usual tasks the mud and silt at the Orchardleigh drain had been cleared and the pavement from The Hollow had been cleared of weeds, leaves etc. Weston Street had been litter picked and the entrance to The Hollow strimmed. The ranger was unable to take the vehicle up Cleaves Track and will need a Land Rover to clear out the drain there.

34/18

Highways: i) Cllr Reeve reported that the work on the grids at the bottom of The Hollow had been completed. He said that all the grids had been re-seated and the contractors had done a really good job. ii) He had received notice that the proposal to extend the 30mph limit along Cod Lane did not meet the required criteria and could not be taken any further. iii) Highways have agreed that the gullies had not been cleared for some time but had still not given a date when they would be cleared. Cllr Reeve said he would continue to chase them on this and all other outstanding matters.

35/18

Play Area Report: The councillors were reminded that the weekend of 17/18th February had been agreed for working on the play area fence. Any additional volunteers would be welcome.

36/18

Rights of Way Report: Cllr Bussell said that he had nothing to report apart from that everywhere continues to be very wet and muddy.

37/18

Items of Report: The clerk said that she had attended a training course on the new Data Protection Regulations and would be looking at the council systems etc. to ensure that they were compliant.

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Next Meeting: will be on Monday 5th March, 2018

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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**EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL
MARCH 2018 MEETING AGENDA**

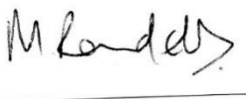
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 - i) Play Area update
 - ii) Proposed Permissive Pathway update
 - iii) Speed Indicator Device update
 - iv) Casual Vacancy
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Planning applications.
8. Clerk's report & correspondence:
 - i) Parking in College
 - ii) Nine Springs Radio
9. Finance:
 - i) To arrange clerk's annual review.
10. Payments to approve:
 - i) Clerks quarterly salary, 6 months holiday pay and expenses £836.20
 - ii) South Somerset District Council £76.31 for Chimes printing
 - iii) South Somerset District Council £452.88 for Ranger services.To note payroll direct debit to Cox & Co. for £24.00.
11. Entertainments Committee report.
12. Parish Ranger report.
13. Highways report.
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Officer Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors Mark Keating (part of meeting) and Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were four residents present. One of the local police officers was also in attendance as the police had received a number of complaints about the parking in College. However, none of the College residents were present. He reported that he had ticketed a number of incorrectly parked vehicles. He also said to look out for a black Peugeot with two young males who had been seen acting suspiciously around the local villages. There had been a recent non-dwelling burglary from a farm in the village so he urged all residents to ensure that their sheds and outbuildings were secure.

39/18 **Apologies for absence:** none

40/18 **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:**
 None

41/18 **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Reeve seconded the motion that the minutes, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the February meeting.

42/18 **Matters arising:** i) Cllr Early said that she was pleased to report that the play area fence had been replaced as planned and Cllr Taylor thanked everyone who had turned out to help. She said that she had still heard nothing about the lease and would chase yet again. ii) Cllr Bussell said that there was still no progress on the proposed permissive pathway and that he was inclined to call it a day as no agreement had been reached after two years of discussion. All agreed that there was no point in spending any further time in pursuing this and it was agreed to write to the landowner's agent accordingly. iii) The clerk said that the latest figures for the Speed Indication Device costs was £100 per location per installation. The village currently has two locations which have two installations each year so the annual cost would be £400. It is possible to vary the number of locations and installations to reduce the costs. The County have asked for a final decision as soon as possible but the clerk said that she had checked with Dave Graham and he had said that there was no deadline at the moment. The meeting about the scheme had been re-scheduled for 14th March and Cllr Bussell confirmed that he would be able to attend. He said that he was not keen for the parish to fund it as it was something previously provided by the County at no cost to the parish. He was also concerned that it was a fixed cost which meant that it was a bigger percentage of the precept for a small council such as East Chinnock, despite having a main road through the village, than a bigger parish with less traffic. Cllr Keating said that it was unfortunate but the reduction in the central government funding meant that the County could no longer pay for it. Cllr Bussell suggested that a decision be deferred until after the he had attended the briefing on 14th March and it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Reeve said that he was not convinced that the SID provided much of a deterrent and thought that the new Speedwatch would probably be more effective. iv) The clerk said that following the advertising of the Casual Vacancy Tom Wicks had emailed to say that he was interested. She had asked him to come along for the meeting and Cllr Taylor asked him if he was prepared to be co-opted onto the council. He said he was happy to join. Cllr Cox proposed that he be co-opted to fill the Casual Vacancy and this was seconded by Cllr Early with all in favour. Cllr Taylor invited him to take a seat with the other councillors and the chairman welcomed him to the council. He signed the Acceptance of Office form and the clerk said that she would send him the Code of Conduct, Register of Interest Form etc.

43/18 **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Pallister's report was as follows: i) He said that he was pleased to report that any rough sleepers were allocated accommodation during the recent cold weather. The police have asked that the public be reminded that most of the beggars on the street are not actually homeless. ii) He said that the recent media announcement of a rise in car park charges was somewhat premature. Last week's council meeting agreed to make no changes in the next 12 months. It is 6 years since the charges were last raised.

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The council discussed the possibility of an increase in the autumn of 2019 which would only be in line with inflation. iii) The Council Plan and Budget for 2018-19 received unanimous approval. One of the components of the plan is Yeovil Refresh. A draft document detailing the proposed regeneration of Yeovil town has been prepared and will go out for public consultation. Full details will be available on the council website www.southsomerset.gov.uk With regard to the village he said that he had found a seat to replace the broken one up Cleeves Track. It was heavy metal and 7ft long. Cllr Taylor said that this might be too big for the spot on Cleeves Track but would be very useful in the play area. Cllr Pallister said that he would bring it to the play area initially for painting and it could be moved later if necessary.

44/18 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Keating had sent his report and this had been circulated. The main points of local interest were:- i) The County Council are working towards removing all single use plastics from their facilities. ii) The Libraries Consultation continues until 22nd April. Full details can be found at www.somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/. iii) The Somerset Registration Partnership have launched a new website (www.somersetweddingsrvices.org.uk) which lists all 115 venues currently licensed for ceremonies and other useful information. iv) The County Council are appealing for volunteer drivers who will receive up to 50p per mile expenses. Full details can be found at www.somersetvolunteer.co.uk. v) Other volunteering opportunities can also be found at Spark (www.sparksomerset.org.uk) and Engage (www.engagews.org.uk).

Cllr Keating said that he had set up a Facebook page for each village he covers which will be non-political and carry news and updates such as details road closures etc. Please search for 'East Chinnock Matters'.

45/18 Planning Applications: i) The councillors considered Application No. 18/00192/FUL for revisions to the parking area at 412/413 New Buildings. The councillors said that they were happy to support this application and the clerk was asked to write to planning accordingly. ii) The councillors noted that Application No. 17/04848/FUL for a dwelling at land off College had been refused.

46/18 Clerk's report and correspondence: i) The clerk reported that she had received a number of phone calls and emails regarding the parking situation in College. She had advised that if a vehicle was causing an obstruction it was a police matter and if a vehicle was not causing an obstruction and was road legal there was nothing that could be done. Cllr Bussell had written an article for the current edition of The Chimes reminding residents of the need to park with consideration for their neighbours and other road users. The councillors were of the opinion that there was nothing further the council could do. ii) The clerk said that she had received an objection to the council donating any money to the Nine Springs Radio project. Cllr Cox said that it had always been the council policy to only donate to CAB as it was used by villagers and if a donation was made to this project it would set a precedent for other requests. Cllr Early said that she was not inclined to support the donation either. Cllr Bussell said that he had taken soundings at the coffee morning and there appeared to be little support. As there had been no positive feedback Cllr Bussell proposed that the clerk be asked to write saying that the council were unable to offer financial support at this stage and this was seconded by Cllr Cox. iii) The clerk reminded the councillors that the next meeting would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and it was agreed that the clerk should write to Michelle Haimes the PCSO to see if she would be free to address the meeting as she had last year. iv) Cllr Early had asked if there was a lower age limit for using the mower and the clerk said that she was waiting for a reply from the insurers.

47/18 Finance: It was agreed that the clerk's annual appraisal would take place at Cllr Bussell's house on 26th March with Cllrs Taylor and Early.

48/18 Payments: the following payments were presented and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Early:- i) M Randell £836.20 for quarterly salary, half yearly holiday pay and home office allowance. ii) SSDC £452.88 for the half yearly charge for the ranger. iii) SSDC £76.31 for Chimes printing. The payroll direct debit of £24 to Cox and Co was noted.

49/18 Entertainment's Committee: Cllr Taylor said that the Treasure Hunt was planned for Sunday 29th April but it needed at least 20 groups taking part to make it successful and he urged residents to contact the entertainments committee if they intended to participate. There will be a trail round the village with clues at various places on the route followed by

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prize giving and refreshments in the village hall. A Music Night is planned for 23rd June and it is hoped to have a number of different musicians. Further details will be available nearer the date. Cllr Taylor said he was concerned that some attendees had previously brought their own drinks which could affect the viability of the event. He said he would be writing an article for the next edition of The Chimes to remind people that these were fundraising events with any profits subsidising loss making events or being used for the benefit of the village. A profitable year last year had raised sufficient surplus to buy a bench and picnic table for the Lookout Point.

- 50/18 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox said that he had been away when the ranger was due and would be checking what jobs had been undertaken. He had circulated a list of the ranger's tasks that had been drawn up by the previous councillor with responsibility for this area and asked the councillors to let him know if anything needed amending.
- 51/18 Highways:** i) Cllr Reeve said that he had reported a few potholes which had been dealt with and he was still chasing the gulley emptying.
- 52/18 Play Area Report:** Cllr Early said that she had appealed for volunteers for the mowing rota in The Chimes and the Round Robin and had been able to add another couple of names to the list which would be circulated shortly. She said that she had checked the play equipment and it was still ok but looking worn out. Unfortunately nothing could be done about upgrading the equipment until the lease had been sorted as funding applications all required proof of tenure.
- 53/18 Rights of Way Report:** Cllr Bussell said that he had spent some time up Cleeves Track clearing the overhanging growth and branches. He said that the recent bad weather appeared not to have caused any problems.
- 54/18 Items of Report:** Cllr Bussell said that he had been asked if a cork backing could be provided for the noticeboard. It was also noted that the cork backing in the Weston Street noticeboard needed replacing. Cllr Taylor said that he had some cork and Cllr Bussell said that he would fit it. He said that he would paint the noticeboard as well.
- 55/18 Next Meeting:** will be on Monday 9th April, 2018

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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**EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL
APRIL 2018 MEETING AGENDA**

To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 9th April, 2018, starting at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 5th March, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i) Play Area Lease update from Cllr Early
 - ii) SID meeting report from Cllr Bussell
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Planning applications.
8. Clerk's report & correspondence:
 - i) Grit Bins
 - 2) Emergency Plan
9. Finance:- to review and agree the Council's Asset Register.
10. Payments to approve:
 - i) East Chinnock Village Hall £97.50 for Post Office outreach rent for April to June, 2018
 - ii) M. Randell £21.75 for home office allowance.
 - iii) EC Village Hall £9 for Entertainments Committee meeting
 - iv) EC Village Hall £12 for Speedwatch meeting

To note that the direct debit for £35 per year to the Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection Registration renewal will be paid on 13th April.
11. Entertainments Committee's report.
12. Parish Ranger report.
13. Highways report.
14. Play Area:
 - i) Play Area Inspection
 - ii) report.
15. Rights of Way report.
16. Clerk's Appraisal Sub-Committee report.
17. Items of report.
18. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th April starting at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, John Cox, Dave Tuck and Tom Wicks
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Ric Pallister (part of meeting) and Mark Keating (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were 2 residents in attendance. Marianne Merchant thanked Cllr Bussell for fixing the cork backing on the noticeboard. She said that she had obtained an estimate for doing the work on the watercourse down Westways but as it included replacing the blue lias bricks it was very expensive. It was thought that there may be bricks buried in the ditch so the plan now was to get the ditch dug out first.

56/18 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Early and Reeve

57/18 **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none

58/18 **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Tuck proposed and Cllr Bussell seconded the motion that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the March meeting.

59/18 **Matters arising:** i) In the absence of Cllr Early the update on the play area lease was deferred until the next meeting. ii) Cllr Bussell said that he had attended a meeting about the Speed Indicator Device (SID). The meeting was chaired by Dave Grabham of Highways who said that SIDs were originally bought by individual parishes but it quickly became clear that many parishes, who would benefit, did not have sufficient funds so the scheme was taken over by the County Council. Now the County Council does not have sufficient funds so the parishes are being asked to fund the scheme. To continue with the current operation would cost £400 per year. Highways can also offer the option to purchase a SID. These cost around £2000. Due to regulations these can only be installed for a maximum of two weeks with a two month gap between installations which would mean they spent more time in storage than installed. The volunteer installers would have to be trained at a cost of £300 per person. It was agreed that the council could not afford a purchase at the moment. If these costs were included in next year's precept this would require a substantial increase. The permanent SIDs come under the Department of Transport. Some felt that the Speedwatch was likely to be a more effective deterrent so it was agreed to defer a final decision.

60/18 **Planning Applications:** Application No. 17/03579 for a replacement window at The Hayloft, Dawes Farm had been considered by the councillors and all were in favour. The clerk was asked to write to the planning officer accordingly.

61/18 **County Councillor's Report:** This has been circulated and the items of interest to East Chinnock were as follows:- i) Broad Hill will have new surface dressing during the current financial year. The date will be advised when it is imminent. ii) SCC has seen an increase in people changing career to become a social worker under The Step Up to Social Work Initiative. Full details are available at www.gov.uk. iii) The Libraries Consultation had been extended to 13th June. Full information was available at www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation or in any library. iv) There continues to be a shortage of people willing to adopt or foster. SCC has teamed up with Costa Coffee to organise informal evenings for those interested. There will be events at Yeovil branch on Wednesday 16th May and Tuesday 16th October from 7pm to 9pm. To book a place please ring 0800 587 9900.

Cllr Keating said that the County were making financial changes and should reach their targets contrary to what had recently been reported in the press. Central government support had been reduced over the last few years by £100million so it had been hard work to meet the shortfall. He said that Exeter have now joined the Heart of the South West Joint Committee (HotSW) which is a group of 23 organisations working towards devolution for the area. The County Council is the lead authority and the chair of the committee is leader of the Council, David Fotherill.

62/18 **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Pallister said that he was concerned that the large cities of Exeter and Plymouth would dominate the HotSW Committee to the detriment of the rural areas which made up the bulk of the region. He was also concerned that businesses had more representation than the local authorities even though there were not accountable to the electorate.

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His report covered the following areas: i) The Transformation Programme will shortly reach the stage where staff will be interviewed for a job in the new Council structure. There will be some redundancies but it is hoped that most of these will be voluntary. ii) There had recently been talk in the press about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme being under threat in Somerset. The problem lies with the education establishments who are failing to meet the increased participation targets that the Department of Education require if they are to continue funding the scheme in Somerset. Residents who have connections with school governing bodies are asked to raise awareness of the situation. iii) The District Streetscene team try to keep on top of the litter thrown onto the verges. Despite not receiving any payment from Highways England the team regularly clean up the A303 to ensure that visitors to the area are met with a tidy verge. iv) A new Communications Officer has been recruited to ensure that the council engages with residents of all ages and their remit will include using digital platforms to broaden the council's reach..

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Clerk's Report: i) The clerk said that during the recent bad weather she had received a phone call from a College resident who was concerned that water was running through her property at the top of College. She was worried that if it froze she may be liable for any accidents. It had been established that the water did not originate on her property but was from a natural spring just above it and therefore it was not her problem. During the discussion she mentioned that the highways employee who had been called out to flooding had said that he would drop her a couple of bags of grit off as she had a suitable container at the top of her drive. She asked where the grit bins were in the village and suggested that a central one at the bottom of College would be useful in case the spring continued to be a problem. The clerk had established that the Parish would have to fund the purchase and installation costs for any new bin but it could then be added to the list for filling by Highways. She said that there were some bags of grit at Nick Weber's that could be distributed to residents in strategic spots who had space to store them. Cllr Cox said that he was sure that the Feoffees would be happy for a grit bin to be located on the village hall car park and asked the clerk to write to Jane Lock to ensure it was put on their agenda. Highways could provide a bin at a cost of £150 but the clerk had established that something suitable could be sourced on line much cheaper and she was asked to investigate further and bring costings to the next meeting.

ii) The Emergency Plan is normally considered later in the year but Bruce Murdoch had said that he would like to stand down from the Emergency Management Team. Contact details for this team were held by The Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingency Unit and made available to Emergency Services and Public Utilities. In the event of an emergency the team would be contacted to co-ordinate local response, inform the residents and give feedback. The most likely to occur emergency situation for East Chinnock was a major water main burst when a water distribution hub would have to be set up. Ideally any replacement for Bruce Murdoch would need to have a key for the village hall as this was the muster point. Cllr Wicks said that he would ask his wife who held a key for her caretaking duties.

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Finance: The updated Asset Register had been circulated and Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Tuck seconding that this be approved.

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Payments: the following payments were presented and approved with Cllr Bussell proposing and Cllr Cox seconding the motion: - i) East Chinnock Village Hall £97.50 for the Post Office Outreach Service rent. ii) M Randell £21.75 for home office allowance, ink and paper. iii) East Chinnock Village Hall £9 for the Entertainments Committee meeting. iv) East Chinnock Village Hall £12 for the Speedwatch meeting.

It was noted that the direct debit for £35 for the yearly fee to The Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection registration would be paid on 13th April.

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Entertainment Committee: Cllr Taylor said that the Treasure Hunt had been cancelled due to lack of support. The committee may consider it again for next year when it was hoped that more advance notice and advertising would result in more interest. The committee were now concentrating their efforts on the music night on 23rd June. He said that they were currently in negotiation with a swing band and hope to have confirmation shortly so that posters etc. can be produced. Cllr Taylor said that as this event needs to cover its costs and hopefully make a profit villagers were asked not to bring their own drinks.

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Parish Ranger Report: Cllr Cox reported that there had been some confusion about the ranger's due days during his absence. He was asked to check the ranger's attendance for the

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last year to ensure that all visits paid for had been completed. He asked for any additions to the ranger's tasks for the April visit and it was suggested that the silt trap at the top of College needed looking at.

68/18 Highways: i) Cllr Reeve had sent a report to say that he had mainly been dealing with potholes caused by the bad weather. Highways had been quite efficient and the majority of the holes had been repaired within a fortnight of their initial reporting. His report also said that he was still pursuing the emptying of the gullies after Highways had agreed that they had not been done when the contractor said they had.

69/18 Play Area Report: i) There was nothing new to report on the play area. ii) The clerk had received details from SSDC about their play equipment inspection service. It was agreed that she would ask The Play Inspection Company for their costs for this year so that they can be compared.

70/18 Rights of Way Report: i) Cllr Bussell said that he had nothing to report.

71/18 Clerk's Appraisal Sub-Committee Report: The councillors were read the report of the appraisal meeting conducted by Cllrs Taylor and Bussell. No issues had been raised and in line with her Contract of Employment, following a satisfactory appraisal, her salary would be increased by one incremental point on the LCI scale to LCP22. This was approved with Cllr Cox proposing and Cllr Tuck seconding.

72/18 Items of Report: Cllr Bussell said that the government are encouraging communities to light beacons to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the WW1 on 11th November.

73/18 Next Meeting: will be on 14th May, 2018 and this will be the AGM

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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**EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MAY 2018**

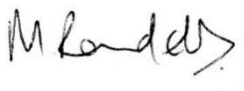
To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 14th May, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Election of Parish Council Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office Form.
2. Election of Vice Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office Form.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
5. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 9th April, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
6. Matters arising from the minutes i) Play Area Update. ii) Grit Bin update. iii) Emergency Plan update
7. District Councillor's report.
8. County Councillor's report.
9. Planning applications.
10. Clerk's report & correspondence.
11. Finance:
 - i) to note that 2017/18 precept of £9400 and Government Grant of £20 have been received.
 - ii) to note that the internal audit was completed on 17th April, 2018
 - iii) to approve and sign Section 1 of The Annual Return (previously circulated)
 - iv) to approve and sign Section 2 of The Annual Return (previously circulated)
 - v) to approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015
 - vi) to note the financial summary and bank reconciliation for 2017/18 (previously circulated)
 - vii) to approve the annual accounts (previously circulated)
 - viii) to agree renewal of Council Insurance Policy.
12. Payments to approve:
 - i) St. Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil £50 in lieu of Internal Audit Fee
 - ii) Came & Co. Insurance Premium of £330.00
 - iii) M Randell expenses £8.00
 - iv) M. Jones £10.00 for Kurling Shield engraving
13. Entertainments Committee: i) report ii) appointment of council representatives iii) to consider and agree budget for Music Evening.
14. East Chinnock Community Land Trust: to appoint council representative.
15. Parish Ranger: i) report and ii) appointment of council representative.
16. Highways: i) report ii) appointment of council representative.
17. Play Area: i) report ii) appointment of council representative.
18. Rights of Way: i) report ii) appointment of council representative.
19. Items of report.
20. To agree date of next meeting and note the meeting dates for the coming year:



*Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council*

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th May, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, John Cox, Helen Early, Dave Tuck and Doug Reeve.
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were no residents in attendance.

- 74/18 Election of Chair:** Cllr Early proposed that Cllr Taylor continue in this role. He indicated that he was prepared to continue and the motion was seconded by Cllr Bussell. He signed the Acceptance of Office Form.
- 75/18 Election of Vice-chair:** Cllr Cox proposed that Cllr Bussell continue as Vice-chair. He agreed to continue and the motion was seconded by Cllr Reeve. He signed the Acceptance of Office Form.
- 76/18 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Keating had sent his apologies.
- 77/18 Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none
- 78/18 Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Tuck seconded the motion that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the April meeting.
- 79/18 Matters arising:** i) Cllr Early said that she had sent all the paperwork to the District Council solicitor for her opinion and would be meeting with her to discuss it in due course. ii) The clerk said that she had looked on line and the best value grit bins are from www.gritbins.net. The 2cuft (50l/50kg) is £32.50 + VAT plus delivery of £8.50; total £49.20). The dimensions are 450mm (h) x 590mm (w) x 420mm (d). The 3.5cuft (100l/100kg) is £49.99 + VAT + £17.00 delivery; total £80.39. The dimensions are 520mm (h) x 700mm (w) x 450mm (d). Jane Lock has been asked to put the siting of a bin on the Village Hall car park on the next agenda of the Feoffees as owners of the village hall. Cllr Bussell said that he thought that the smaller bin would be adequate. It was agreed to defer a purchase until nearer the autumn, by which time the Feoffees will have given their decision. iii) The clerk said that the Emergency Plan had been updated to substitute Lia Wicks for Bruce Murdoch on the Emergency Management Team. Cllr Early proposed that the updated plan be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Cox. The updated plan will be put on the council website.
- 80/18 Planning Applications:** i) Application No. 18/01268/FUL for removal of rear outbuildings, construction of single storey extensions to the rear, an enclosed porch to the front and a new render finish to existing elevations at 16, Orchardleigh had been considered by the councillors and all were in favour. The clerk was asked to write to the planning officer accordingly. ii) The councillors noted that Application No. 17/03579 for a replacement window at The Hayloft, Dawes Farm had been granted.
- 81/18 County Councillor's Report:** A written report had been received from Cllr Keating and the main points of interest to the village were as follows:- i) SCC had started discussions about replacing the county and district councils with one or two single-tier authorities for Somerset with increased roles for town and parish councils. It was estimated that this could save between £18 and £28 million. ii) Somerset's Adoption Services have joined with Devon, Plymouth and Torbay to form Adopt South West. It was hoped that access to a wider area would result in more adoptions. iii) Dementia Awareness week runs from 21st to 27th May and to mark this SCC asks more people to consider becoming a 'Dementia Friend'; more details at www.dementiafriend.org.uk.
- 82/18 District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Pallister said that the only topic this month was the decision by the County Council to issue a statement saying that they were starting discussions about changing local government in Somerset. He said that the county had implied the changes were necessary because the district councils were in financial difficulty and they needed to act to protect district services. He said that this was inaccurate and all the Somerset district councils had taken tough decisions and actions to secure their finances and protect services. The county were struggling with their finances, mainly because of the increasing demands on their Children's Services budget plus Adult Social Care. All the districts were ready to discuss the future with the county and other partners but wished to examine all the options and not just a single Unitary Council as suggested by the County Council. The overall aim would be to ensure that the

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eventual outcome would be the best solution for all the residents and businesses across Somerset.

- 83/18 Clerk's Report:** i) The clerk said that she had attended a General Data Protection Regulations training course run by the District Council Data Controller. She said that it had been very informative and she was now drafting a Privacy Notice for the council and would shortly be undertaking an audit of the data held by the council. One of things she had been told was that planning applications should not be held after the consultation period and if there were any queries after this point they needed to be directed at the District Council Planning Officer. She said that she would produce a briefing note for the councillors shortly.
- 84/18 Finance:** i) The councillors noted that the precept of £9,400 and the Government Grant of £20 had been received. ii) They also noted that the Internal Audit had been completed on 17th April. iii) Section 1 of The Annual Return had been completed and circulated. Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Tuck seconding that this be approved and the chairman and clerk signed it. iv) Section 2 of The Annual Return had been completed and circulated. Cllr Reeve proposed with Cllr Cox seconding that this be approved and the chairman and clerk signed it. v) The Certificate of Exemption under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 had been completed and circulated. Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Reeve seconding that this be approved and the chairman and clerk signed it. vi) The financial summary and bank reconciliation for 2017/18 had been circulated and the contents were noted by the councillors. vii) The annual accounts for 2017/18 had been circulated and Cllr Bussell proposed with Cllr Cox seconding that these be approved. viii) The current insurer had increased their premium considerably following the end of the Long Term Agreement. Came and Co the brokers had obtained additional quotes and recommended Inspire whose policy was underwritten by Axa. The premium would be either £341.20 or £330.00 if the council were prepared to enter into a three year Long Term Agreement. Full details had been circulated and the councillors agreed that they would opt for the lower premium. This was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Early. Cllr Bussell asked if the War Memorial Clock in the church was covered under the policy. Cllr Taylor said that he thought all war memorials were covered by the War Memorials Trust. He agreed to check with them and also the church and if it was not covered the clerk would write to the insurers.
- 85/18 Payments:** the following payments were presented and approved with Cllr Bussell proposing and Cllr Cox seconding the motion: - i) St Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil £50.00. This is in lieu of the Internal Audit Fee for Geoff Lucas. ii) Came & Co. £330.00 for the insurance renewal. iii) M Randell £8.00 for home office allowance. iv) M. Jones £10.00 for the Kurling Trophy engraving. There were additional invoices received after the agenda was circulated but as they were for previously agreed expenditure they have been added to the list. v) Nick Weber £72.67 for petrol for the mower and a belt for the mower transmission. vi) East Chinnock Village Hall £9 for the Entertainments Committee meeting. vii) East Chinnock Village Hall £12 for the Speedwatch meeting.
- 86/18 Entertainment Committee:** i) Cllr Taylor said that a 25 piece swing band called Bertie's Big Band had been booked for the Music Night on 23rd June. A 'save the day' notice had been placed in The Chimes and posters and flyers would be produced shortly. It was hoped that this band would have a broader appeal leading to increased attendance. ii) Cllr Tuck agreed to continue as the council representative on the committee and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Bussell. iii) The budget for the Music Night had been circulated. The amount required was higher than usual at £1,400 as the band was more expensive and after selling out early at the bonfire, it had been decided to have greater stocks. The committee have more than enough in their reserves to cover this. Cllr Early proposed with Cllr Cox seconding that the budget be approved and the cheque will be drawn at the June meeting.
- 87/18 East Chinnock Community Land Trust:** Cllr Cox agreed to continue as the council representative on this and approval was proposed by Cllr Bussell and seconded by Cllr Early.
- 88/18 Parish Ranger Report:** i) Cllr Cox reported that the Lookout drain had been cleared and the top of Orchardleigh was ok but the silt trap still needed attention. There had been some confusion earlier in the year about the ranger's dates and he would be contacting the department to ensure that the full amount of visits had been carried out. ii) He agreed to continue to take responsibility for the ranger and approval was proposed by Cllr Tuck and seconded by Cllr Early.
- 89/18 Highways:** i) Cllr Reeve said that potholes were still an issue and in particular the one by the play area which needed attention again for the third time in two years. He said that he was still

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chasing the emptying of the gullies. Although some of the side roads had been done the ones on the main road were still outstanding. The Highways had inspected these and agreed that they had not been done despite them paying the contractor. The dispute with the contractor seemed to be ongoing and in the meantime nothing was being done about the gullies. He said he would be asking the County Councillor if he could expedite the matter. ii) Cllr Reeve said he was willing to continue to be responsible for the Highways and approval was proposed by Cllr Early and seconded by Cllr Bussell.

90/18 **Play Area Report:** i) Cllr Early said that Cllr Pallister had obtained two very heavy benches for the play area. These needed painting and she asked if everyone could check their sheds to see if they had any hammerite to spare before she bought some. She said that she would organise a working party to site the benches and paint them shortly. Her husband was the rota mower this month and had mentioned that some areas needed strimming and tidying. Hopefully this could be undertaken at the same time as the painting. Cllr Pallister had been thanked for the benches.

91/18 **Rights of Way Report:** i) Cllr Bussell said that there had been an increase in dog excrement left on the pathways despite it being a legal requirement that dog owners clean up after their animals. The clerk agreed to ask the editor of The Chimes to put a reminder to owners in the next edition. He said that he had started his annual clearance of the stiles and gateways during which he had noticed that the sign at the top of Broad Hill had been broken off. This will be reported and hopefully replaced shortly. ii) He agreed to continue to be responsible for the Rights Of Way and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Reeve.

92/18 **Items of Report:** none.

93/18 **Next Meeting:** This will be on 4th June.

Meeting Dates for the next year: 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 12th November (2nd Monday because of bonfire night), 3rd December, 7th January, 4th February, 4th March and 1st April.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL
June 2018 MEETING AGENDA

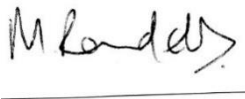
To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 4th June, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th May, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Matters arising from the minutes: i) play area update.
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Planning applications
8. Clerk's report & correspondence:
i) General Data Protection Regulations.
9. Finance:
i) To note that the Annual Return paperwork has been completed.
ii) To note that the Insurance Policy has been renewed.
10. Payments to approve:
i) Anne Hallett £1,400 for Summer Event float
ii) M. Bussell £15.95 for noticeboard backing
iii) M. Randell £763.86 for Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses
iv) P. Taylor £41.94 for paint etc for benches.
v) Village Hall £132.00 for council meetings
vi) SSDC £78.20 for printing of Chinnock Chimes.
To note the direct debit to Cox & Co £24.00 for payroll services
11. Entertainments Committee report
12. Parish Ranger report
13. Highways report.
14. Play Area report.
15. Rights of Way report.
16. Items of report.
17. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th June, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, John Cox, Helen Early, Dave Tuck, Doug Reeve and Tom Wicks
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Ric Pallister (part of meeting) and Mark Keating (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were 2 residents in attendance. Angela Watson was concerned about the volume and speed of the traffic along the main road. She had been woken on a number of occasions during the night by heavy vehicles thundering through the village and wondered at what point does the volume of traffic become recognised as unacceptable. She said that the County Council website acknowledged that road noise and pollution was a health risk and she asked if they had any plans to tackle this. Cllr Pallister said that the ultimate answer would be a by-pass but in the current financial climate that was very unlikely to be considered. The same would apply to an infra-red camera that would deter the overnight speeders and a 20mph speed limit would probably not be observed overnight. Cllr Taylor said that the pedestrian refuges had been installed a few years ago. They acted as a traffic calming measure as well as an aid to road crossing and he felt that they had helped. Unfortunately so long as a vehicle was road legal there were no restrictions on its usage on the roads. Cllr Keating said that the farm traffic had increased following the extensions to Rushywood Farm which he had had concerns about when he was a member of the Haslebury Plucknett Parish Council. Unfortunately farm vehicles continued to grow in size and this was a national problem. Ms Watson said she felt that the Council should at least register a protest as the disturbance was intolerable. Cllr Pallister said that the Speedwatch Group and Police speed unit visits would help slow down daytime traffic which would reduce the noise level. The overnight speeders needed to be identified first and he suggested that as Ms Watson was up in the night she should try and see if she could get a registration number or company name so that they could be asked to remind their drivers to observe the speed limits and if necessary the police could be alerted. Marianne Merchant wished to protest about the increase in dog excrement left uncollected by the dog owners. Cllr Bussell said that a notice had been sent to the Editor of The Chimes to include in the next edition. Cllr Taylor said that he had heard that about a possible case of Alabama Rot in the village so urged all dog owners to be cautious.

94/18 **Apologies for absence:** none

95/18 **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none

96/18 **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Reeve proposed and Cllr Bussell seconded the motion that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the May meeting.

97/18 **Matters arising:** i) Cllr Early said that the work on the Play Area lease was ongoing. ii) She thanked everyone who had taken part in the recent play area working party and said that a lot had been accomplished including the painting of the benches sourced by Cllr Pallister. She said that she had received a letter of thanks from the Under 5's Group.

98/18 **District Councillor's Report:** The report covered the following areas: i) The County Council and the five District Councils had agreed to jointly commission and pay equal shares for a comprehensive study into the future options for Local Government in Somerset. The aim was to be far enough advanced in their considerations so that if a Section 114 Notice (of potential insolvency) was triggered by the County the Government could be persuaded to let them continue and make recommendations to them rather than have a central government solution imposed on all. ii) The Transformation Programme had reached the critical point where all staff would shortly be finding out what their future roles would be. As the staff settle into their new positions and working systems there will inevitably be some dips in service and the public are asked to be mindful of the situation. It is hoped that the re-organisation will produce the necessary savings of £2.5m whilst still maintaining vital services. iii) In addition to the Transformation Programme the District aims to earn £2.5m per annum extra funds from Income Generation by 2020. As previously reported they have bought the Marks & Spencer's and Wilko Buildings. A land and housing property development site in Wiltshire has also been purchased and the latest investment is in a Battery Storage Facility. These investments will produce around half of that amount and further projects are being investigated.

- 99/18 County Councillor's Report:** This had been circulated and the main points of interest for the village were as follows: i) The additional 3% Council Tax raised for Adult Social Care will mainly be used to enable people to remain in their own homes. Over the next few weeks the County will be assisting BBC Panorama who are producing a programme on the challenges of providing elderly care. ii) Additional money had been received from central government for pothole repairs. Around 19,000 potholes were filled in in Somerset each year. iii) The County accounts were now available at www.somerset.gov.uk/information-and-statistics/financialinformation/budgets-and-accounts/ iv) The Libraries Consultation ends on 13th June. Questionnaires can found at www.somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation and Cllr Keating urged everyone to make their views known.
- Cllr Keating said that the gullies were due to be emptied shortly and the councillors should monitor to ensure that they were. Cllr Reeve said that the side streets had been done but he still had a problem with the main road gullies. Cllr Keating said that they were due to be done this financial year but Cllr Reeve said that the County had told him that they were due last year and despite the County paying the contractor they had not been done. Mike Fear from County had visited the village and agreed that the work paid for had not been carried out and was pursuing the contractor. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Keating would meet with Cllr Reeve to see if the situation could be resolved as soon as possible.
- 100/18 Planning Applications:** i) Applications Numbered 18/01528/FUL and 18/01529/LBC for a replacement conservatory at The Stables, Dawes Farmhouse were considered and the councillors agreed to support them. The clerk was asked to write accordingly to Planning. ii) Following consultation which produced no negative comments, notification has been received that the new road for the Orchard Farm development will be called Underhayes Court.
- 101/18 Clerk's Report:** i) A briefing note had been circulated to all councillors about the General Data Protection Regulations. A General Privacy Notice had been uploaded onto the council website and those that were regularly sent the minutes or emails with other information had been sent a Privacy Notice to complete and return giving their consent to remain on the mailing list. The clerk said that the audit of data held was underway. ii) The Speedwatch Co-ordinator had sent a copy of his email to the PCSO highlighting the obstruction of the pavement outside the pub and a wheelie bin left on the pavement opposite. He was concerned that both represented a hazard to elderly and less mobile residents. No reply from the PCSO had been received yet. iii) The clerk had been advised that the Golf Croquet Group would be winding up. Marianne Merchant asked if this item could be deferred until the next meeting when the other Club Co-ordinator could be present.
- 102/18 Finance:** i) The councillors noted that the Annual Return paperwork had been completed and uploaded to the council website together with the end of year accounts. The clerk said that the Certificate of Exemption from external audit had been submitted to the auditors and the notice regarding the Exercise of Public Rights to view the annual return and accounts paperwork had been posted on the website and the noticeboard. ii) The councillors also noted that the council insurance policy had been renewed.
- 103/18 Payments:** the following payments were presented and approved with Cllr Cox proposing and Cllr Reeve seconding the motion: - i) A Hallett £1,400 for the Summer Event Float. ii) M Bussell £15.95 for noticeboard backing. iii) M Randell £763.86 for quarterly salary and home office allowance. iv) P Taylor £41.94 for paint etc. for the play area benches. v) East Chinnock Village Hall £132 for the Parish Council meetings. vi) SSDC £78.20 for the printing of The Chimes. The direct debit for £24 for Cox & Co for payroll services was noted. It was also noted that £300 had been received for the hiring out of the marquee and tents.
- 104/18 Entertainment Committee:** Cllr Taylor said that the plans were being finalised for the Summer Event on 23rd June. The marquee would be erected over the hardstanding to give a level surface for the 25 piece band. Additional help would be needed on the day to erect the marquee and tents. Anyone prepared to help is asked to contact Cllrs Taylor or Tuck. As some of the refreshments had run out at the bonfire extra supplies were planned, so it was hoped that there would be a good turn-out. Posters would be put up shortly all around the local area and flyers would be posted through all doors. Cllr Early said that the signs put up on the main road for the Under 5's Dog Show had been very effective.

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- 105/18 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox reported that the ranger was due this month. He was reminded that the silt trap still needs emptying and asked to add strimming at the lookout and the junction sightlines to the list. He said that he was still trying to establish whether or not the council had some hours in hand.
- 106/18 Highways:** i) Cllr Reeve said that he was still pursuing the repair of the pothole by the play area.
- 107/18 Play Area Report:** Cllr Early said that the Under 5's Dog Show had been very successful and they had cleaned the area afterwards. The new benches had been moved by them to prevent any of their charges using them to climb over the fence. She said that she would get her husband to lay some concrete to position them on as they are very heavy and would sink into the ground otherwise.
- 108/18 Rights of Way Report:** Cllr Bussell urged everyone to use the pathway that runs from Chinnock Bridge behind Cott Farm up Broad Hill. He said that the views were outstanding but because of lack of use the path kept getting overgrown.
- 109/18 Items of Report:** The council were asked if there was anything that could be added to the noticeboard to prop the door open but Cllr Bussell said that he had looked at that and had been unable to find anything suitable.
- 110/18 Next Meeting:** will be on 2nd July, 2018.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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**EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL
JULY 2018 MEETING AGENDA**

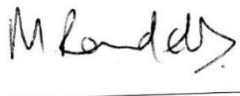
To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 2nd July, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th June, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i) Play Area Lease update
 - ii) Golf Croquet Club
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Planning applications
8. Clerk's report & correspondence:-
 - i) Feoffees Trustees
9. Payments to approve:
 - i) M. Randell £11.48 for expenses.
 - ii) S. Saunders £148.00 for Summer Event meat
 - iii) EC Village Hall £97.50 for hire charges for Post Office outreach service
 - iv) Greenslade Taylor Hunt £20.00 for Playing Field Rent.
 - v) EC Village Hall £9.00 for Entertainments Committee's meeting
 - vi) EC Village Hall £12.00 for Speedwatch Training
 - vii) Somerset Playing Fields Association £15.00 subscription renewal
10. Finance: to approve Annual Risk Assessment.
11. Entertainments Committee report
12. Parish Ranger report.
13. Highways report.
14. Play Area report.
15. Rights of Way report.
16. Items of report.
17. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd July, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, Dr. John Cox, Dave Tuck and Doug Reeve
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Mark Keating (part of meeting) and Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were four residents present. i) Marianne Merchant said that the centre of the road in Broad Lane was raised and Cllr Reeve said that he would speak to the Highways Department about it. ii) She also said that she thought the instructions for the defibrillator were not really very clear as to how to gain access to the machine. She felt it would be better if it was placed outside the hall. Cllr Cox explained that it was in the foyer to protect it from the elements as the plastic casing would degrade in the sunlight. He said that the key to the village hall was in the key-safe next to the instructions. The procedure was to first phone 999 and they would give the code for the key-safe and then talk the caller through the process for using the machine. Mrs Merchant said that this could be made clearer on the instructions. She was concerned that not everyone had a mobile phone which could hamper them if they needed to use the defibrillator. The councillors agreed to have a look at the wording. iii) Geoffrey Jackson was in attendance with his wife and had come to give a report on the Speedwatch Group. He said that sufficient volunteers were now trained and had undertaken their first session. They were still getting used to the machine and the procedure but had clocked two vehicles exceeding 36mph which is the speed that the machine starts recording. A police letter will be issued to anyone exceeding this figure. The aim is to act as a deterrent to speeders and he was pleased to say that most of the vehicles were either driving close to the limit or slowed down when they saw the group. He had recently been to the quarterly meeting of all the local Speedwatch Groups and was concerned to note that in some areas the same vehicle had been caught speeding a number of times, in one instance six times. He said he will be asking what action the police take when such a blatant disregard for the speed limit is identified. He said that they aimed to have at least two sessions a week on different days, times and locations along the main road. He had asked Cllr Keating if Highways could paint 30mph signs on the road and supply Speedwatch notices. The councillors thanked him for his hard work in getting the group established and he agreed to come along to future meetings to give regular updates.

111/18 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Early and Wicks

112/18 **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none

113/18 **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Cox proposed and Cllr Tuck seconded the motion that the minutes, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the June meeting.

114/18 **Matters arising:** i) Cllr Early was away so there was no update on the play area lease. ii) Marianne Merchant and Maurice Jones were invited to speak about the Golf Croquet Club. They said that this group had folded and they wished to donate their surplus funds to the council to be ring-fenced for use in the children's play area. Cllr Taylor explained that nothing could be done at the moment because the lease needed to be renegotiated but the money would be held in the reserves account until they were ready to go ahead with the upgrade and he hoped that this kind gesture would encourage others to help when fundraising started in earnest. A cheque for £500 was passed over and the councillors thanked them. Mrs Merchant said that she was happy for the equipment to remain in her garage in case anyone wanted to resurrect the group in the future. Cllr Taylor thanked her and said that the Entertainments Committee may be able to make use of it at one of their events. The members have decided that they would like to play table tennis on winter Sunday afternoons in the village hall. They assumed that as at least one of the table tennis tables was bought with a grant from the County Council Wellbeing Fund this would be allowed and Cllr Taylor said he thought that would be fine. The clerk said that she would write a short piece for the Chimes about the donation.

115/18 **County Councillor's Report:** i) Cllr Keating said he had received an email saying that the main road gullies had been done but Cllr Reeve said that they had not been. Cllr Keating said he was very annoyed and would take photographs to send and would be expecting an apology. ii) He said that he was very pleased with the Speedwatch Group's enthusiasm and

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had attended their first session. iii) The library consultation had closed and all the responses would be considered before recommendations were put before the County Council Cabinet in the autumn. iv) His report also said that the County were looking to recruit more childminders and full information was available at www.somerset.gov.uk/register. There was also the possibility of a business grant of £500 to help with set up costs. See www.childcarebusinessgrants.com for more details.

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Planning Applications: i) Application No. 18/0983/573A for an amendment to the layout of the development at Orchard Farm had been received. Councillors had been asked to look on line at this application. This appeared to be a retrospective application for an adjustment in the position of one of the dwellings. The councillors were concerned that they had originally given their support to this development because it included some 2 bedroomed properties which had been identified as needed when the housing survey was carried out for the Parish Plan. In addition the impression had been given that this would be affordable housing but Cllr Taylor said that the properties were being marketed at over £400,00 which he considered to be a long way from affordable. It appeared that permission was not required to alter the internal layout of a property to increase the number of bedrooms. As the property was already built in the new position the councillors reluctantly felt that they could offer no objections to the application and the clerk was asked to convey this to Planning. ii) As agreed at the last meeting the clerk said that she had sent an email to Planning saying that the Council supported Applications Numbered 18/01528/FUL and 18/01529/LBC for a replacement conservatory at The Stables, Dawes Farmhouse iii) The following Notifications had been received:- a) Application No. 16/03543/FUL for two detached houses on land at Carters Lane had been refused. b) Application 17/01325/DPO to modify a Section 52 agreement between South Somerset District Council and Mr and Mrs G T Wareham dated 22nd July 1985 to allow part release of land had been granted. c) Application No. 18/01268/FUL for work at 16, Orchardleigh had been granted. d) The Planning Department had advised that an Appeal against their decision to refuse Application No. 17/04848/FUL for a dwelling on land off College had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate at Bristol. All communications made at the planning stage would be forwarded to the inspectorate but if there were any additional comments these should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate at 319, Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2, The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or email them to pcs@pins.gsi.gov.uk quoting reference no. APP/R3325/W/320215. A copy of the appellants grounds for appeal can be inspected at the Council Offices in Brympton Way, Yeovil during normal office hours by contacting Mike Hicks on 01935 462015.

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Clerk's report and correspondence: i) A letter has been received from the Feoffees secretary to say that Shirley Condon and Patrick O'Donnell's terms of office as charity trustees will come to an end this month. They were asking the council for confirmation that they have no objection to them being appointed for a further 4 year term. Cllr Cox said that these two people, along with himself were the council appointed representatives. In addition there were three appointed by the church and three independents. Cllr Tuck proposed that they be approved with Cllr Bussell seconding and the clerk was asked to write to the Feoffees accordingly. ii) A letter had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau's CEO asking for a donation. The clerk said that the council already sent an annual donation in December. She was asked to write to them asking that in view of our annual donation we be removed from any 'begging letter' lists. iii) The clerk said that as requested by the Village Hall Committee she had emailed adjacent parishes asking that they draw their parishioner's attention to the fact that there was an outreach post office service in the village hall on Monday afternoons from 1.00pm to 3.00pm and Tuesday mornings from 9.00am to noon. iv) The takings from the summer event had been counted and banked. Anne Hallett, the Entertainments Committee's Treasurer, had collated the figures for the event and a profit of £79.37 had been made with just under £200 in stock to carry forward to the bonfire. v) The clerk said that she had circulated details of the Chairman's Award for Service to the Community received from the County Council. Nominations had to be in by 31st August with the awards ceremony taking place on 11th October. It had been suggested that Geoffrey Jackson be nominated for his tireless work in setting up and co-ordinated the Speedwatch Group. He had also recently taken on the chairmanship of the Gardening Club. Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Tuck seconding that he be nominated and all agreed. Cllr Taylor said that he would complete the Nomination Form.

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- 118/18 District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Pallister arrived at this point and said that he had very little to report. i) As expected this stage of Transformation was difficult with some staff being made redundant and others taking up new posts. He hoped that things would be more settled by September and asked everyone to bear with the council in the meantime. ii) He said that he had written regarding the agricultural traffic asking that drivers be briefed to moderate their speed through the villages, especially overnight, in the hope that this would reduce the noise and vibration for those living on the main road.
- 119/18 Finance:** The annual Risk Assessment had been updated to reflect increases in the sums insured. It had previously been circulated and approval was proposed by Cllr Bussell and seconded by Cllr Cox. This will now be placed on the Council website in the Policies Section.
- 120/18 Payments:** the following payments were presented and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Bussell:- i) M. Randell £11.48 for expenses. ii) S. Saunders £148.00 for Summer Event meat. iii) EC Village Hall £97.50 for hire charges for Post Office outreach service. iv) Greenslade Taylor Hunt £20 for Playing Field Rent. v) EC Village Hall £9.00 for Entertainments Committee meeting. vi) EC Village Hall £12.00 for Speedwatch Group training. vii) Somerset Playing Fields Association £15.00 for subscription renewal. It was noted that £100.00 had been received for Chimes adverts.
- 121/18 Entertainment's Committee:** Cllr Taylor said that the Summer Event had been very successful. The good weather meant the evening was very well attended with everyone having a good time. Cllr Reeve said that it could perhaps have been more widely advertised but the feeling was that there was no desire to compete with the larger events in the area. He said that the next event would be the bonfire and as always, it will be on 5th November which is a Monday.
- 122/18 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox said that the ranger had completed most of the tasks on his recent visit. He was told the diversers needed attention before the winter and said that he would add this to the list for August when the silt trap should be done as well.
- 123/18 Highways:** Cllr Reeve reported that the big pothole in Western Street had been repaired. There had been some talk of a kerb being laid but this had not been done, presumably because of the cost. The pothole on The Hollow had been reported. He said that he had been told that the extension to the 30mph speed limit on Weston Street would be implemented in due course.
- 124/18 Play Area Report:** Cllr Early was away so this was deferred.
- 125/18 Rights of Way Report:** Cllr Bussell said that he was pleased to say that the county council had done a lot of clearing of verges around some of the pathway entrances. He continued to cut back elsewhere whenever he could. Marianne Merchant had given him a map of the pathways which he intended to update and make larger. He thought that he could make a display unit for it out of parts from the old noticeboard and would ask the Village Hall Committee if this could be put up in the hall in the hope that it would encourage more people to explore the pathways. Everyone was in agreement that this was a good idea.
- 126/18 Items of Report:** Cllr Taylor said that he had attended the recent Town and Parish Meeting in Crewkerne. Cllr Pallister had given a presentation about the changes at District Council which should provide a more integrated service with a 'one stop shop' approach for many things which should provide a better and more efficient service for the public. There had also been a speaker about fibre broadband for rural areas. Residents are advised to look at www.connectingdevonandsomerset and www.gigaclear.com for more information. Somerset Waste Partnership also spoke about their plans for waste disposal. They will shortly be able to take black plastic and once the additional recycling is in place the grey bin should contain very little and collections will be moved to every three weeks.
- 127/18 Next Meeting:** will be on Monday 3rd September, 2018

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING AGENDA

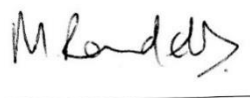
To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 3rd September, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd July, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Councillor Resignation
5. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i) Play area update
6. District Councillor's report.
7. County Councillor's report.
8. Planning:
 - i) To note Planning Applications and Decisions.
9. Clerk's report & correspondence
10. Finance: to note that the annual VAT refund paperwork has been submitted to reclaim £923.75
11. Payments to approve:-
 - i) Somerset Association of Local Councils £25.00 for GDPR Councillor training
 - ii) SSDC £25.00 for GDPR Clerk training.
 - iii) SSDC £76.31 for printing of Chimes.
 - iv) EC Village Hall £6.00 for Entertainments Committee meeting hall hire
 - v) Clerks quarterly salary, including holiday pay and expenses £964.86
 - vi) Somerset Association of Local Councils £135.13 for annual membership fee.To note that £80.00 has been received for marquee hire.
12. Entertainments Committee Report
13. Parish Ranger report.
14. Highways report.
15. Play Area report
16. Rights of Way report.
17. Items of report.
18. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd September, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, Dr. John Cox, Dave Tuck, Doug Reeve and Tom Wicks
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Mark Keating (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were seven residents present. i) Two residents had come about the burger bar which looked like it was being made operational in the pub car park. They said that they had been in touch with the District Planning Department and were waiting for their comments regarding whether or not the burger bar had, or needed planning permission. They were concerned about the potential disruption and also the position meant that there was a reduced entrance into the pub, which they felt could be a safety issue. They had spoken to the owner of the pub who said that he had the required permissions but past experience led them to believe that this may not necessarily be correct. Cllr Taylor said that they had the council's sympathy but unfortunately the council had no authority. He said that he understood that the Planning Department were under pressure at the moment following the recent re-organisation at the District Council and suggested that they give them a little longer to respond. ii) Geoffrey Jackson was in attendance with his wife and had come to give a report on the Speedwatch Group. He said that the nine volunteers had undertaken eleven sessions between them in August at random times on different days. They had recorded 9,698 vehicles of which 53 were travelling in excess of the prosecutable speed limit of 36mph. The fastest speed was 50mph and this was a vehicle that was recorded twice at that speed. A warning letter from the Chief Constable will be issued to the speeders. He said that he had looked at the statistics for last year when the Speed Indication Device (SID) was in place and the figures showed that the Speedwatch sessions were far more effective. The percentage travelling above the speed limit during Speedwatch sessions was 5% whereas the SID showed 71% which was an astounding difference. Mr Jackson said that he had looked at other villages and East Chinnock had the highest number of speeders but the lowest number of visual deterrents. He asked if the council have any plans to reduce the speeding. Cllr Bussell said that successive councils had tried to tackle this problem but there would always be those who ignored the law. The installation of the pedestrian refuges was the last major work done and he felt that these had helped. The problem was that any permanent structure such as a flashing speed indicator, signage or pinch points would cost a considerable amount. The County Council budgets were already under severe pressure and the village would be required to contribute a significant sum of money which they did not have available. Priority at the moment was for the legal costs for the playground lease which had been quoted at around £2,500 which equated to around 25% of the annual budget. Cllr Reeve said that he had been trying to get the signage on the roads renewed and Cllr Keating said that he would assist with this. Mr. Jackson said that the Speedwatch team felt that they had not had sufficient support from the councillors. He said he would send the rota for the next month and asked if any councillors could pop along whilst a session was underway. Cllr Taylor said that all councillors were volunteers who already did significant work in the village and some were still in fulltime employment so had limited availability but they would endeavour to call in on a session when they could.

- 128/18** **Apologies for absence:** No councillors but the District Councillor had sent his apologies.
- 129/18** **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none
- 130/18** **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Reeve seconded the motion that the minutes, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the July meeting.
- 131/18** **Councillor Resignation:** Cllr Early had tendered her resignation due to pressure of work following a job change. Cllr Cox reluctantly proposed that this be accepted with Cllr Bussell seconding. Cllr Taylor said that on behalf of the council he would like to thank Cllr Early for all her hard work whilst on the council. The clerk said that she had prepared a Casual Vacancy Notice which would be placed on the noticeboard, the council website and passed to Roger Jewell who would lead with it in his next Round Robin.
- 132/18** **Matters arising:** i) Cllr Early had sent a report about the play area lease negotiations and the play area representative's duties regarding inspection of the play equipment etc. The report said that contact details had been given for someone who could advise on the lease

negotiation and this would need to be followed up by whoever took over from her. Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Reeve seconding that Cllr Wicks take over the role of Play Area Representative and he agreed. Cllr Early had indicated that she would send on all the relevant paperwork and Cllr Wicks said he would contact her.

The Annual Play Area report had been received on the day of the meeting and circulated. There were a number of minor issues all graded at low risk or very low risk and it was agreed that these would be attended to.

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District Councillor's Report: Cllr Pallister had sent the following report:- i) The County Council and the 5 District Councils had now jointly commissioned a comprehensive study into the future options for Local Government in Somerset. ii) Transformation was now through the most critical phase and the future structure set. However, there was still some 'bedding in' occurring which meant that some services would be stretched for the next few months. In particular, patience was asked for when dealing with Housing, Customer Services and Planning. iii) Val Keitch was the new leader of the District Council. Cllr Pallister would remain the District Councillor for this area until the elections next May when he intended to stand down after twenty years service. Cllr Taylor said that he had worked hard for the village and the wider community and would be missed when he retired.

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County Councillor's Report: The following points from recent Reports were of interest to the village: i) The council were using the additional Adult Social Care precept to increase the fees paid to care homes. ii) SCC's Customer Service Centre Team had won the South West Contact Centre of the Year Award against some tough opposition. iii) The county were still seeking additional childminders. For more information visit www.somerset.gov.uk/register. iv) There was a draft air quality strategy open for public consultation. For further information see www.somersetconsults.org.uk. v) Somerset Moto-Fest will take place at The Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton on 15th and 16th September. This will be a free event with a host of motor based activities for all the family. vi) Residents were reminded that Dillington House by Ilminster was leased by the council and as such needed to be commercially viable. There were many lectures, activities and concerts as well as a cream teas and a Sunday carvery. See www.dillington.com for details. vi) The County had an Adopt a Footpath scheme where volunteers could choose a favourite path and report any problems on it. They could help with light maintenance if they wished. Details of all volunteering opportunities could be found by visiting www.somerset.gov.uk/getinvolved/Volunteering. vii) The CC's travel and roadworks website www.travelsomerset.co.uk now included details of the planned roads maintenance for the whole of the financial year. viii) Residents were reminded that vaccinations were useful tools in the fight against disease with MMR and Flu vaccinations being current priorities.

It was suggested that a note be included in the Chimes about the importance of MMR and Flu vaccinations. Cllr Keating said that there were some difficult financial decisions being taken at the County and full details would be available after the meeting next week. Cllr Bussell said that he had consulted Land Registry regarding the ownership of the piece of overgrown land between the pub and Dawes Farmhouse and discovered that it belonged to the County Council. The overhanging growth had recently been cut back by Cllrs Bussell and Cox. Cllr Reeve said that he had established that it was not on any maintenance schedule with the County and that they had not realised it belonged to them. Cllr Keating asked if the village would want control of it and Cllr Taylor said that would be a good idea and perhaps the gardening club could plant it up. Cllr Keating agreed to look into this.

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Planning Applications: It was noted that the following application had been approved:- i) Applications No 18/01528/FUL and 18/1529/LBC for a replacement conservatory at The Stables, Dawes Farmhouse. ii) Application No. 18/01983/S73A for variation of conditions at the Orchard Way development.

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Clerk's report and correspondence: The clerk said that she had had a number of emails and phone calls about various problems in the village over the summer as follows:- i) the burger bar issue had been dealt with earlier. ii) Notification had been received about the play area fence needing attention. This had been attended to by Cllr Bussell, although assistance was needed for some additional work and Cllr Wicks agreed to look at this. iii) A phone call had been received reporting the non-appearance of the outreach Post Office Service and it had been established that this was due to technology issues. The sub postmaster had been

given the clerk's contact details for future reference. iv) The clerk had circulated a letter received regarding the private life of the County Councillor. It was agreed that Cllr Keating's private life was of no concern to the Parish Council providing it did not interfere with his councillor duties and as no-one from the village had complained about him the clerk was instructed to ignore the letter.

The clerk asked the councillors to check that their Register of Interest details were up to date on the District Council website.

137/18 Finance: It was noted that the annual VAT refund paperwork had been submitted and the reclaim amount of £923.75 should be received shortly. Cllr Taylor proposed that this should be paid into the reserves account and ring fenced for the play area lease legal costs. This was seconded by Cllr Reeve.

138/18 Payments: the following payments were presented and approval was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Tuck:- i) Somerset Association of Local Councils £25 for GDPR councillor training. ii) SSDC £25 for clerk GDPR training. iii) SSDC £76.31 for Chimes printing. iv) EC Village Hall £6 for Entertainments Committee's meeting. v) M. Randell £964.86 for quarterly salary, holiday pay and expenses. vi) Somerset Association of Local Councils £135.13 for annual membership fee.

It was noted that a total of £240 had been received for tent and marquee hire since the last meeting.

139/18 Entertainment's Committee: Cllr Taylor said that there would be a committee meeting next week and they were hopeful that there would be some new members. They will be discussing the arrangements for the bonfire which will be held on Monday 5th November.

140/18 Parish Ranger Report: Cllr Cox said that he had sent a list for the ranger's August visit which had included the silt trap and the bank at the bottom of the play area. He was concerned that neither of these items had been done and was waiting for confirmation that the ranger had been and what work had been undertaken.

141/18 Highways: Cllr Reeve reported that the road sweeper had been in the village. It appeared that East Chinnock had not been on the regular rota for road sweeping and he had asked that the village be included in future. He had reported the raised road centre in Broad Lane and continued to chase the renewal of various worn road marking in the area. He said that there had been three cases of fly tipping in the area recently but all had been dealt with promptly by the District Council.

142/18 Play Area Report: All points had been covered earlier.

143/18 Rights of Way Report: Cllr Bussell said that a new sign had been erected on the Ridge pathway pointing towards the Cott Farm area and he will be reporting the broken sign down Carter's Lane. He said that there had been an increase in dog excrement. The councillors were told that the District Council had prosecuted someone recently for failing to pick up their dog waste. If anyone witnesses this they should report it to the dog warden. Cllr Taylor said that he would write another piece for the Chimes about responsible dog walking and the clerk agreed to ask the Dog Warden if a sign could be provided for Carter's Lane.

144/18 Items of Report: Cllr Taylor said that he had attended a GDPR training course in July which was very informative.

145/18 Next Meeting: will be on 1st October, 2018

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 2018 MEETING AGENDA

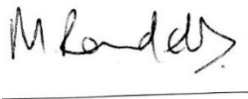
To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 1st October, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:-15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd September, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Casual Vacancy
8. Planning applications.
9. Entertainments Committee:
 - i) To approve Bonfire Night Budget
 - ii) Report.
10. Clerk's report & correspondence.
11. Finance:
 - i) to note that the annual VAT refund of £923.75 has been received.
 - ii) to receive half yearly financial update.
 - iii) to discuss next year's budget
12. Payments to approve:
 - i) Village Hall for £97.50 for Post Office outreach.
 - ii) Clerks home office allowance £8.00
 - iii) A. Gliddon £1000.00 for bonfire fireworks
 - iv) A. Hallett £700.00 for bonfire float.
 - v) The Play Inspection Company £78.00 for annual report
 - vi) Society of Local Council Clerks £84.00 for annual subscription.
13. Parish Ranger report.
14. Highways report.
15. Play Area report
16. Rights of Way report.
17. Items of report.
18. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st October, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, John Cox, Dave Tuck and Doug Reeve
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were three members of the public present and they raised the following points: i) Geoff Jackson was in attendance with his wife and had come to give the Speedwatch Report for September. The volunteers had done 11 sessions and the results were broadly similar to the previous month. There were 56 motorists (53 in August) travelling in excess of the prosecutable speed limit and these would be receiving warning letters from the Chief Constable. The fastest recorded were two at 46mph, one of whom had been recorded twice in August at 50mph. This driver had received a visit from the Police and given 'Words of Advice'. The group had put 'Speedwatch' signs at each end of the village and Cllr Reeve said that the County Engineer would be coming out to look at the road signage on the A30. Mr Jackson said that Haselbury had recently installed a sign that showed the driver's speed which everyone agreed was more effective than the 'Flashing 30' sign. As this is not a permanent sign and has to be regularly moved and 'rested' he asked if the council would consider contacting Haselbury to see if the village could hire it off them during the rest periods. Cllr Reeve said that it would be interesting to see the statistics from their installations as he still thought that the Speedwatch was likely to be the better deterrent. Mr Jackson said he assumed that the Haselbury figures would be available next month as the sign had only just been installed. If they were available he agreed to forward these to the council. He said that if the device could be borrowed it would give a good indication of how effective it was in East Chinnock. Cllr Pallister said that the District had looked at purchasing a mobile device previously to rent out to the villages so he would ask if this was feasible. The district could use their own trained operatives to install the device which would save the villages money. In the meantime it made sense to see if Haselbury would share their device and Cllr Taylor said that he would write to the Haselbury Chairman. Cllr Bussell said the Speedwatch group were doing a marvellous job and the statistics showed that they were an excellent deterrent to most speeders. He was concerned that they would burn themselves out and lose their enthusiasm. Mr Jackson said they occasionally got people thanking them but unfortunately they also sometimes got abuse which they tried to ignore. ii) Marianne Merchant asked if the clerk could position the minutes at the bottom of the noticeboard so that short persons such as herself can read them more easily. She said that she had planted the tubs up for winter and whilst she didn't mind doing them, she was looking to scale down her activities and asked if anyone else would like to take over. Cllr Reeve said that she had done an excellent job and it was agreed to ask around for volunteers. One of the tubs was in need of replacement and Cllr Pallister said that the best place was Mole Valley. Mrs Merchant asked if the Ranger could take over weeding the tubs and Cllr Cox said he would add it to the Ranger's list. iii) Cllr Pallister said that the diverters and grid on Cleeves Track needed attention and Cllr Cox said that he had cleared out the grid. The three grips towards the bottom of the Track also needed clearing out.

- 146/18** **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Wicks had sent his apologies and also County Councillor Keating.
- 147/18** **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:** none
- 148/18** **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Reeve seconded the motion that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the September meeting.
- 149/18** **Matters arising:** All matters arising were covered later in the meeting.
- 150/18** **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Pallister reported as follows: i) He said that there had been a several complaints regarding the village pub site. As there were a number of potential issues the Environmental Department were leading on the complaint investigation with input from the other interested agencies. Once all the reports were collated any necessary action would be taken. ii) The planning appeal for the site off College had been won by the landowner. iii) Cllr Pallister said that the District were continuing to assess the effect of County Council cuts and were particularly concerned about the cuts to the Citizen's Advice Bureau funding. The continuing impact of the Universal Credit meant that their debt management advice would remain important. iv) He said that he was pleased to note that aerosols could now be recycled and this needed to be

promoted. The clerk said that she had forwarded the Waste Partnership announcement onto the village website and the Chimes editor. v) The District Council is settling down now following the re-organisation and the backlogs are being reduced. One priority will be getting housing and planning staff qualified and Yeovil College have been approached regarding suitable courses.

- 151/18 County Councillor's Report:** Cllr. Keating had sent his apologies so there was no report.
- 152/18 Casual Vacancy:** The clerk said that she had been advised that, as there had been no call for a bye-election, the council were free to co-opt. Roger Jewell had included the vacancy in his last Round Robin but no-one had come forward. Cllr Taylor said that his wife had said that she would be interested but was not available until December. It was agreed that this was acceptable and she should come along to that meeting and be co-opted.
- 153/18 Planning Applications:** The councillors had looked at Planning Application No.18/01935/LBC which was for repairs to the roof and replacement Velux rooflights at Peacelea, College. They were happy to support it and the clerk had written to the Planning Officer accordingly.
- 154/18 Entertainment's Committee:** i) The councillors approved the Bonfire budget with Cllr Cox proposing and Cllr Reeve seconding. ii) Cllr Taylor said the bonfire planning was well under way and posters would be put up shortly around the village. As usual it will be on 5th November and the Parish Council meeting has been postponed until the following Monday as a number of the councillors will be busy at the bonfire event. He hoped that there would be a good turnout and reminded everyone that sparklers were not allowed.
- 155/18 Clerk's Report and Correspondence:** i) The clerk said that the Land Registry clearly showed that the County Council owned the strip of land between Yews Farm and Dawes Farm. Cllr Reeve had established that it was not on the maintenance schedule for the County and Cllr Keating had suggested that the Parish Council could take over the upkeep. Following this a number of emails had been received from Bryn Andrews asserting that the land actually belonged to him, with his father purchasing it from the County in the late 50's and then leaving it to him in his will. The clerk said that so far as the council were concerned the problem was that the site has not been managed and frequently encroached onto the pavement causing pedestrians to have to step into the road on a dangerous bend. Any dispute in ownership was nothing to do with the Parish Council and was a matter to be sorted out between Mr Andrews, the County Council and Land Registry. As the growing season was almost at an end it was agreed to defer any further discussion until the spring when it was hoped that the ownership dispute had been settled. Whoever is finally proven to be the owner must ensure that it does not cause any further problems for pedestrians. Cllr Keating had said that the County would be writing shortly to confirm their status as owners and offering the council the option to maintain the area and it was agreed that this letter be forwarded to Mr Andrews so that he would know who to contact at the County. ii) Following a phone call from the Under 5's Group about the play area gate, this had been repaired by Cllr Wicks. iii) The clerk said that she had received an email from someone who had found some old council correspondence in his mother's effects. He has agreed to forward this and it was suggested that Mrs Merchant add it to the parish archive. iv) As agreed at the last meeting the clerk said that she had emailed the Dog Warden who had come out and put up signs down Carters Lane. He had said that he had seen little evidence of fouling but Cllr Taylor said that it continued to be a problem in the field. He said that he had written an article for the next edition of the Chimes. v) A resident had rung to say that the hedge and bank at the bottom of the play area needed attention. This had been on the Ranger's list for August and Cllr Cox said that he would have a word with the Ranger services. vi) The clerk said that she had spoken to Greenslade Taylor Hunt about the play area rent. The council had always paid £20 in July and £30 in October/November. A cheque for £20 had already been drawn for the July payment but GTH had sent an invoice for £30 and the clerk had been trying to get this amended to £20. The agent said that following the implementation of a new computer system they had discovered that these payment dates were incorrect and £30 was due in July with £20 being due in December. The clerk agreed to add the £30 invoice to this month's payment list and GTH will send an invoice for the £20 shortly so that the cheque already drawn for this amount can be presented. Whilst on the phone the clerk asked about the leases and the agent agreed to establish which bit of land still had a current lease and how long it had to run. She will also enquire as to whether or not there is a cheaper alternative to the £2,500 figure quoted for organising a new lease/agreement for the one that has expired. She confirmed that in the meantime she was happy for the council to continue to use the land where the lease had expired

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so long as the rent continued to be paid. vii) A Health & Wellbeing event had been organised for 16th October at the Edgar Hall, Somerton with speakers on various topics such as rural transport, mental health and rural loneliness. Cllr Taylor had said he would like to go and the clerk asked if anyone else wanted to attend before she made the booking. No-one else was available on that date but they asked that he report back on any items of interest.

- 156/18 Finance:** i) The half yearly update showing the budget versus actual spend had been circulated and was noted. The clerk said that she would be circulating a working draft budget spreadsheet together with a copy of last year's budget and the end of year accounts prior to the next meeting. It was agreed that, as in previous years, a separate budget meeting would be organised in November and this was arranged for 7.00pm on 21st November at Cllr Taylor's house
- 157/18 Payments:** the following payments were presented and approved with Cllr Reeve proposing and Cllr Cox seconding the motion: - i) EC Village Hall £97.50 for the Post Office outreach service ii) M Randell £62.99 for home office allowance and Norton Security renewal iii) A Gliddon £1,000.00 for bonfire event fireworks iv) A Hallett £700.00 for bonfire event float v) The Play Inspection Co. £78 for the annual report on the equipment. vi) The Society for Local Council Clerk's £84 for the annual subscription. Additional invoices had been received after the agenda was prepared but as these were budgeted for items the following invoices were added to the payment list: - a) SSDC £76.31 for the Chimes printing. b) Nick Weber £89.12 for mower fuel and parts. c) Greenslade Taylor Hunt £30 for play area rent. It was noted that £40 had been received for Chimes adverts.
- 158/18 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox said that there appeared to have been very little work done by the ranger in August and he would be pressing for them to do some additional work this month to make up for it.
- 159/18 Highways:** Cllr Reeve reported as follows. i) The County Council had agreed to send someone to look at the white lines on the main road. ii) The 30mph sign had been moved to the substation following the agreement to extend the limit to this point. 'Not Suitable for Heavy Vehicles' signs had also been erected. lii) The County Engineer had been and looked at Broad Lane and had marked areas for patching. However, the central hump required more major work and would have to wait until the next financial year. iv) The Carters Lane white line had finally been re-done.
- 160/18 Play Area Report:** There was nothing further to report.
- 161/18 Rights of Way Report:** Cllr Bussell said that there were no new issues apart from the pathway through the Memorial Field which was quite overgrown at the bottom end. He said that this had previously been mown regularly by the company operating the site but doesn't seem to have been done recently. It was thought that a local resident had undertaken mowing for the company and the clerk agreed to send Cllr Bussell this person's contact details.
- 162/18 Items of Report:** Nobody had anything further to report.
- 163/18 Next Meeting:** will be on 12th November, 2018 so as not to clash with the Bonfire Night Event. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING AGENDA

To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 12th November, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 1st October, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Matters arising from the minutes:-
 - i) Update on Play Area lease.
 - ii) Report on Health & Wellbeing seminar from Cllr Taylor
 - iii) Report on discussions with Haselbury Plucknett regarding their Speed Indication Device
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Planning applications: to note Planning Applications and Decisions.
8. Entertainments Committee report
9. Clerk's report & correspondence
10. Finance
11. Payments to approve:
 - i) St Mary's PCC £430 contribution towards cemetery maintenance.
 - ii) M Randell £10.90 for home office allowance and stamps.
 - iii) SSDC £452.88 for half yearly ranger bill
 - iv) A. Gliddon £190.84 for additional fireworks
 - v) SSDC £76.31 for Chimes printing
 - vi) SSVCA – Spark £10 for Health & Wellbeing Seminar
 - vii) S Saunders £118.80 for bonfire meat
12. Parish Ranger report.
13. Highways report.
14. Play Area report.
15. Rights of Way report.
16. Items of report.
17. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th November, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present	Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors	Mike Bussell, John Cox, Dave Tuck, Doug Reeve and Tom Wicks
Officer	Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors	Ric Pallister (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were 4 residents in attendance and they raised the following matters:-

i) Marianne Merchant said that the catch for the noticeboard needed attention and Cllr Bussell said that he would have a look at it. Cllr Taylor said that the noticeboard probably needed replacing. ii) Geoffrey Jackson of the Speedwatch Group said that the number of speeding vehicles had nearly halved from 4.3% to 2.3%. The Speedwatch signs had been put up at either end of the village at the beginning of the month and he hoped that the improvement was down to these and would continue. Cllr Reeve said that he was still chasing for the road marking to be redone. The clerk said that she had received notification that work on new signage and lining would be suspended so that the engineers could concentrate on a county wide review of parking issues. Cllr Reeve said that as this was the renewal of existing signage he considered that it should still go ahead.

164/18 Apologies for absence: none

165/18 Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation: All councillors present had completed a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Form with regard to discussions about the precept and budget. Dispensation had been agreed by the clerk to enable the meetings to be quorate.

166/18 Minutes of the last meeting: Cllr Cox proposed and Cllr Reeves seconded the motion that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the October meeting.

167/18 Matters arising: i) The clerk said that she had spoken to the agent for the Play Area who advised that she would be visiting the Diocese offices at the end of the month to look through their archives to see what information could be obtained about the play area leases. Cllr Wicks said that he had the contact details off Helen Early of someone prepared to give legal advice. Cllr Pallister said that it may be possible to get a licence to use the play area rather than a lease but there was concern that this would not show sufficient security of tenure for grant funding. He said that the council had asked about buying the play area some years ago but the Diocese would not consider this. He said that there might be some paperwork with the Multi Use Games Area grant application and the clerk agreed to check these records. ii) Cllr Taylor said that the Health and Wellbeing seminar had been interesting with some good speakers. One had spoken of the problems in Cheddar with young girls self-harming and committing suicide so they had set up a befriending service which had helped considerably. There had also been a speaker on befriending in the wider community to help combat loneliness. He hoped that the community spirit in the village meant that this would not be needed here. Another speaker had given a presentation on car sharing which was pertinent in view of the diminishing bus service. iii) Cllr Taylor said that he had visited the Chairman of Haselbury Plucknett to talk about their Speed Indicator Device. He said that it was very impressive and the chairman felt that it had helped reduce speeding in conjunction with the Speedwatch. It had cost around £1800 altogether and this had been funded mainly from donations by local businesses. The Chairman was not prepared to share it but said that if East Chinnock bought one he was sure that their trained installers would come and install ours which would save on the training costs. It was suggested that, although there were not that many businesses in the village, a lot of business traffic passed through the village because it was on the main road. It was possible that the Speedwatch Group could help in identifying these businesses. iv) Debbie Taylor had indicated that she was willing to serve on the council and Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Bussell seconding, that she be co-opted to fill the Casual Vacancy. All were in favour and she signed the Acceptance of Office Form and joined the councillors.

168/18 District Councillor's Report: i) Cllr Pallister said that the discussions on the future of local government services in Somerset continued and the commissioned research into the options, allied costs and potential saving was due to be presented at the end of the year. ii) He said that the Innovation Centre was now 10 years old and Phase 2 was opened on 6th November with interest already expressed in about a third of the new units. iii) Funded by surplus profits from the

Bath and West Community Energy Solar Farm near Crewkerne, grants were available to local communities for initiatives designed to reduce their carbon footprint. iv) From 1st April next year the Household Waste Recycling Centres will be changing their opening hours. Main sites would be open from 9.00 to 16.00 at weekends and to 18.00 in the week during the summer. The Crewkerne site would be open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. v) Cllr Pallister said that the council were in pre-application talks with the agent for the owner of The Wooden Top Inn and he was therefore unable to say much because of the Data Protection Regulations. He said that discussions regarding the issues raised about the site such as the burger van, on site burning, parking etc. were ongoing.

169/18 Planning Applications: i) Planning had been informed that the council supported Application No.18/03258/FUL for a new dwelling to the rear of Netherhay ii) Notification had been received that Application No. 18/01936/LBC for roof repairs at Peacelea, College had been granted.

170/18 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Keating could not attend but had sent a written report. The main points of local interest were: - i) Somerset's Home First initiative, had in the first year of operation, resulted in over 2,000 patients avoiding 7,500 bed nights in hospital. This had made significant cost savings for the NHS and improved the quality of life for the people involved. ii) Potholes could be reported to SCC Highways using the www.travelsomerset.co.uk website. iii) Somerset will benefit from extra money made available in the budget for Social Care (around £6.5m) and highways (around £4m). iv) A Somerset Wood was being established close to Taunton, using some soil brought from the Belgian Battlefields, to commemorate the hundredth year anniversary of the end of the First World War and honour the 11,281 Somerset people who lost their lives in the conflict. v) The Somerset Independence Plus Service had opened in Wellington and would be a one-stop shop for equipment and advice to enable people to live independently for longer. For those unable to visit they could be accessed by ringing Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. vi) There would be a Fit for my Future event at the Abbey Manor Centre in Yeovil on Tuesday 27th November where the public could give their views on Health and Care in Somerset. vii) Dillington House, Ilminster would be hosting a Winter Wonderland event on 1st and 2nd December with an ice rink and festive stalls.

171/18 Entertainment Committee: The bonfire event had seen a good turnout with no rain and everyone had enjoyed the evening with almost all the food being sold and a profit of £394.52 being made. The Entertainments Committee and volunteers were thanked for all their hard work in ensuring that the event was a success.

172/18 Clerk's report and correspondence: i) The clerk said that she had received a number of complaints about the parking on the pavement by the customers of the burger bar. Details and photographs provided by a complainant had been forwarded to the PCSO and the District Council. The PCSO had said that she would be visiting the area regularly to monitor the situation but advised that no action could be taken on photographic evidence. Cllr Reeve said that this was at odds with what she had said previously and he said that he would email her for clarification. The District Council had advised that investigations were ongoing. ii) Charlie Fields from SCC had emailed regarding the land opposite the village hall. The County had received correspondence from Mr Andrews which had been passed to their legal department. The initial view was that it seemed likely that Mr Andrew's ownership would be agreed and it would therefore be his responsibility to ensure that the vegetation did not encroach onto the footpath. iii) The County Council had opened a public consultation on the future of their Get Set initiative which helps young people and their families. All interested parties were urged to complete a short survey at www.somerset.gov.uk/getsetconsultation. The libraries would have a paper copy of the consultation document and survey. A drop in session had been organised for 4th December at Yeovil Methodist Centre, Vicarage Walk, Middle Street. iv) An information sheet received regarding parking had been circulated and was referred to in the public question time. Parking was a county wide problem and Highways had decided to carry out a comprehensive review area by area. They were starting with Burnham and Highbridge, Minehead, Chard, Taunton and Wells and then working their way through the rest of the county. Whilst this review was unlikely to provide much benefit locally for some time, the impact would be felt almost immediately as the Traffic Engineers would no longer be able to deal with requests that benefitted only a few people. As mentioned earlier this would mean that there would be no new or amended signage or lining etc. in the village until it was our turn to be reviewed. v) An email had been received from a Mr Bartlett in New Zealand about the graves of his forebears. The clerk said she had passed this onto David Bakewell, one of the churchwardens who was able to

send Mr Bartlett photographs and information. Cllr Pallister remarked that requests for information about graveyards etc. were the item most enquired about from abroad at the Tourist Information office.

- 173/18 Finance:** The clerk reminded the councillors that the budget meeting would be at 7.00pm on 21st November at Cllr Taylor's house. She had already circulated the paperwork and asked that, if any of the councillors who could not attend had any comments or suggestions, they should let her or the chairman know before then.
- 174/18 Payments:** the following payments were presented and approved with Cllr Reeve proposing and Cllr Cox seconding the motion: -i) St Mary's PCC £430 contribution towards cemetery maintenance. ii) M Randell £10.90 for home office allowance and stamps. iii) SSDC £452.88 for the half yearly bill for the Ranger Service. iv) A. Gliddon £190.84 for additional fireworks. v) SSDC £76.31 for the Chinnock Chimes printing. vi) SSVCA-Spark £10 for the Health & Wellbeing seminar attended by Cllr Taylor. vii) S Saunders Butchers £118.80 for the bonfire meat.
- 175/18 Parish Ranger Report:** Cllr Cox reported that the ranger had emptied the silt trap in addition to the usual jobs. Cllr Bussell had dug out the diverter and it had all worked well in the recent rain. Cllr Taylor said that the grips up Cleaves Track needed attention. The ditch in Westways was still blocked. This was the responsibility of the landowner and they had been written to by the County. Cllr Reeve said that he would chase this.
- 176/18 Highways:** Cllr Reeve said he continued to chase all outstanding matters. He noted that some work had been done in Broad Lane. He was told about a pothole at the top of The Hollow and said he would have a look and report it. Cllr Bussell said that the finger post at the Stump Stone was now completely broken and Cllr Reeve said that Highways had said that the finger posts were not their responsibility.
- 177/18 Play Area Report:** Cllr Wicks said that he had checked the play equipment and would see if he could jet wash the surfaces under the equipment. He had looked at the Inspection Report and noted that it mentioned that there was no sign on the entrance. He said he could produce a sign giving the location in case anyone needed to contact the emergency services.
- 178/18 Rights of Way Report:** i) Cllr Bussell said that the sign by the substation was on the ground again and he would report it if he couldn't fix it himself.
- 179/18 Items of Report:** i) Cllr Bussell said that the No 40 Bridport bus service had been reduced to one bus to Yeovil in the morning and one back to Bridport in the afternoon. ii) Cllr Bussell said that as the County Council were no longer filling the grit bins he had checked them and topped up where needed from the bags from previous years stored in Nick Weber's barn. He recalled that, earlier in the year, the council had discussed placing an additional bin in the Village Hall car park. The clerk was asked to obtain quotes for this for the next meeting. iii) Cllr Taylor said that he had purchased 2 wooden poppies at a cost of £5 each and written the names of the fallen villagers from each World War on them. Cllr Bussell proposed with Cllr Cox seconding that he be reimbursed for this and the clerk agreed to add it onto the next payment list. Cllr Wicks said that he thought the life size figures were very effective memorials and it was agreed that these and the large poppies for tying on the lampposts, would be looked at for the future.
- 180/18 Next Meeting:** will be on 3rd December, 2018

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2018 MEETING AGENDA

To: All Councillors of East Chinnock Parish Council

You are required to attend the meeting of East Chinnock Parish Council that will take place on Monday 3rd December, 2018, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Question Time:- 15 minutes for parishioners to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensations.
3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th November, 2018. Draft minutes have been circulated.
4. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i) Update on Play Area lease
 - ii) Speed Indication Device update
5. District Councillor's report.
6. County Councillor's report.
7. Planning applications
8. Clerk's report & correspondence:
 - i) To agree meeting dates for 2018
 - ii) Christmas tree recycling
 - iii) Village Christmas Tree
9. Finance: to approve draft budget
10. Payments to approve:
 - i) M Randell £52.20 for grit bin
 - ii) Clerk's quarterly salary, home office allowance and expenses £736.49
 - iii) Citizen's Advice Bureau £50 for annual donation.
 - iv) P Taylor £10 for reimbursement of poppy costs.
 - v) R Jewell £41.98 for website costsTo note Cox and Co direct debit of £24 for payroll.
11. Entertainments Committee report
12. Parish Ranger report.
13. Highways report.
14. Play Area report
15. Rights of Way report.
16. Items of report.
17. To agree date of next meeting.



Maureen Randell
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd December, 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present Chairman Cllr. Paul Taylor
Councillors Mike Bussell, John Cox, Dave Tuck, Doug Reeve and Debbie Taylor
Officer Maureen Randell
Ward Councillors Ric Pallister (part of meeting) and Mark Keating (part of meeting)

Public Question Time: There were two residents in attendance. Mr Jackson of the Speedwatch Group said that the inclement weather had led to reduced sessions. Rain caused the laser to mist up and made the paperwork soggy. The results were broadly in line with the previous months. He was pleased to report that the local police sergeant had joined them for part of one of the sessions. He had sought clarification that the monthly report to the council did not have any Data Protection issues and had been assured that they were sufficiently anonymised to be fine. He had recently been made aware that the group could request 'Words of Advice' be given to repeat speeders.

181/18 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Wicks had sent his apologies.

182/18 **Declarations of Interest and to receive any written requests for DPI dispensation:**

Declarations of Interest were on file for all councillors present for any budget discussions.

183/18 **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Bussell proposed and Cllr Cox seconded the motion that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the November meeting.

184/18 **Matters arising:** i) The clerk said that she was still waiting to hear from Greenslade Taylor Hunt. She said that she had found some old paperwork and lease documents dating back to 1974. The latest one expired in December, 2016. It was for 20 years and appeared to cover the whole of the play area. She said that, as proposed at the last meeting, she had checked the paperwork she held for the grant application for the Multi Use Games Area and it could find no references to the lease. Cllr Pallister suggested that she contact Adrian Moore at SSDC who would know what grant funding was available and to see if it was possible to apply without a lease in place. ii) This year's budget contained amounts for the permissive pathway costs and the play area lease costs totalling £1000. It had been decided at the budget meeting that these sums be transferred to the reserves as neither was likely to happen in this financial year. It had already been agreed that the VAT refund of £923.75 be transferred to reserves and it was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Reeve that the total amount be rounded up to £2000 and this be earmarked as being towards the legal costs for the play area lease and the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). It was hoped that at least half of the SID costs could be raised by fundraising events and donations from local businesses.

185/18 **District Councillor's Report:** i) Cllr Pallister said that new system of working brought in by the Transformation Process would commence rollout in January. The offices in Petters Way would be the central point for most general queries. ii) The external auditors Grant Thornton had given the District Council a clean bill of health. iii) He said that the bin in the layby was overflowing again and he would ask if anything could be done to improve the situation. iv) With regard to the pub site, he was unable to say much as discussions with the owner's agent were ongoing. He had asked if he could share the plans publicly but had yet to receive a response.

186/18 **County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Keating's Report had been circulated and the main points of interest to the village were as follows:- i) A recent survey stated that Somerset had above average levels of self-harming, particularly amongst young girls. Lots of useful information for children, parents and carers was available at www.cypsomersethealth.org/sh or www.kooth.com. ii) Residents were reminded that the Fire Service could undertake home fire safety checks. Equipment such as smoke and heat detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, hard of hearing alarms and arson proof letter boxes could also be provided for vulnerable people by ringing 0800 0502 999. He also raised the following points at the meeting:- iii) He had received notification that some drainage work was planned for Carter's Lane but had no details yet. iv) The Western Corridor improvements were largely ahead of schedule. v) Having previously said that the grit bins would not be filled this year, the county had now agreed to reverse this decision. Cllr Bussell said that he had already checked the village bins and topped them up from the bags of grit stored at Nick Weber's so this would not benefit the village. vi) The planned refurbishment of part

of the county offices would enable services to be centralised at a saving of over £700,000 a year. vii) The County continued to lobby central government for a fairer distribution of funds for rural counties. viii) Cllr Keating said that he wished the village well with their plans for the Speed Indication Device. From his experience in Haselbury it would be a good deterrent to speeding motorists.

187/18 Planning Applications: i) Application No 18/03425/FUL for two dwellings on land off Carter's Lane had been received and councillors had looked at this application on line. The paper plans were taken to the last coffee morning at the request of a Carter's Lane resident and an email from another resident had been received which had been circulated. The consensus was that, whilst it is acknowledged that efforts had been made to overcome previous points of objection, there were still some reservations. The housing survey for the Village Plan highlighted that smaller 2 bedroomed dwellings were what the village lacked to enable downsizing and for young people buying their first property. Concerns were also raised about the additional vehicles which another 2 dwellings would generate on an already busy and narrow roadway which had a difficult junction with the A30. Cllr Bussell was unhappy that the design included cladding which was not traditional in this area and therefore would not blend in as well as reconstituted hamstone. In addition it was felt that this was an extension into open countryside and would still impact on the setting of the church which was a listed building. The clerk was asked to send these concerns to the Planning Department. ii) Notification had been received that Application No.18/03258/FUL for a dwelling to the rear of Netherhay had been approved.

188/18 Clerk's report and correspondence: i) The meeting dates proposed for next year were 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 13th May (second Monday as the first is a bank holiday), 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December. These dates were proposed by Cllr Reeve and seconded by Cllr. Tuck. ii) SSDC had offered the Christmas Tree Recycling again and the clerk said that she had checked with Bruce Murdoch who said that the Village Hall Committee had no objections so long as the Feoffees were in agreement, which they were. The compound would be installed in early January and collection would be two to three weeks later. iii) The village Christmas tree had previously been provided free of charge by Nick Weber but he longer had any left. Feoffees had asked if the council would be prepared to pay half the cost, about £35, towards providing a tree. Cllr Tuck proposed and Cllr Debbie Taylor seconded the motion that this be agreed. The clerk asked that she be notified of the actual contribution required so that it could be included in the January payment list. iv) Further complaints had been received about the pub and pavement parking. The clerk said that she had met with Gary Warren of Highways and PCSO Michelle Haimes last week to discuss this. Gary Warren was asked if they would consider bollards on the pavement but he said that he didn't think that the current situation warranted it. They would only normally be installed where there was a persistent problem with long term obstructive parking and as most of the vehicles outside the pub were only parked for a short while and the pavement was not constantly blocked, it did not currently meet the criteria. He said that he passed frequently and rarely saw a problem. Michelle Haimes said that she had received a number of complaints and photos. She visited regularly and had issued one ticket and 'had words of advice' for a couple of others. Her working pattern had changed and she had to spend more time on foot or bicycle. The police car was available on fewer days than previously so she couldn't always get to the village when a vehicle was reported. However, she said that on some of the days when she had the police car she would park on the village hall site to do her paperwork which should act as a deterrent. She had agreed to go and see the lady in the burger wagon to ask her to remind her customers to park safely and encourage them to use the pub car park when possible. It appeared that the fence has been moved to allow more space on the car park. As she was about to leave she noticed that there were two vans parked on the pavement by New Buildings and the she walked up there to put notices on them. The clerk said that she had passed the next day and noticed that the vans had parked in Carter's Lane and left the white line area free. The PCSO said that she would continue to monitor the pavement parking. v) The grit bin has arrived and the clerk said that her husband had got two bags of grit from Nick Weber's store and it was now full and installed on the village hall car park. It has been positioned there to use on the College junction with the A30 and the village hall car park.

189/18 Finance: A draft budget had been prepared and it was proposed to increase the precept by £500. This was mainly towards the cost of a new laptop and an amount to cover possible

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election costs. It was noted that the government support grant had been reduced to nil for the next financial year. Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Debbie Taylor seconding that the draft budget be provisionally agreed. As central government generally makes announcements about local government finance just prior to Christmas which may affect the budget/precept requirement the final budget would be presented at the next meeting for formal approval.

190/18 Payments: The following payments were presented and approved with Cllr Cox proposing and Cllr Tuck seconding the motion: - i) M Randell £52.20 for the grit bin. ii) M Randell £736.49 for quarterly salary plus home office allowance and expenses iii) South Somerset Citizen's Advice Bureau £50 for the annual donation. iv) P Taylor £10 for reimbursement of poppy costs. v) R Jewell £41.98 for website costs. An additional invoice for £6 from the Village Hall for the post bonfire meeting of the Entertainment's Committee was also paid.

It was noted that £24 direct debit had been paid to Cox and Co for payroll services.

191/18 Entertainment Committee: Cllr Paul Taylor said that bonfire event had been very successful with a profit of £394.52 being made. He said that there had been a lot of positive feedback. However, a number of people has complained about the drone. There were concerns about the safety of this amongst the fireworks as a collision could send a firework off course into the spectators. In addition there could be Data Protection issues, especially as the event was attended by a lot of children. It was agreed that drones would be banned next year. Cllr Paul Taylor said that the committee were thinking of putting on an extra event in early spring and were looking for ideas.

192/18 Parish Ranger Report: Cllr Cox said that the ranger would be in the village again before Christmas and asked that he be informed if any additional items arose for the list.

193/18 Highways: i) Cllr Reeve said that he had been informed that the white lining on the A30 is on the contractor's schedule but the work can only be done when the road is dry. Highways had done some work on Broad Lane and said that there was nothing further that they could do at present.

194/18 Play Area Report: In the absence of Cllr Wicks there was nothing further to report on the play area.

195/18 Rights of Way Report: i) Cllr Bussell said that there were no issues at present

196/18 Items of Report: Cllr Bussell said that he had spent some time renovating the noticeboard and he was thanked him for this.

197/18 Next Meeting: will be on 7th January, 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....

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