

# Minutes of Meeting held on 20 January 2020

Draft - subject to approval

## Selworthy and Minehead Without Parish Council

### Present

Mrs P Webber (Chairperson), Mrs S Barney, Mrs S Bate, Mr B Bonar, Mr J Grant, Mr M Lawrence, Mr D Parkin, Mr B Twist, Mr R Webber, Mr B Wright

Mrs F Nicholson (County Councillor)

Mr A Milne (District Councillor)

### 1 Apologies

Mr P Gibbs

### 2 Presentation on leaflets in Bossington Telephone Box

A representative from Pear Communications together with a member of the National Trust explained how they would provide, free of charge, a collection of information and maps available to members of the public. The telephone box situated within the car park at Bossington would provide a variety of local and countywide activities and be very useful for the large number of tourists that visit Bossington. Both representatives were thanked for their attendance.

### 3 Presentation by Sammy Fraser, Engagement Officer, Riverlands Project, National Trust

This presentation with slides provided information on how the National Trust was committed to restoring a healthy, beautiful natural environment. This strategy is being delivered through the Riverlands, Porlock Vale streams project, a catchment-based approach to making more space for nature and increasing opportunities for local communities to make a difference on a landscape level.

The project has applied and been given a licence to release beavers at two fully enclosed sites on the Trust's estate.

### 4 Interests and Dispensations

Mr Bonar - minute 11.

## **5 Crime Update - Incidents and Accidents**

In her absence PCSO Linda Brooks' report for November and December indicated a very low number of police callouts for Selworthy and Minehead Without.

## **6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2019**

The minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct. The proposer was Mr Bonar, seconded by Mr Webber.

## **7 Update on Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **7.1 National Trust**

In Mrs Webbon's absence there was no report from the National Trust.

### **7.2 Other Matters**

#### **7.2.1 Porlock Vale Coastal Community Economic Plan**

As per minute 4 of 18 November meeting, the Plan, which had been emailed to Councillors, was adopted by the Parish Council. The proposer was Mr Lawrence and seconded by Mr Webber.

#### **7.2.2 Debris and Wall, Selworthy Stream**

Debris had been cleared and photographs taken of the cracks in the wall. However, no action had been taken by Somerset County Council to carry out repairs and the Clerk would send them another reminder.

#### **7.2.3 Bossington Telephone Box**

This item is referred to in minute 2. Mr Twist had ordered the paint for the outside of the telephone box.

#### **7.2.4 Grit Bins**

Mr Webber had finalised the locations of the five grit bins and these would be erected shortly. Details would then be sent to Somerset Highways, but it was understood that these new bins would not be filled this winter. The bins would be post coded inside the lids.

## **7.2.5 Public Consultation on the Representation Statement and Draft Final Rural Worker and Succession Farm Worker Dwellings Guidance**

This document had been emailed to Councillors and noted.

## **7.2.6 Signage and Periwinkle Cottage Tea Rooms, Selworthy**

This matter was ongoing with the Exmoor National Park Authority. The Clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council, had sent ENP a letter of support and acknowledgement of an application made by Periwinkle Cottage Tea Rooms in respect of Certificate of Lawfulness.

## **7.2.7 Bus Service 10/11**

Councillors noted that there had been a meeting on 28 November at Porlock between Somerset County Council and interested parties. The figures for income were looking positive and Councillors agreed to continue to financially support this service.

## **8 Report of County Councillor**

Mrs Nicholson commented that a unitary authority was again being considered by Somerset County Council and not a two-tier system. A unitary council was something to strengthen the voice of parish, town and city councils, not stifle them. Unitary authorities worked well and Somerset was surrounded by them, ie North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset and Cornwall.

Mrs Nicholson then reported on a meeting she had attended at Exford earlier that evening along with Councillor David Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council and representatives from local parish councils. It was an opportunity for Councillor Fothergill to be told about various highway problems. It was apparent that there was a lack of communication between Somerset County Council's Highways Department and Parish Councils over highway issues. Also a lack of trust and lack of connection. Mr Fothergill promised to address these matters with officers.

Mrs Nicholson reminded Councillors to use the new website for reporting highway problems.

## **9 Report of District Councillor**

Mr Milne said that Porlock Parish Council had publicly declared a climate emergency. Somerset West and Taunton Council had drafted a plan to be co-ordinated by Somerset County Council to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Mrs Webber said that the Parish Council would support both County and District Councils and would make a similar declaration to be put on the Parish Council website.

Mr Milne said that volunteers were needed to clean and paint (or repaint) signposts. He was saddened to hear of the vandalism to signposts and road signs in another part of the West Somerset area.

## **10 Highways and Public Rights of Way**

### **10.1 Signpost Arm opposite Tytherington turning**

Mr Grant said that the 'Porlock' arm was being turned around to face Minehead. The Clerk said he would make some enquiries as to who might be responsible.

## **11 Report of Allerford and Selworthy Community Hall and Orchard**

Mrs Barney reported that the hedge around the playground area had been cut. CCTV would be installed. A new gate and some fencing was to be put up around the playground.

Mrs Barney also updated Councillors on the community orchard activities. She asked the Parish Council to set up a bank account administered by them. Councillors agreed to ask the Clerk to speak to the bank.

## **12 Planning**

### **12.1 Applications**

12.1.1 6/29/19/110 LB - Amendments to application at Selworthy Farm Cottage, Selworthy - no objections

### **12.2 Decisions**

12.2.1 6/29/19/111LB - internal alterations at Rose Bower, 52 Budleigh Hill, Holnicote, Selworthy - approved 28.11.19

12.2.2 6/29/19/112 LB- internal alterations at 53 Budleigh Hill, Holnicote, Selworthy - approved 28.11.19

12.2.3 HRN 19/04 - Hedgerow removal - two fields to south west of Bossington - approved 20.12.19

## **13 Finance**

13.1 To consider approval of the following accounts for payment

Item No	Details	£
13.1.1	Clerk's salary December/January	858.48
13.1.2	Clerk's expenses December/January	10.00
13.1.3	AR Computing - black and colour printer cartridges	65.98 (inc VAT 11.00)
13.1.4	The Exmoor Society - annual membership fee	20.00
13.1.5	Love Musgrove Official Charity for Musgrove Park Hospital - two separate appeals as agreed - minute 12.2 Of 18.11.19 meeting (£100 per appeal)	200.00
13.1.6	Parish Lengthsman Scheme 2020/2021	651.00
13.1.7	Society of Local Council Clerks - membership subscription 2020	109.00

On the proposal of Mr Bonar, seconded by Mrs Bate, it was unanimously agreed to approve these accounts for payment.

## 13.2 Income

Nil

## 13.3 Bank Balance and Reconciliation Statement

After the above transactions had been taken into account the Parish Council's bank balance totalled £6206.50.

## 14 Correspondence Received since last Meeting

14.1 Climate Emergency presentation and workshop - Timberscombe Parish Council 26.11.19. Councillors agreed to put an item on the website.

## **14.2 West Somerset Advice Bureau - Annual General Report**

### **14.3 Woodlands Trust Tree Grant Information**

There was some interest in this item and it was agreed that Councillors would consider where trees could be planted. An item will be included on the agenda for the March meeting.

## **15 Correspondence Received since circulation of agenda**

15.1 Land's End Trial - the 98th trial would take place on the weekend of 10 and 11 April 2020.

## **16 Members of the Public**

None present.

## **17 Items of Concern**

17.1 Orange van that was in A39 layby had now disappeared.

17.2 Allerford telephone box - the telephone box had not been in working order for a long time and the inside had been vandalised. Mr Lawrence kindly offered to arrange for the handset to be replaced and the phone was now working. A replacement light was needed and Mr Lawrence offered to deal with this. Councillors thanked Mr Lawrence for his help.

### **The next meeting of the Parish Council**

will be held on Monday 30 March 2020 at 7 pm in the Allerford and Selworthy Community Hall.

### **NB The Annual Parish Meeting**

will be held on Monday 20 April 2020 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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