

Minutes of meeting held on 18 November 2019

Draft - subject to approval

Selworthy and Minehead Without Parish Council

Present

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

Mr A Milne (District Councillor)

No members of the public

1 Apologies

Mrs S Barney, Ms V Webbon (National Trust), PCSO Linda Brooks

2 Interests and Dispensations

Mr Bonar - minute 9

3 Crime Update - Incidents and Accidents -

In her absence PCSO Linda Brooks' report for September and October indicated only three police callouts for Selworthy and Minehead Without.

4 Porlock Vale Coastal Community Economic Plan

Roger Hall from Porlock Parish Council presented the Plan, which had previously been circulated to Councillors. After a short discussion they were asked if they would adopt the Plan at the January 2020 meeting. Two Councillors (Paul Gibbs and Max Lawrence) expressed an interest in becoming involved with the Coastal Community Team. Mr Hall was thanked for his attendance.

5 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2019

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

6 Update on Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Report from Ms Webbon, National Trust

6.1.1 Hurlestone Bothy

A decision was still awaited from Exmoor National Park on the planning application.

6.1.2 Beavers

The National Trust had received the licence to keep two enclosures of beavers at a secret location. They will be released quietly in February 2020. People will be encouraged to watch them via the webcams which will be installed.

6.2 Other Matters

6.2.1 Telephone Box in Bossington Car park

Further to previous minutes, the Parish Lengthsman said he did not have the time to repaint the telephone box. After some discussion on the proposal of Mr Webber, seconded by Mrs Bate, it was agreed to accept Mr Parkin's kind offer to paint the telephone box, and for him to be paid an honorarium. Mr Parkin would liaise with Mr Twist who was investigating prices of telephone kiosk paint.

6.2.2 Grit Bins

The Clerk would place an order for five green grit bins from Tanks Direct, Minehead, at a total cost of £536.40. Once in place Somerset Highways would be requested to fill them with grit (see minute 11.1.5 of these minutes).

Somerset Highways had introduced a new initiative starting this year called the Community Snow Warden Scheme and parish and town councils had been invited to join. The following Councillors agreed to join the scheme and take part in a training/health and safety event:

Mr and Mrs Webber - Hindon, Bratton, Wydon

Mr Grant - Bossington

Mr Lawrence - Allerford

Mr Wright - Selworthy

6.2.3 Debris and Stream in Selworthy

It was noted that debris had been removed from the stream. Photographs had been taken of the leaks in the adjoining wall, but no action had been taken to repair the cracks.

6.2.4 Signage and Periwinkle Tea Room

Mr Gibbs updated Councillors regarding the 'unauthorised' sign displayed on the junction of the A39 and Selworthy, advertising the Periwinkle Tea Rooms. There had been a good meeting between himself and the National Trust. It had been agreed that a retrospective application for planning permission for the sign should be submitted to Exmoor National Park. Mr Gibbs was looking for support and evidence to show that a sign had been in existence for many years. Councillors agreed to write a letter of support that the advertisement sign should remain and produce evidence that it had been there for many years.

7 Report of County Councillor

In Mrs Nicholson's absence no report was available.

8 Report of District Councillor

Mr Milne said that 10 January 2020 was the new date for the Fire Service to make their decision on the future of a number of fire stations, including the possible closure of the one at Porlock.

9 Report of Allerford and Selworthy Community Hall

It was reported that 120 bottles of apple juice had been produced from the community orchard and that some would be sold at the Allerford Christmas Fair.

10 Planning

10.1 Applications

10.1.1 6/29/19/109 - installation of 2000 litre external oil tank to serve internal domestic heating at Holmhurst, 9 Bossington Road, Selworthy - no objection.
Approved 30.10.19

10.1.2 6/29/19/110LB - proposed replacement of kitchen and bathroom windows, enlargement of internal doorways to kitchen and alterations to understairs cupboard, Selworthy Farm Cottage, Selworthy - no objection.

10.1.3 6/29/19/111LB - proposed installation of external door and fitting of secondary glazing at Rose Bower, 52 Budleigh Hill, Selworthy - no objection.

10.1.4 6/29/19/112LB - proposed installation of external door to front porch and fitting of secondary glazing at 53 Budleigh Hill, Selworthy - no objection.

10.1.5 HRN 19/04 - removal of one section of 4m hedgerow two fields south of West Bossington - no objection.

11 Finance

11.1 To consider approval of the following accounts for payment

Item No	Details	£
11.1.1	Clerk's salary October/November	858.48
11.1.2	Clerk's expenses October/November	60.00
11.1.3	Fowler Farm Supplies - replacement of two noticeboards in Selworthy	480.00 (inc VAT 80.00)
11.1.4	AR Computing - printer cartridges	156.00 (inc VAT 26.00)
11.1.5	Tanks Direct - five grit bins	536.40 (inc VAT 89.40)

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

11.2 Income

11.2.1	Reimbursement of VAT 2018/2019	182.06
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11.3 Bank Balance and Reconciliation Statement

After the above transactions had been taken into account the Parish Council's bank balance totalled £8303.

11.4 Half Year Internal Audit Results

The Clerk reported that the internal audit was still to be carried out.

11.5 Draft Budget and Precept 2020/2021

The Clerk presented his draft budget for the next financial year. After discussion on the proposal of Mr Twist, seconded by Mrs Bate, it was unanimously agreed to

increase the precept from £13,000 to £15,000. A copy of the approved budget is attached as Appendix 1.

12 Correspondence Received since last Meeting

12.1 Accessible Transport West Somerset (ATWEST)

Councillors agreed to ask a representative of ATWEST to give a presentation to them at the January 2020 meeting.

12.2 Love Musgrove - Official Charity for Musgrove Park Hospital

Information had been received regarding two new appeals. One was in support of the maternity unit and the second to completely refurbish Eliot Ward into a specialist dementia friendly environment. On the proposal of Mrs Bate, seconded by Mr Wright, it was unanimously agreed to donate £100 to each appeal.

12.3 Bus service 10

A meeting would be held on 28 November 2019 to discuss future arrangements for this service. Whilst no one was available to attend, it was agreed to send an email of continuing support for the service.

12.4 West Somerset Advice AGM 28 November 2019

No one was available to attend this meeting.

12.5 The Exmoor Society

A request had been received from the Parish Council to become a member of the Exmoor Society for an annual fee of £20. Councillors agreed to join the Society.

13 Correspondence Received since Circulation of Agenda.

None.

14 Members of the Public

None present.

15 Items of Concern

15.1 Lorry in layby adjoining three lane Minehead to Porlock Road

This large orange lorry had been parked in the layby for several weeks and Councillors were concerned it would remain there indefinitely.

The next meeting of the Parish Council

will be held on Monday 20 January 2020 at 7 pm in the Allerford and Selworthy Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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