

**Minutes of Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 8 March 2021 @ 7.30pm, Remote meeting hosted by 'Zoom'**

**Attendees:** Richard Kilbey, John Capell, Danielle Filer, James Roberts, Cllr Julie Pay, Cllr Mike Caswell, Niki Ingleby (Clerk)

**ACTION**

1. **Apologies:** Isabel Shute
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** None
3. **Public forum:** None
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2021:** Approved.
5. **Matters arising and action points not covered on agenda:** None
6. **Planning application:**
  - 6.1 **Application 29/20/00007 Melford:** Sent No Comment to Sedgemor Planning outside of Council meeting.
  - 6.2 **Application 29/20/00008 Cobbs Cross:** The erection of new agricultural workers housing on Cobbs Cross. Changed comment to Support planning. Noted by council that there are a number of glamping pods on the site. Check planning as to whether these are permanent or temporary structures, and how many permitted with planning.  
If exceed planning specification, can contact planning office at Sedgemoor for advice.  
Additional comments made re buildings at Pound Corner and whether planning was needed or sought for these.

Richard
7. **Financial matters**
  - 7.1 **Changing Bank Account:** Ongoing Richard
  - 7.2 **End of Year Accounts:** Completed, send to Council before next meeting Clerk
8. **Footpaths:** Nothing to report
9. **Roads and flooding:** Temple of Harmony verges and ditches have been cleared. John has written to Highways, explained about amount damage and requested site meeting to see what is required – needs new pipe?  
North Petherton road: been up and cleared drains and dug drains out. Has been reported. Quite a few areas that need attention. Roads around Huntstiles also need sorted and flooding in the road gully. John
10. **Covid-19 Update:** Nothing to report. Large percentage of the village has been vaccinated.
11. **Village hall – Land Registration:** Ongoing. clerk to retrieve original copy of Title when Heritage Centre open. Clerk  
Meeting to then be arranged to review with Solicitor. James
12. **The 'Telephone Exchange':** Ongoing – weather dependent, will probably roll into spring now.
13. **Lych Gate:** Church Council very grateful for monies, and article going into village magazine Clerk

to say thank you. Item can be removed from agenda

14. **Somerset Action in Villages for the Environment and Climate (SAVE Climate):** Nothing to report
15. **Lovedere Industrial Estate Traffic:** Ongoing
16. **Sherwood:** Richard emailed Christine, no reply. Could contact Conservation Officer at Sedgemoor as there may be some funding available to help restore Listed Buildings Richard
17. **Correspondence:** None
18. **Any Other Business:** Cllr Caswell explained a bit more about the Somerset Unitary situation. There was an invite sent to councillors to join One Somerset Proposal meeting on 10 May. Richard  
As it stands there are 3 scenariosL
  1. One Somerset – abolish and have a single unitary
  2. Stronger Somerset – abolish and have 2 district councils – Mendip & South Somerset, and Sedgemoor & Taunton
  3. 3. Do nothing

County Council elections have been moved to May 2022 because of the unitary bids

16. **DONM:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**The meeting ended at 8.18 pm.**

Niki Ingleby

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