

ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT COXLEY MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr I Humphreys, Cllr M Cooke; Cllr M Mitchell; Cllr J Reeves; Cllr J Zorab, Cllr M Lunnon

IN ATTENDANCE: Simon Davies (RFO), Cllr T Hathway and Cllr F Brown.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

None received.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

02.01. Cllr Mitchell declared an interest in Item 9 – in relation to Wells Foodbank. Cllr Reeves declared an interest in both Items 8 & 9 – in relation to Coxley Land Trust and Coxley Path and Bridge.

02.02. PECUNIARY: All Councillors in relation to Coxley Playing Fields

02.03. All Councillors granted Dispensation to discuss and vote on Item 8.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: Item 9 for exclusion of the press and public.

04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Cooke asked for a proposed shelter on the Dulcote Recreation Ground be discussed at the next Asset Management Committee meeting.

05. MINUTES OF ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024.

RESOLVED: To sign and confirm the Minutes of the Asset Management Committee held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 were approved.

06. RIVER SHEPPEY UPDATE

The RFO updated the committee on progress relating to the FRAP and river maintenance.

Cain BioEngineering requested an extra £1079.50 to complete a 'Water Framework Assessment Directive', as required by the Environment Agency. This extra cost was not originally scoped in the quote agreed by the Council. Councillors agreed to proceed between meetings by email.

Councillors asked for James Heapey MP to write to the Environment Agency for further explanation of the unexpected charge.

07. PROVISION OF DOG BINS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

The Committee invited members of the Public to contribute to the discussion on the provision of dog bins.

Contributions from all those present reflected the complex nature of the provision, siting, use, maintenance, and servicing of dog bins within the Parish.

Queries were raised over the Somerset (formally District) offer to empty bins already provided by Parish Councils. The ongoing devolution of services from Somerset may also include servicing dog bins (which could be managed across Parishes).

The Committee agreed for residents to provide locations suitable for dog bins to the RFO using 'What3Words' in order to understand the exact locations being discussed.

The matter of dog mess and cattle was also discussed, with a proposed poster forwarded to the Council for onward distribution (via the Parish newsletter).

08. COXLEY PATH AND BRIDGE PROJECT

The Committee received an update on the proposed project on Coxley Playing Fields – including the finance and implications for the proposals.

The Project would be complex to negotiate as many stakeholders could be involved, including the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Recommend Full Council support the 'Coxley Path and Bridge' project with funding up to £2000 (subject to a grant application and due process).

09. CHARITY EVENT UTILITIES SUPPORT

RESOLVED: To support a charity event on Coxley Playing Fields on 15th June 2024 with one Portaloo and electricity.

10. ROAD EROSION WOOKEY HOLE ALLOTMENTS

The Committee discussed the ongoing matter of road erosion at the entrance of the Wookey Hole allotments.

RESOLVED: To highlight to Somerset their liability to maintain the road for safety purposes and repair any road erosion at the entrance to the Wookey Hole Allotments.

11. GRASS MAINTENANCE FOR COXLEY PLAYING FIELDS UNTIL JULY 2024

RESOLVED: To award Shepton Mallet Landscapes the grass maintenance contract for the Coxley Playing Field until July 2024.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

NOTED: **Wednesday 5th June 2024** at 7pm, Coxley Memorial Hall.