

MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Merton Parish Council was held on:

Monday 23rd May 2016 at 7:45pm in the Clinton Hall

Present: Cllr Papworth (Acting Chair), Cllr Horner, Cllr Collins, Cllr Malcolm, Cllr Laughton, Cllr Brown, Cllr Scantelbury, Zena Tett (Clerk)

16. **Apologies:** Cllr Nancekevill, CC Andy Boyd, DC Richard Wiseman, PCSO Sandra Brown
17. **Public speaking time:** No public present.
18. **Local Police Report:** During the period 17/04/16 to 17/05/16 Merton and Huish have been crime free. During the same period, 4 calls were received where logs were generated – 1 call reporting ASB behaviour, 1 call reporting a found de-fib, 1 call reporting suspect activity, turned out to be neighbour and 1 call reporting a domestic incident.
19. **Minutes from the last meeting:** held on Monday 11th April 2016 – the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record (hard copy filed in Minutes folder).
20. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Dogs on leads: Cllr Horner confirmed it was not necessary for dogs to be kept on leads whilst being exercised, only that they must be under control at all times.
 - b) Broadband: Cllr Horner advised everyone has a right to Broadband however it must be paid for. Cllr Horner also mentioned that Broadband were looking at putting a box in the village next year.
 - c) Speed sign and community speed check equipment update: After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr Scantelbury would present specs for 2 replacement signs, not exceeding £2,000, for the councils' approval, proposed by Cllr Horner and seconded by Cllr Brown, all agreed apart from Cllr Collins.
 - d) Footpath Pack: **Action Clerk to read and report back.**
 - e) Patrons Lunch (12th June): Cllr Malcolm confirmed 30 people interested in attending and posters would be circulated to boost numbers. Cllr Malcolm requested funds from Parish Council, Cllr Horner proposed £100 seconded by Cllr Brown, all in favour.
 - f) Play equipment: Cllr Malcolm advised £300 was donated by Clinton Foundation but more monies need to be raised.
 - g) Goal Posts: Cllr Collins suggested that if the Parish Council were to purchase a new goal post then the Football Committee would be responsible. Cllr Brown proposed buying 1 new post at a cost of £165 + VAT + £7 carriage, this was seconded by Cllr Horner and agreed by all.
 - h) Sign cleaning: Cllr Collins deferred to next meeting.
21. **District Councillor Speaking Time:** DC Richard Wiseman was not present.
22. **County Councillor Speaking Time:** CC Andy Boyd was not present.
23. **Planning:** There were no planning applications.
24. **Finance:**
 - a) Cheque No. 271 : Payee Top Cut for grass cutting £462.00
 - b) Cheque No. 272 : Payee TTVS for membership £25.00
 - c) Cheque No. 273 : Payee Community First for Insurance renewal £285.64
 - d) Cheque No. 274 : Payee Wendy Askew for Clerks Training £41.25

25. **Correspondence:** Various booklets were passed around.

26. **Items for next agenda:**

- a) Projector – Cllr Collins
- b) Village Entrances – Cllr Horner
- c) Village Development – Cllr Brown
- d) TAP Funding – Cllr Collins
- e) Church Yard Grant – Cllr Collins

27. **Next meeting date:** Monday 11th July 7:30pm

With no more business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.27m

Chairman

Date