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**BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 16 September 2021 @ 7 pm at St Mary’s Parish Church, Berry Pomeroy

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Mills. Cllr. David Hooper, Cllr. Sue Misselbrook Cllr. Nichola Boughton .

County Councillor: Hodgson

Parish Clerk/RFO Susie Watt

1. **(1.9.21)**  **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Hawkins. Cllr. Sweett

**2.**  **(2.9.21) Declaration of Interest:** None

**3.** **(3.9.21) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the Parish meeting held on 24th June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

1. **(4.9.21) District Councillor Report:** None/**County Councillor Report:** Cllr. Hodgson read her report which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.
2. **(5.9.21) Confidential Matters:** The Councillors agreed to request public/press to leave whilst legal Confidential Matters were discussed. It was agreed to continue until all was resoved. It was also stated that no Councillor or Officer should discuss the litigation with anyone outside of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council.
3. **(6.9.21) Clerk’s Report:** The monthly finances were agreed and signed off along with the cheque run.

**BERRY POMEROY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PAYMENTS 26thJune 2021 to 16th SEPTEMBER JUNE 2021**

Note: Clerk’s salary is paid via standing order Clerk’s Salary Now: £392.59 per month from April 2021.

**Bank Account Balances as at 16.09.21:**

Santander Main Account £34,390.72

Santander Reserve Account £ 4,276.29

Berry Pomeroy Parish Council total balance as at 16.09.21: **£38,667.01**

**EXPENDITURE**

**July/Aug/Sept Payments**

20.07.21 Clerk’s Salary Monthly Salary paid by Standing Order £392.59

20.08.21 Clerk’s Salary Monthly Salary paid by Standing Order £392.59

Chq.No: 704 Storage and Zoom (Aug/Sept) £65.78

Chq.No: 705 Lenghthsman – S Holley emergency verges cuts £180.00

Chq. No: 706 Visionict Ltd – Migration of emails from .org.uk to gov £30.00

Chq. No: 707 Lengthsman Duties (Marlton) £119.25

Chq.No: 708 Storage/Zoom (Oct and Nov) £51.39

Chq.No: 709 Solicitors ref: Claim £1,200.00

A request had been received for a living roof to be installed on the bus stop at Dukes Rd. The Clerk instructed to find out from other Parishes how it has worked for them and also to get further confirmation from the Insurers. Casual Vacancy had now gone to SHDC for the official notification. Two further Casual Vacancies were also available. Once the Statutory Notice ends, the Clerk to advertise in a local paper for candidates. Lengthsman: Cllr. Hooper was angry that an area had been cut by our old Lengthsman and demanded to know who had given him instructions. The Clerk stated that the Lengthsman had been asked to cut the verges and areas he used to cut. It was unfair to accuse the Clerk. The Chairman stated that in future a list be given to The Clerk by Cllr. Hooper so that the Clerk can instruct the new Contractors accordingly and this will stop any accusations. The Clerk also stated that a resident had also spoken to the old Lengthsman and helped to assist in areas which needed tending. The Permissive path was in need of maintenance. The Clerk stated she had already requested the new Lengthsman attend to that on a regular basis along with other pedestrian paths in the Parish.

1. **(7.9.21) Broadband Update:**  The Village needs broadband and residents have been campaigning. Cllr. Hodgson said to contact ‘Gemma’ at SHDC – Cllr. Boughton will contact her.
2. **8.9.21 Sustainable South Hams:**  The Parish Council agreed to support Simon Aldridge with a letter to the MP. The Clerk to action.
3. **Climate Change:** It was agreed to request funding from the District Councillors to assist with the Climate Change pages within the Newsletter.
4. **PLANNING:**  1979/21 6 Barn Court. It was unanimously agreed not to support the application.
5. **Play Park Update:** It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk head the project and start to obtain quotes for new equipment and arrange a small public consultation for the immediate area which serves the Play Park. A resident had written in requesting more play equipment was provided.
6. **Berry Pomeroy Playing Field:** It was unanimously agreed to write to the Estate. The Clerk to draft a letter for approval from the Councillors. Cllr. Hodgson asked the Clerk to contact Rob Sekula regarding further information on the play area.
7. **Date of Next Meeting:**  7th October 2021 to be confirmed. From January 2022 meetings to be set again for the 1st Thursday of the Month.....COVID restrictions dependent.

Cllr. Boughton had received a request for a tree to be planted in the cemetery, however, no more trees could be planted there. It was suggested that maybe a small plaque be put on a tree which is already established in the cemetery. Cllr. Boughton will contact the persons concerned.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05hrs.

Signed:...............................................................Date: 21st October 2021

Chairman – Cllr. Mills