

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are Summoned to the Monthly Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 6.45pm in the Jubilee Hall, Batcombe

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

Agenda

1. Apologies and Acceptance of Reasons for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors' Register of Interests forms have now been published on the Mendip District Council website. This means that Councillors need only declare interests that have not been disclosed in the Register of Interests. However, it would be good practice to declare any interests.

3. Public Participation – Open village meeting for any member of the public to raise any issue relevant to Batcombe Parish

The Chairman can invite members of the public to speak at this or any other appropriate point in the meeting.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 to be agreed and signed. *Enclosed.*

5. Matters Arising – information updates only.

Nothing at present that does not appear elsewhere on the Agenda.

6. Footpaths and Highways

Justin Witcombe has spoken to Somerset Highways regarding the blocked drains and the damage the running water is causing to the road surface. Highways are aware that there is a problem but are awaiting more funding to become available before addressing the issue.

7. Allotments

Gary Butler has cut back the hedges and burnt much of the rubbish from the clippings and the compost heap. The District Council has not yet collected the rubbish and I am chasing them up. The water supply to the tank in the allotments field has been cut, apparently because a leak in the pipe was resulting in reduced water pressure in nearby cattle troughs. The allotment holder who discovered this has offered to repair the pipe and this has been agreed with the allotments field owner.

8. Playground - Maintenance Report

A suggestion has been received that a "No Dogs" sign similar to the one at the Wanstrow Playing Field be placed on the gate of the Playing Field.

Vita Play have repaired the zip wire. They had to wait until they had another job in the area as the price quoted would not cover their costs if they had to travel here just for the repair.

9. Planning Applications

Planning Application No: 2016/0475/FUL - Change of use of single room within dwelling from A1 to dwelling; change of use of single dwelling back to two separate dwellings.
South View, Kale Street, Batcombe – Full Application.

Planning Application No: 2016/0476/LBC - Change of use of single room within dwelling from A1 to dwelling; change of use of single dwelling back to two separate dwellings.
South View, Kale Street, Batcombe – Listed Building Consent.

Planning Application Updates.

The District Council had no objections to the tree works at Boords Farm (reduction of limb of oak tree close to service lines), The Forge (crown reduce or fell various Prunus sp [wild plum]) and The Parsonage (pollarding a Lime tree and removing deadwood from a Poplar).

10. War Memorial Wall

Christopher Cox has produced a revised estimate for the repair of the War Memorial wall. This is to take down the wall to the right of the steps, dig back soil, put up a concrete backing wall and face with stone, extra stone being needed. The wall to the left of the steps will be repointed and repaired with the toppers reset. The estimate is for £1,675.

11. Notice Boards

We have a choice to make between a similar notice board to the one currently on the churchyard wall, which can be purchased for £126 (plus VAT) from Amazon or one costing £376 plus VAT from a company specialising in notice boards. The advantage of the more expensive notice board is that it has anti-condensation vents – and condensation has been a big problem with the current board. Both notice boards are aluminium with a silver anodised finish. A coloured finish for the more expensive notice board would cost £446 plus VAT (wood or recycled plastic boards are more expensive again). We would need to obtain the PCC's permission to replace the notice board on the churchyard wall.

12. HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon

Ian and Justin have volunteered to co-ordinate the lighting of the beacon with Colin Pool. A risk assessment will need to be produced. Nationally the lighting time would appear to be 7.30pm.

13. Authorisation of Payment

£40.00 Community Council – Annual Subscription for 2016/17.

Payment of this subscription will need to be made by resolution under the s.137 power.

£20.00 Batcombe Village Hall Trust – Sponsorship of the Pig Race Night.

Proceeds of the event were shared between the Village Hall and the RUH Cancer Care Forever Friends Appeal. The contribution to the RUH Appeal will need to be made under the s.137 power.

£160.00 Gary Butler – Work on allotments.

£594.00 Vita Play Limited – Repair of zip wire (£495 + VAT).

£100.00 Gardens of Avalon – Grass cutting in Playing Field in March.

£957.96 The Clerk – Salary for 4th Quarter. *See enclosed sheet.*

£95.83 The Clerk – Expenses for 4th Quarter. *See enclosed sheet.*

14. Other Business – matters of information only.

By the time you receive this Agenda the precept of £8,450 and the Community Support Grant of £71.80 will have been paid into the Parish Council's bank account.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old School Rooms, Batcombe. *This is the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the Parish Council Chairman is elected for the year.*

Rob Sage – Clerk

6th April 2016

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