

# BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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## You are Summoned to the Monthly Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 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

*It is the Councillors' responsibility to declare any interests they may have in any item on the Agenda. If you are uncertain please ask the Clerk before the meeting.*

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to be agreed and signed. Enclosed.

#### 5. Matters Arising – information updates only.

*Church Sign – I have not contacted the District Council to see if planning permission is required as Mendip now charge £90 to give advice on whether planning permission is required (with a 50% discount for Parish Councils). However, the Government's Planning Portal states that a notice or sign relating to a religious institution is permitted provided the advertisement is displayed at the premises and does not exceed 1.2 square metres in area. The sign in the churchyard appears to be just below this limit.*

*Field Trip Festival – A representation has been made to South Somerset District Council regarding the premises licence for this festival due to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The application included live music until 2.00am, recorded music until 4.00am and refreshments and alcohol until 5.00am. (A copy of the representation is attached.)*

*Affordable Housing – The Rural Affordable Housing Seminar being organised by the District Council was cancelled due to a lack of response from other Parish Councils.*

*Annual Parish Meeting – Following the suggestion of focussing on the Emergency Plan made at the last meeting, Justin Robinson from the Somerset Association of Local Councils has been invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.*

#### 6. Footpaths and Highways

*Our MP David Warburton has accepted the invitation to come to Batcombe on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> for an hour from 10.30am to hear parishioner's concerns.*

## **7. Playground - Maintenance Report**

*Geoff Sparkes was planning to start cutting the grass in the Playing Field on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, but the adverse weather has delayed this. The cold weather has meant that the grass has not grown much anyway. The rotting plank in the multi-play apparatus needs urgent attention.*

## **8. Planning Applications**

Planning Application Number 2018/0450/FUL

Removal of caravan adjacent to outbuilding and conversion of outbuilding to create staff accommodation, single storey extension to outbuilding.

The Three Horseshoes, Batcombe

### **Planning Application Updates.**

*The application for a single storey rear extension at 1 Alshila Cottages, Westcombe has been approved. The application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 and 5 on the planning consent for works at The Cottage, Holly Hill resulted in a split decision. The details submitted for condition 4 (external joinery) were considered acceptable but those for condition 5 (a sample panel) were considered unacceptable with regards to the mortar mix and joints of the sample panel.*

## **9. Premises Licence Application for Gilcombe Farm – One Love Productions**

*A premises licence application for a music festival at Gilcombe Farm has been made by One Love Productions and we have until April 17<sup>th</sup> to make a representation. I do not have details of this festival yet but believe that it will take place on the August bank holiday weekend.*

## **10. Authorisation of Payment**

£40.00 Community Council – Annual Subscription for 2018/19.

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

£977.25 The Clerk – Salary for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. *See enclosed sheet.*

£97.72 The Clerk – Expenses for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. *See enclosed sheet.*

## **11. Other Business – matters of information only.**

*Musgrove Park MRI Scanner Appeal. We have received a request to contribute to the £1 million appeal for a third MRI scanner for Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton. They are £300,000 short of the target which they hope to reach by the end of June and are asking Parish Councils if they can contribute generously – on the basis that almost everyone in Somerset will need a scan at some point in their lives.*

*Torr Works Liaison Group – the next meeting of the Liaison Group will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Parish Council is not currently represented at these meetings. The Minutes of the last meeting show that there were no water management issues reported (which was the Parish Council's main concern). Aggregate Industries have put in a planning application to allow quarry waste to be stored at Torr Works for the the life of the quarry deepening planning permission. This would result in a "terra firma" restoration scheme as opposed to the water body which is in the current approved plan.*

## **12. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 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*