

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are Summoned to a Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 8.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Batcombe

*Please note that the Jubilee Hall will be well ventilated and seating will be well spaced.
The wearing of face masks will be optional.*

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 fifteen minutes 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 at any other appropriate point in the meeting.*

4. Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 and Wednesday June 23rd to be agreed. *Enclosed/attached.*

5. Notes on the Consultative Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May 2021 to be agreed. *Enclosed/attached. These notes will be added as an Appendix to the Minutes of this meeting.*

6. Log of Decisions Taken by the Clerk under Delegated Authority. *Enclosed/attached. To approve decisions taken by the Clerk in consultation with Councillors under delegated authority.*

7. Matters Arising – information updates only.

Sewage Treatment Plant at Ash Tree Cottages – update on the installation of the new treatment plant.

Allotments – the signed lease has not yet been returned by the owners of the field.

Audit Requirements – the Certificate of Exemption has been sent to the external auditors and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been published on the Parish Council's website along with the notice of the public's rights to examine the Parish Council's accounts.

8. District and County Councillors' Reports

An opportunity for the District and County Councillors to report on matters relevant to the parish, either in person or in writing. Written reports have been circulated to Parish Councillors.

9. Footpaths and Highways

There are continuing issues with HGVs getting stuck at the junction at the top of Holly Hill. Our County Councillor has asked the relevant officer at the County Council to contact the Clerk regarding the making of an application for a weight limit.

10. Playground - New Play Equipment:

Final invoices have been received from Sutcliffe Play South West and Viridor Credits have paid them the full amount of the outstanding grant. The Parish Council has paid the additional cost of the equipment above the grant which was £3,357 and the VAT which we will be reclaimed from HMRC shortly.

Attached is a copy of the equipment maintenance plan which we should review and consider how it is to be implemented.

Opening Celebration: *The Opening Celebration will be held on Sunday August 1st at 1.00pm and we just need to check that everything is in place.*

11. Planning Applications:

None at present. See item 6 for planning applications considered under the delegated authority of the Clerk.

Planning Application Updates.

The applications that would have allowed quarrying to recommence at Bartlett's Quarry have been refused by Somerset County Council and AI UK Ltd have appealed against the refusal of permission. The appeal will be decided by an inquiry and we have until August 12th to make additional representations.

The application for extensions to and refurbishment of Greenacres on Baileys Lane has not yet been decided on. New elevations have been submitted which show small alterations to the windows on the front and rear elevations. An ecological survey has also been submitted which reveals that a single bat dropping was found in the roof void and two bats were seen emerging from the roof void. Details can be found on the Mendip planning website at [Simple Search \(mendip.gov.uk\)](https://www.mendip.gov.uk) by entering the reference 2020/2296/HSE into the search engine.

The application for the installation of windows in the east elevation of Church Barn has been withdrawn after the Parish Council recommended refusal. The retrospective application for change of use from agricultural to domestic and erection of three outbuildings at Field House on Baileys Lane has been approved. Planning permission and Listed Building Consent has been granted for the alterations to Elm House on Kale Street. There were no objections to the proposed tree works at Batch Orchard, Netherlea and Provis.

No decisions have yet been made on the applications for a tennis court at Rockwells House, the erection of an agricultural barn and stables at Carrot Hill Farmhouse, and the erection of a dwelling at Valley View Farm. The information on the Mendip planning website regarding the application for Valley View Farm now includes a phosphate calculator (for the impact on the Somerset Levels) and comments from Natural England (Ref: 2021/0222/FUL).

12. Authorisation of Payments

£160.00 Dominic Conway – Grass cutting in June.

£114.96 Somerset Association of Local Councils Limited – Affiliation fee.

13. Other Business – matters of information only. *None as yet.*

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 8.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.
Note: a meeting will only be held in August if there is a planning application that cannot wait until September 1st.

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14th July 2021