

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022 in the Old School, Batcombe, commencing at 8.00pm.

Present - Councillors: Janet Jones – Chair, Jayne Cox, Peter Glaisher, Bryony Harling, Clare Kingston, Tom Price and Ian Sage.

Also Present: The Clerk – Rob Sage and two members of the public.

5274 – Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Reasons for Absence: Michael Gay – District Councillor had given his apologies as he had a District Council meeting.

5275 – Declarations of Interest: All Councillors declared an interest in the application for tree works in the Playing Field as members of the Parish Council.

5276 – Planning Applications:

Planning Application No: 2022/1307/HSE – Erection of single-storey front extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Giles Cottage, Batcombe – Householder Application. The applicants spoke in favour of the proposed extension, which would be completely separate from the cottage with a glass connection and would replace a thirty-year-old conservatory that was no longer fit for purpose. The Parish Council decided to recommend approval as there were no objections to the proposed extension.

Planning Application No: 2022/1479/TCA – M1 - Oak - Reduce by 2-3m all over. Batcombe Playing Field, Batcombe – Works/Felling Trees in a CA. This was the storm damaged Oak tree that needed to be made safe and the Parish Council recommended approval of its own application.

5277 – Insurance of the Village Fete: The Clerk had contacted Paul Merron on the Fete Committee regarding the insurance of the Fete. It was understood that the PCC's insurers would cover the Fete provided a member of the PCC was on the Fete Committee and that the proceeds would go to the PCC. The PCC's insurers had been asked for written confirmation of this and a letter from the insurers had been distributed to Councillors. It was noted that the letter stated that for the cover to apply all activities and events must be organised by and under the control and authority of the PCC. The Clerk to check that the PCC were prepared to take responsibility for the Fete. **Action: The Clerk.**

5278 - Authorisation of Payments: Councillors authorised the following payments:

£976.10	Mendip DC – Parish Council election expenses.
£160.00	Kevin Gale – Grass cutting in the Playing Field (two cuts in July).
£437.94	Read Agriservices – Strimmer, fuel, cord, helmet & overalls.
£105.00	Playsafety Limited – Playing Field safety inspection.
£19.49	water2business – water supply to Playing Field (six months).

5279 – Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday September 7th at 8.00pm in the Old School.

Janet Jones 7/9/22