

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are Summoned to the Monthly Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 8.00pm in the Old School, 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

This is necessary as any member who is absent for six months, without the Council accepting their reasons for absence, automatically loses their seat on the Council.

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

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 to be agreed and signed.
Enclosed/attached.

5. Matters Arising – information updates only.

LCN – The Shepton Local Community Network will be meeting again on October 18th. Jayne Cox attended the previous meeting in July. Is there a volunteer willing to attend this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council?

6. Somerset Councillors' Reports

An opportunity for the Somerset Councillors to report in person or in writing.

7. Footpaths and Highways

Grit and Determination (winter gritting) – nothing has been heard yet regarding the insurance issue from the Somerset Council.

Fingerpost Restoration – we are waiting for quotes for the restoration of two fingerposts this year.

8. Playground - Maintenance Report

Nothing to report.

9. Planning Applications

None at present.

Planning Application Updates. *The details reserved by conditions on the application for the Long Barn at Lodge Farm have been approved. These included rainwater goods, protection of trees and hedgerows, and a biodiversity monitoring strategy.*

10. Review of the Parish Emergency Plan

The list of volunteers in the Parish Emergency Plan was updated by the Chair and Bryony Harling a year ago. The Plan has since been updated to reflect the replacement of the District and County Councils by the new Somerset Council and a copy the updated is attached. Please keep this confidential, as it contains personal details of volunteers, and delete previous versions of the Plan.

At the last meeting it was suggested having a bad weather plan for the school and for the elderly needing to get out of the parish. Is this something to be added to the Emergency Plan or should a separate plan be produced?

Somerset Prepared is a multi-agency partnership working closely with communities to deliver advice support and training to help enhance local resilience to emergencies. There is a Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Event at Wincanton Racecourse on Thursday October 5th, 10.00am to 4.00pm. If anyone is interested in attending, registration is through Eventbrite and there is a link on the Somerset Prepared website www.somersetprepared.org.uk

11. Authorisation of Payment

£??0.00 Kevin Gale – Grass cutting in the Playing Field and War Memorial in September (*invoice not yet received*).

£1,239.89 The Clerk – Salary and expenses for 2nd Quarter (*see attached sheet*).

12. Other Business – matters of information only.

Nothing at present.

13. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday November 1st at **7.30pm** in the Old School.

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27th September 2023