

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are Summoned to the Monthly Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 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 6th March 2019 to be agreed and signed. *Enclosed.*

5. Matters Arising – information updates only.

Shindig – We have been informed by the organisers of Shindig that they have been granted a Consent Order by the Magistrates Court allowing the festival to take place over the proposed dates in 2019 and at the proposed capacity of 9,999. The one amendment to the license applied for is that all music will cease at 3.00am on Saturday instead of 4.00am to provide some mitigation to residents with concerns. The 140 License Conditions imposed by the Police and Environmental Health upon the license will be applied, bar some changes to timelines forced by the delayed agreement. The organisers promise to do all they can to ensure actions are taken by the festival to protect local residents from impact and to comply with the license.

Parish Council Elections – Completed nominations papers for anyone wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council have to be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer at Mendip District Council by 4.00pm on April 3rd (the day of this meeting).

Conflict of Interest from Membership of other Bodies – At the last meeting Chris Wildridge expressed a concern about a possible conflict of interest and risk to the Parish Council from having representatives on the Village Hall Trust and the Heritage Room. Having a representative on the Village Hall Trust is a longstanding arrangement that is not unique to this Parish Council. Any conflict of interest is dealt with by the Councillor concerned declaring their membership of the Trust on their Register of Interests and whenever any item that would benefit the Village Hall Trust is discussed. The representative to the Heritage Room is there to protect the Parish Council's interests by ensuring any Council documents stored in the Heritage Room are kept safe.

6. Allotments

The new two-year lease on the allotments field needs to be signed on behalf of the Parish Council at this meeting as the current lease expires at the end of the month.

7. Footpaths and Highways

Nothing to report.

8. Playing Field - Maintenance Report

We need to organise the wood treatment for the play equipment in the Playing Field.

9. Planning Applications

None at present.

Planning Application Updates.

Listed Building Consent has been granted for the rear extension and alterations at Mole Cottage as has approval of various details on the planning permission for these alterations that were reserved by condition. The District Council had no objection to the proposed tree works on land opposite Paddock House at the bottom of Mill Lane.

10. Authorisation of Payment

£996.72 The Clerk – Salary for 4th Quarter. *See enclosed sheet.*

£99.07 The Clerk – Expenses for 4th Quarter. *See enclosed sheet.*

11. Other Business – matters of information only.

Community Council – The Community Council for Somerset is restructuring its membership and as a result is not charging Parish Councils a membership fee for 2019/20.

War Memorial Garden – Chris Wildridge reports that four villagers worked on the War Memorial garden over the weekend and suggests that the Parish Council writes to each of them to thank them for their contribution. Perhaps they could be thanked at the Annual Meeting.

Kimber Classic Trial – This is a trial for a maximum of 60 mainly pre-war MG cars that will pass through Batcombe on Saturday April 13th between 2.10 and 3.30pm. The cars will come down Portway Hill from Bruton, past The Three Horseshoes, up Walters Lane, down Cockpit Lane, out on the Alham road to Lower Alham Farm before returning to Westcombe along the unclassified road. They then drive through Westcombe, down to Spargrove and up Carrot Hill before heading for Milton Clevedon. This is not a race and drivers are instructed to take special care while driving through Batcombe and to give way to walkers and horse riders.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th May 2019 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