

Clerks Report

Report on Actions from meeting dated 19/09/2023.

Item Number 23/88) – I contacted the Dunster and Dulverton Parish Clerks, they don't organise the Dunster by Candlelight or Dulverton by Starlight events but put myself and Cllr Norman in touch with the people who do, and they are keen to work together with future road closures.

Item Number 23/90 iii) – There has been further update on this in this link [Vegetation clearance due soon on B3224 \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#)

Item 23/96 ii) – There is chapter 8 training taking place in Taunton on the 26th of October £241.50 excluding VAT. Cllr Foxwell's training doesn't run out until 2029 and it has been suggested to postpone Cllr Yiend's training until this time to save money. If this was the case, it would mean that Cllr Foxwell would need to put up the SID units when necessary. This has been added to the agenda under item 23/108 i) for discussion.

Item 23/97 – I contacted the Preschool regarding the donation who directed me to Alison Blackmore as the preschool is now formally part of Cutcombe First School. Alison thanked the Council and made the following comment "An iPad would greatly enhance what we have to offer the children in the pre-school and help continue positive relationships with our parents as we communicate the children's learning using the online platform of Tapestry." Alison also gave an update on the sheds "The second shed is being assembled by a couple of parents this week. As soon as it is up, we will take photos and forward on".

Subgroup & Committee Updates

Finance & Risk Working Group – The FRWG will be meeting in November to start looking at putting together the draft budget for 2024-25.

Snowdrop Valley Committee – The Snowdrop Valley Committee will be meeting before the Parish Council Meeting on the 17th of October. Cllr Norman can give any updates about this in the meeting.

Further details on Agenda Items

23/110 – Cllr Yiend has suggested putting together a 3-5 year parish plan. If decided to go ahead councillors will need to decide the next steps to gather feedback from parishioners on this.

23/111 i) – The documents regarding this proposal can be found in this link [Citizen Portal Planning - application details \(agileapplications.co.uk\)](#)

23/112 i) – The current contingencies budget is £500; it was suggested in the FRWG to increase this to £1,000 by moving money from the Grass Cutting budget. The Grass cutting was budgeted £3,000 for the financial year of which so far, the council has spent £436.80 which was for one cut of the playing field and £1,177.87 for the servicing and repairing of the gang mowers. This leaves £1,385.33. If the council decide to move £500 of this budget over to contingencies it would leave £885.33 left in the grass cutting budget.

23/112 ii) – The invoice for the hedge cutting has come in at £140.00.

23/112 iii) – The council had a request from a parishioner to clean the war memorial with a quote of £120 for a soft wash. I contacted a memorial company who said that the memorial looks in a good state, however the steps could be cleaned if we wanted them to be, but it would make sense to look at doing this in the Spring. Councillors have also been sent a link from the War Memorials Trust website with advice on when to clean war memorials.

Other Updates:

20mph Speed Limit

I have asked Kate Brown for an update on this but have not heard back yet, I will update further in the meeting.