

PURSE CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED minutes of a meeting of Purse Caundle Parish Council held at St Peter's Church, Purse Caundle on **Wednesday 31st January 2024**

Present: Councillors Elkins, Knight, Vincent (Chair), White and Yates

Also present: Zöe Godden – Locum Parish Clerk and County Councillor Robin Legg

There were no members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

The meeting started at 19:17.

1. To accept apologies for absence.

There were no apologies because all Councillors were present.

2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4. To consider a draft budget and precept request for 2024-25.

The Locum Clerk went through the draft budget and councillors considered each budget line. It was noted that the budget and precept request for 2024-25 would be higher than the preceding two years due to the employment of a Locum Clerk and, ultimately, a permanent Clerk, in the coming financial year.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to set the budget and precept request for 2024-25 at £1090.00.

5. To note the 2024 election timetable and agree any action to be taken.

Noted.

6. To note that the Locum Parish Clerk has reinstated the Parish Council's insurance with Community First, which had lapsed due to non-payment.

Noted. The Locum Clerk reported that the amount of the insurance premium had not been received in time for inclusion in the list of payments at item 7 on the agenda. However, in line with Financial Regulation 4.5, the insurance premium of £191.11 would be paid.

7. To consider the following payments for approval and to sign cheques accordingly:

| Supplier | Details | Amount |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Hoblake Services | Locum Clerk services | £75.00 |
| Jimmy Flynn Web Services | Annual web support | £100.00 |

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the two payments. Councillors Elkin and White would sign the cheques.

8. To note any business for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Recruitment of a permanent Parish Clerk
- Quotes for a replacement noticeboard.

At this point in the meeting, it was noted that a sewer outlet at Hornswell was overflowing into the well. The Locum Clerk requested that details were sent to her so that the matter could be reported to Magna Housing Association.

Councillors went on to note that at Rue Lane and Clayhanger, flooding and the poor condition of the road surface was an issue. County Councillor Legg offered to organise a site visit with representatives from Dorset Council's Highways Department to assess the problems and discuss possible remedial action.

County Councillor Legg reported that the speed limit on the A30 between Yeovil and Sherborne was to be reduced to 60 miles per hour because several fatal road traffic collisions had occurred over the past few years.

9. To agree the date for the next meeting.

It was **agreed** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th March 2024.

The meeting ended at 20:03.

Signed as a correct record: _____

Date: 12th March 2024