

**Crowcombe Parish Council**  
**Put House, Knaplock Lane, Coultings, Bridgwater TA5 1JW**  
**Clerk Mel Catchpole**  
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Minutes of the Crowcombe Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
at Church House, Crowcombe commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present:**

Cllrs T Brooks(chair), T Hughes, B Martin-Vigor, D Barrington  
R Druitt  
SW&T Cllr A Trollope-Bellew  
Clerk M Catchpole

**58/19            Acceptance of Office of all Councillors:**

All Councillors signed the Parish Councillors Declarations Book.

**59/19            Election of Vice Chairman:**

It was proposed By Cllr TB to elect Cllr R Druitt as Vice Chairman; this was agreed by all Councillors.

**60/19            Acceptance of Vice-Chairman:**

Cllr R Druitt accepted the position of Vice Chairman

**61/19            Apologies of absence:**

Christine Lawrence (SCC)

**62/19            Declarations of Interest/Dispensations:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**63/19            Public Participation:**

None

**64/19            County Councillors Report:**

None

**65/19            District Councillors Report:**

Cllr A T-B reported that the Conservatives within the County council had a heavy loss during the last election they are now reduced to 10. A T-B reported that he is no longer on the Planning committee due to increase in workload but asked that the Parish Council to keep up with objection on planning issues, he also stated that there is a national shortage of planners. A T-B is now the Chairman on Somerset Waste Partnership, he then went on to tell the Parish Council of new plans to improve the collection of waste over the next 12 months, which will increase the recycling aspect of waste, he also pointed out the need to use food waste bins, as if this waste is added to the non-recyclable (black Bins) it will end up in landfill. TB spoke about the Dunster Panel meeting which was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July where David Peaks from Highways spoke about the verge cutting, this will start in Stogursey and then move towards Crowcombe. TB also asked A T-B to investigate the problem of Forestry Timber lorry's causing damage to roads, verges and hedges within the area he pointed out that they should be using the EURO routes.

**66/19 Minutes 23rd May 2019:**

These were approved and Signed.

**67/19 Highways:**

None

No accidents to report. But TB pointed out that any accidents need to be reported however small.

**68/19 Play Area:**

The play area reports are up to date. DB has taken the matting to the tip in Williton. BM-V has concerns that the grass isn't been cut enough and that there are a lot of brambles which are not being removed. She felt that someone need to be present the next time the grass is cut, MC to organize this with grass cutters. BM-V also pointed out that there is very little sand in the sandpit and thistles are also growing in the sandpit, she feels that it is not very child friendly and something need to be done. TB we will have a look at play area, and perhaps start some fundraising to improve and replace broken and unsafe areas, also to ask for some volunteers to help with this. It was also suggested to obtain 3 tenders for the grass cutting (MC to organize this) DB and BM-V are going to take it in turns to do weekly inspection reports.

**69/19 Footpaths:**

TB had an email from Penny Rowland unfortunately he had mislaid and will send to councillors. TB spoke about the finger post within the Parish this is still ongoing, and M Reynolds continues to do a fantastic job, TB said that the PC will continue to fund this

**70/19 Finances:**

Payments to approve:

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Includes VAT of</b>
1.	Clerk's Salary	£345.28	
2.	Clerk's expenses & reimbursements	£43.35	
3	SALAC	£50.00	
4	Wood-land South West Ltd	£354.00	£59.00
5	T Brooks Expenses	£19.45	

Receipts received:

The bank reconciliation could not be approved because there had been no bank statements even though the details have been sent to the bank. The External audit was approved by Min Number 13/18//7/19 this will now be sent to external auditor there has been a delay on this issue due to not having a clerk for several months, but is now in hand TB had great difficulty in contacting the External Auditor, he has made 6 attempts and has finally received a response. TB has been looking into financial packages for the computer system and is still researching this

**71/19 Planning:**

RD reported that Ashfields has now been approved, the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> June were approved and signed off. TH asked about planning training for Councillors as he is unsure on certain matters, A T-B said that the County council are to have some training on this in the near future and suggested that the councillors attend.

(A T-B left the meeting 9.00pm)

**72/19 Clerks Report:**

MC spoke briefly on what she hopes to achieve for the Parish Council and over the summer intends to have a trip to Crowcombe and get a general feel for the parish.

**73/19 Topics for further meetings:**

Nothing to put forward.

The date for the next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019. At the Church Rooms Crowcombe

The meeting closed at 9.15pm