



0118.2/19	<b>Online Banking</b> – the Clerk is investigating a new online banking account offered by NatWest. Ongoing	<b>Clerk</b>
0135.1/19	<b>Shed Pre: Application</b> – unlikely that planning is required given the size of the proposed shed – work in progress	
0149.3/19	<b>SER – Special Expense Rate</b> – awaits a reply from MDC regarding money ring fenced by this scheme for the churchyard - ongoing	<b>PH</b>
<b>0155/19</b>	<b>Annual Newsletter</b> – distributed - complete	
0156.4/19	<b>Recreation Field – grass cutting</b> – the Clerk to have a conversation with Vicky Higgins regarding the grass cutting for this year - ongoing	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>005/20</b>	<b>DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS</b>	
<b>005.1/20</b>	<b>County Council (PH)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Briefings regarding COVID-19 continue to be distributed both from SCC and MDC</li> <li>● SCC has received Government funding to spend on COVID-19</li> <li>● There is an underspend of £6m for the year</li> <li>● Major issue is registration process where face to face meetings are not allowed. Many marriages have been cancelled and births have not yet been recorded</li> </ul>	
<b>005.2/20</b>	<b>District Council (AT/PH)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual full council meeting postponed</li> <li>● Virtual meetings taking place and a lot of normal business is still going ahead</li> <li>● Recycling centres are reopening but with social separation</li> <li>● Public pressure to reopen markets – awaiting Government guidance</li> <li>● Schools reopening causing some problems regarding social distancing.</li> <li>● Green waste bins – stickers not distributed yet</li> <li>● New Village Agent – Mr Nick Edwards who will attend a future council meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>006/20</b>	<b>PLANNING - New Applications</b>	
<b>006.1/20</b>	<b>2020/0758/FUL Grove Shute Farm, Tadhill – Erection of new livestock building</b>	
006.1.1/20	The application was discussed and the following points made	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building is for calving, lambing and overwintering but there is no waste management proposed to prevent environmental pollution with animal manures, birthing arisings or run off</li> <li>● There is a threat of animal biosecurity with two separate farms having buildings so close together. For example, cross</li> </ul>	

contamination such as TB could threaten one of the farms livelihood.

- **General Observations** – this high area of the parish affords wide views northwards and attracts a number of agricultural buildings that seem to be little used; there is a good example a few hundred yards west of the proposed location. Another little used agricultural building would be an undesirable addition to the locality. It is surprising that no water supply is proposed to this building that is to be used for herd overwintering, lambing and calving along with appropriate drainage.

006.1.2/20 It was proposed to recommend refusal of permission and this was agreed unanimously.

**006.2/20 2020/0761/FUL – Grove Shute Farm, Tadhil – conversion of existing building to provide annexed accommodation**

006.2.1/20 The application was discussed and the following points made

- will not impact on residential amenity of adjoining properties given courtyard facing openings
- modest conversion of part of the building with simple glazed openings on courtyard side
- will not generate greater traffic movement than already exists
- **General observations** – although in an area where development is strictly controlled, utilises the existing building and would be ancillary to the host building and unlikely to be able to function as an independent dwelling. As such is considered acceptable.

006.2.2/20 It was proposed to recommend that the decision be left to the Planning Officer and this was agreed unanimously

**006.3/20 Status of Current Applications and Other Planning Matters**

006.3.1/20 **2020/0082/HSE and 2020/0083/LBC Renovation**, both for the repair and associated works. - Prescott Leigh Street Leigh on Mendip Radstock BA3 5QQ - pending

006.3.2/20 **2020/0721/OTS application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the erection of three dwellings with details of access at Corner Cottage, Leigh-on-Mendip** – pending. Holding objection from ecology until surveys undertaken. No objection from highways subject to various conditions including widening the footway.

006.3.3/20 **Strip of MDC land at Apple Meadow View** - DM reported that MDC had commissioned an independent review of the situation and the report is awaited.

**007/20 FINANCE**

007.1/20 **Financial Statement as at 31.03.20** – the financial statement for the end of the year was agreed and signed.

- 007.2/20      **Finance Statement at 20.04.20 and 18.05.20** – the financial statements from 20 April and 18 May were agreed and signed.
- 007.3/20      **Cheques agreed and raised**
- Mrs A Brooks – Clerk’s Salary for April, £221.20
  - Came & Co – annual insurance premium. The invoice received was for £427.06. However the Council agreed to opt for the LTA (long term arrangement) over a period of three years and the Clerk was asked to contact Came & Co for a revised invoice. Clerk
  - Idverde – grass cutting invoice has not yet been received. The Clerk will contact them to expedite. Clerk
- 007.4/20      **AGAR (Audit) Progress**
- **Governance Review** – the Governance document was agreed
  - **Income and Expenditure** – the income and expenditure account was agreed
  - **Asset Register** – the register was approved with the land adjacent to the Recreation Field for Open Space and Allotments to be added. The Register will then be signed by two Parish Councillors.
- 007.5/20      **Defibrillator Padpack** – it was agreed that DM should purchase the PadPack at a cost of £112.80 DM
- 008/20      CEMETERY MATTERS**
- 008.1/20      **Yew Trees** – DM reported that a response to MDC’s letter was sent on 5 May 2020 and that clarification was awaited about the validity of the TPO. The other item arising is the appropriateness of the special expense rates being investigated by PH.
- 009/20      OPEN SPACE PROJECT**
- 009.1/20      VGT had emailed the allotment newsletter to Councillors. Unfortunately the Recreation Field Management Committee (RFMC) was refused planning permission for the hedge removal. A revised application is to be made with a more limited removal of the hedge. The Association will discuss use of the amount in the Parish Council budget of £1,000. VGT will discuss with Rose Martin. VGT
- 009.2/20      It was noted that the leases had been received from the solicitors but the RFMC lease needs to be amended. DM will contact the solicitor.
- 010/20      CORONAVIRUS**
- 010.1/20      It was noted that all seems to be stable and straight forward in the village. CC was thanked again for his outstanding management of the village website.
- 011/20      HEALTH AND SAFETY**

011.1/20 It had been agreed not to post the annual newsletter through individual letter boxes because of the risk of COVID-19 contamination. The newsletter is to be posted on Facebook, the village website and noticeboards.

## **012/20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

012.1/20 **PCSO (DS)** – PCSO Russell Ford held the first online Beat Surgery with another one scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 16.30. Questions are to be submitted beforehand.

012.2/20 **Footpaths / Rangers (DS)** – DS stated that the fallen trees reported by MC on the path 8/5 through Leigh Woods had been cleared.

012.3/20 **Highways (MC)** – the abandoned car is still present at Park Hayes despite a letter having been sent to the owner asking for its removal. MC agreed to contact the PCSO regarding this. Nothing further has happened on the potential for hard standing on the land by number 5 **MC**

012.4/20 **Recreation Field VGT)** – thanks were extended to Frank Higgins for grass cutting various areas.

012.5/20 **Memorial Hall (VGT)** – a grant of £10,000 has been received from MDC. Repairing the roof is currently on hold. Truespeed have installed Broadband to the hall.

012.5/20 **School (MC)** – the school is preparing to receive a few children of key workers this week. As part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership and in accordance with the National guidelines arrangements are being made to open the school for Reception and Year 1 children from 1 June. Parents have been asked to indicate whether they intend to send their children or not. There is a level of concern about this amongst parents at the moment. A planning application for an additional classroom and facilities to accommodate the additional year group from September have been submitted. The application was received too late for this meeting and it was therefore agreed to hold an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 26 May on line to discuss the planning application.

012.6/20 **SALC (Clerk)** – Nothing to report

012.7/20 **Quarry (DS)** – the early morning noise problem seems to have been resolved. A complaint has been received from Dores Hill about blasting. The Quarry Manager has been to discuss the problem with the complainant. The current blasting area seems to be the culprit and the quarry are doing what they can to adjust the blasting pattern. It was proposed to send a note to the Quarry Manager thanking him for the support given on VE Day when the 'V' for victory sign was broadcast. Thanks are also extended to them for use of the siren on Thursdays for 'Clap for Carers'. It was noted that the increase in construction in the area has resulted in the quarry production increasing.

012.8/20 **Allotment Association (VGT)** – as previously reported

012.9/20 **Facebook and Website** – thanks were extended to CC and Vicki Batten for their continuing support in running Facebook and the Website. PF had suggested that it would be useful to have a shared private area for documents and this will be investigated

012.10/20 **VE Day** – thanks were extended to MC for the work in bringing together the various activities in the village which all went very well.

**013/20 POINTS FROM THE PARISH BULLETIN:** Nothing to report

**014/20 MEETINGS ATTENDED/TO BE ATTENDED:**

- **Beat Surgery** – on line 20 May at 16.30

**014/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

014.1/20 The Clerk reported that she is receiving regular Coronavirus updates and bulletins from SCC and MDC which she is distributing as required.

014.2/20 **Cycle Way** – it was noted that some interest has been received regarding the paragraph in the newsletter regarding an off road cycle link from the village to the Colliers Way cycle path. There is a route which could be made suitable but it needs building up and incorporating into the National cycle way. It was agreed that DM would ask CC if he would be interested in this and VGT offered her services to look at any bidding which may be available.

**DM / VGT**

014.3/20 **Letter from Secretary of State** – received by DM regarding funding available to Parish and Town Councils. DM has sent a copy to PH and MDC asking for more details of the terms and conditions.

**015/20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Extraordinary Meeting** – Tuesday 26 May at 7.00 p.m. online  
**Parish Council Meeting** - Monday 15 June at 7.00 p.m. online