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**Minutes of a Meeting of
Whatley Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7:00pm
at Holy Trinity Church, Chantry**

8th September

Members Present:

Councillor Andrew Bramston (Chair)
Councillor Richard Evans

Councillor Colin Boorer
Councillor Jon Scott

Officers present: Rachel Nash, Clerk

Somerset County Officers present: Cllr Barry Clarke

092023.1 Current Chairs Welcome

092023.2 Apologies for absence:
Apologies received from Cllr Palmer

092023.3 Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensation:
To declare any interests relating to the business of the meeting and receive any dispensation requests from the Clerk (Localism Act 2011 s29-34)
None received

092023.4 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th July 2023
Signed and dated by the Chair as a correct representation of the meeting.

092023.5 Somerset County Councillors' reports:
Cllr Clarke gave a verbal update to the Council. Cllr Clarke mentioned that the next LCN meeting would be 5th October and that it was suggested someone from the Council should attend.

The Clerk was asked to organise a short meeting with both the Nunney and Whatley Chairs to discuss supporting each other with attendance.

092023.6 Public Participation relating to meeting agenda items
None present

092023.7 Presentation from external organisations:
None present

Signed by Chair:

Date Approved:

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Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a report that was duly noted.

The Clerk was asked to:

- Contact Cllr Palmer for a response to changing Council email addresses
- Find out more about moving to a .gov website and/or emails
- Look at the Somerset County consultation regarding gambling and licensing

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Finance: (Responsible Finance Officer)

It was resolved that the Council approved:

- Current Expenditure at 25th August 2023
- Invoices for payment. Cheques were raised during the meeting
- Expenses Policy, which was signed by the Chair
- Updated Asset Register, which was signed by the Chair

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Working Groups

Update from working groups:

Cllr Boorer – nothing to report

Cllr Evans – advised that an advert to let the community know that there is a Parish Council website will be done for the 5-alive magazine

Cllr Palmer – nothing to report

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Highways and Byways

The Clerk was asked to follow up with Cllr Clarke regarding the road signs to be repainted and/or replaced where required.

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Planning Applications

The Council to discuss any planning applications received.

No applications were received.

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Parish Field (Standing Item)

Cllr Boorer advised that the hedges needed to be cut back. It was suggested that we approach the previous hedge trimmer to carry out this work.

It was resolved that the Council approved:

- The cutting of the hedges for this year and that they would re-tender the contract for next year
- The booking form for the Parish Field

The council has also agreed that there will not be a firework display as the insurance costs to cover this are far too expensive.

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WCGT Update

No update received

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- 092023.15 Update on Quarry Liaison meeting (if any)**
Cllr Bramston advised that both himself and Cllr Palmer attended the last meeting. The level of complaints have reduced as the level of blasting has also come down. He also advised that Hanson agreed to provide electrical support for setting up the defibrillators.
- 092023.16 Update regarding Village Planning**
Cllr Bramston advised that Chantry Church now have approval to remove the 3 front pews in the church and to replace the overhead lights and put in heating.
- 092023.17 Update regarding Picnic Area**
This has now been completed.
- 092023.18 Items for next Agenda / Items to Report**
- Update regarding Council email addresses for Councillors
 - Update from WCGT
 - Update regarding sourcing and purchase of defibrillators
- 092023.19 Date and venue of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7:00pm in Holy Trinity, Chantry.
- 092023.20 Exclusion of press and public**
Not required

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.