**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 13 June 2023.**

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**Present:**

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| Cllr Marsha White (Chair)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr David May  Cllr Diana Taylor  Clerk Dawn Porter  Cllr Emily Pearlstone  (Somerset Unitary Authority)  Cllr John Bailey  (Somerset Unitary Authority) |  |

1. **Apologies for absence**

None received

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that did not appear on the agenda.

**4. Public Participation**

The matter of footpaths was raised. It was confirmed that the landowner is responsible for the footpath in question. However, Cllr John Bailey agreed to look into this and let the PC know.

The area around the bridge was also raised and it was hoped that the parish ranger will look at this area.

It was suggested that the public participation slot should be moved to the bottom of the agenda. It was explained that the public participation slot had only been moved for the last two meetings. The reason for this is so that the public can comment on items on the agenda and these comments can then be considered in the discussions of the councillors as they go through the agenda.

The issue of speeding was also raised. It was suggested that the parish might go on a rota to share equipment with other parishes. Cllr Emily Pearlstone will look into this option.

**5. Somerset Unitary Authority Report**

Cllr Emily Pearlstone provided a summary of the report.

It was confirmed that discussions on the village stone were ongoing with highways.

Cllr John Bailey confirmed that additional funding was being sought for repairs of highways and for investment in the infrastructure of highways.

The report can be found on the Parish Council website under the section Somerset Unitary Authority Reports.

**6. Defibrillator**

It was confirmed that we had received no correspondence from planning but that we should go ahead and order the equipment.

**7. Meeting Frequency**

A vote was taken on whether the Parish Council Meetings should be monthly or continue to be bi-monthly. 4 votes were for monthly and 1 for bi-monthly. It was resolved that meetings would go back to monthly.

**8. Correspondence & Planning**

A thank you letter was received from the Village Hall Committee for providing them with the grant to carry out the essential works to the Village Hall.

**9. Accounts**

Three cheques were signed as follows: Admin/payroll, defibrillator and website hosting fee.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 July 2023.

**13. Any other business**

It was noted that no contact has been made by Gigaclear regarding a public meeting and the Chairman has been unable to get a response from the contact that we have.

The clerk will chase this and see if she can make any contact.

Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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