

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Mudford Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024 at 18:00hrs

Present – Councillors (Cllrs): Jo Dalton-Leggett (Chair), Philip Edgeworth (Vice-Chair), Stephen Bartlett, Robin Bowring, Dave Brown, Peter Blackwood.

In attendance: Petra Galloway – Parish Clerk/RFO and 1 member of the public.

18:01hrs – Meeting started

24/147 To receive apologies for absence and approve the reasons (LGA 1972 s85(1)).
Cllr John Snell was absent.

24/148 Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

None.

24/149 To propose that, in pursuance of the powers conferred by s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves expenditure in the sum of £1,000 + VAT in respect of flail trimming of vegetation and dredging of Cold Brook in Mudford Parish. To note that the quotes have been considered and accepted by the Council in motion 24/84.

The council has discussed the dredging of Cold Brook (classed as an ordinary watercourse) and is cognisant the responsibility for its maintenance lies with the riparian owner(s). The Somerset Drainage Board has confirmed the fact and that no permission from them is required for the work to be carried out. As the council does not own the brook or the surrounding land, the Clerk has sought and received permission from the landowner(s). The council has discussed the significant impact Cold Brook has when not maintained, on flooding of West Mudford Road.

The council has discussed whether the expenditure would bring benefit to the community and the level of spend would be commensurate with the benefit obtained. The s137 spend for the year for the community is capped at £10.81/per elector/per year. Therefore, the total s137 spend for Mudford Parish cannot exceed £6,335 in 2024 - 2025.

The council has discussed 2024 - 2025 drainage budget of £5,000 which remains unspent.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Blackwood, the council has **AGREED** that, in pursuance of the powers conferred by s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves expenditure in the sum of £1,000 + VAT in respect of flail trimming of vegetation and dredging of Cold Brook in Mudford Parish. The council has **AGREED** that the work will bring benefit to the community, its cost is commensurate with the benefit obtained and that the expenditure will be debited to the drainage budget. The council has **NOTED** that the quotes have been considered and accepted in motion 24/84.

24/150 Date of next meeting – 31st October 2024.

18:13hrs - Meeting Ended