

MINUTES OF MEETING
held on Thursday, 4th APRIL 2019 @ 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

**Curry
Rivel
Parish
Council**



Above the levels

PRESENT:- Cllr Andy Anderson (Chairman), Cllrs Robert Atkins, Mike Cousins, Paul Deacon, Peter Goodenough, Tony Greenaway, Tiffany Osborne and Derek Yeomans.

574). **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

575). **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence had been received from County Cllr Clare Paul.

576). **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 7th MARCH 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated to the members, were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Tony Greenaway. Cllrs Andy Anderson and Tiffany Osborne were not present at the meeting and abstained from the vote.

577). **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- a). Cllr Tony Greenaway said that a member of the community had informed him that an incorrect sized window had been installed in a recently approved planning application. He had reported this to the Planning Department and they had taken this up with the builder. The builder has now installed the correct sized window. Cllr Tony Greenaway said that this did raise the question that the Parish Council should be monitoring approved planning applications. Cllr Andy Anderson said that this item should feature on a future agenda.
- b). **Annual Parish Assembly**
The Clerk said that we would need to set a date for the Annual Parish Assembly which is held in May so that she can write to the various organisations who send representatives to present their reports at this meeting. Cllr Andy Anderson said that this would be after the May elections and after the first meeting of the new Parish Council.
- c). **Footpath going over the piece of land owned by SSDC at the corner of Parsonage**
The Clerk had been asked to raise a question concerning this and had been advised that it was a legal matter which would involve Somerset County Council. Cllr Andy Anderson said he assumed this meant that a request would have to be made through our solicitors. Cllr Paul Deacon said that we had been looking at this a month ago. It is a just a little strip of land from Parsonage Place on to where the footpath drops down in front of the Chestnut tree and it would join the path. He felt that we would not need to get permission. If we did not put a fence there, people may walk across that piece of grass on to the path. Cllr Andy Anderson said that would mean that the legal footpath would join onto the public highway.
- d). **Avon & Somerset Constabulary**
George Flint, Beat Manager, and PCSO Josh Weldon were present. They reported that during the last few days there not been anything of great note. It has been decided to hold Beat Surgeries every three months in the villages and the first one in Curry Rivel will be held on Wednesday, 17th April,

on the Village Green from 4pm to 5pm, and PCSO 6103 Josh Weldon will be in attendance. Cllr Andy Anderson asked what a Beat Surgery was and was advised that it was an opportunity for members of the public to discuss community issues and find out what is going on. You do not need to have a specific incident to approach them. It is an opportunity to engage with the community. Cllr Andy Anderson said that it would be advertised on the Website. Cllr Derek Yeomans said there used to be something useful called 'sheduction', is that still available. People were asked to take serial numbers, mark their property with 'marker-pens', put bolts through their hinges on their garages etc. He was advised that the scheme was still ongoing. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that the police used to make an appearance at the Village Fete held on the Village Green and was advised that they would endeavour to do so.

Robert Crowley asked whether information he had given about Neighbourhood Watch had been passed on to the operators of Neighbourhood Watch and was advised that it had.

Cllr Andy Anderson thanked the officers for their attendance this evening.

There were no Public Comments raised during the Adjournment.

578). **PLANNING REPORT**
a). **Planning Applications Received**

Application No. 19/00399/FUL

Erection of 2 No. Three Bedroom Bungalows with rooms in roof space. Formation of Shared Driveway & Off-Street Parking for 1-3 Westover. Land Rear of 1-3 Westover, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0DZ.

A resident who lived adjacent to the proposed development said that although it was a lot better than what was proposed previously, there is the issue of the sub-standard access onto the A372 that still exists. There is little room for manoeuvring the construction lorries in and out. The disruption that will be caused and the issue of access for emergency vehicles causes concern.

The question of sprinkler systems was raised but, Cllr Mike Cousins said they were not compulsory. Cllr Andy Anderson said that they would mitigate the situation if there was a problem with fire engines etc. He said that he understood that Highways did not have too much of an issue with the sub-standard access in and out because of the visibility splays and the speed of the traffic on that section of road. Cllr Tiffany Osborne said that was correct, the access was not classed as 'severe'. Cllr Derek Yeomans said there was a 30mph speed limit at the access point, going down to 20mph immediately afterwards. Cllr Tiffany Osborne said that at the Area North meeting a question was raised as to where the 'tipping-point' was when you say there is too much traffic.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that if residents have not already done so, they should make their comments on the appropriate District Council Website because, as a Parish Council, we are only one body speaking with one voice.

Cllr Derek Yeomans said that building materials could be delivered in smaller vehicles if necessary. A fire engine would have a problem getting around the corner but, there is a hosepipe with a range of 45 metres on all fire engines which should be able to reach down to the end. They could deal with a fire in an emergency. The bottom line is that it is very marginal and if it was refused, they would come back again because that land is valuable to somebody and they are going to try and build on it.

Cllr Tiffany Osborne said that originally the Planning Officer did not approve this application with four bungalows but, I think they will now see that the applicant has tried to amend the plans and be as accommodating as he can, giving the space that he has. She felt that we would not get this

refused now. She realised the Highways issues that we have but, the construction issue is dealt with separately. Cllr Tony Greenaway said that the planning stage has been approved but the Highways issue remains to be assessed.

Cllr Mike Cousins proposed that we recommend acceptance of this planning application and this was seconded by Cllr Robert Atkins. A vote taken resulted in seven councillors voting in favour of approval, (Cllrs. Andy Anderson, Robert Atkins, Mike Cousins, Paul Deacon, Tony Greenaway and Derek Yeomans). Cllr Peter Goodenough abstained from the vote.

Planning Application No. 19/00159/FUL

Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home as a rural worker's dwelling, portacabin and hardstanding (Retrospective). Land at Westfield Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerset.

This is the planning application that had been submitted early last year which was refused. They have re-constructed their agriculture statement and re-submitted the plans. Cllr Andy Anderson had been speaking to the planners about this application because he felt that they had been slow in enforcing the refusal and, as a consequence, he has re-submitted the planning application.

Cllr Mike Cousins said in his planning application it says 'has any of the work been carried out' and he has said 'yes'. Cllr Mike Cousins could hear a roller going up and down last week-end as they are putting on a hardstanding for this. The caravan has been there for about the last twelve months and they have been staying there. Nothing has been done about it when we complained. Now he is asking for legal permission to stay there. Cllr Andy Anderson said that he was concerned about the development of the site. They are damaging the ditches down there and there is light pollution in the evenings, etc. When Cllr Anderson had complained to environmental health department he had been told that because he is not directly affected, he could not make a complaint. Despite being the Chair of the Parish Council, they could not act on my complaint.

Cllr Robert Atkins said that he had read through a number of the documents that had been presented. His current piece of land is two acres and he says that he has acquired six and a half acres at a location thirteen miles away. The argument for having a mobile home there was for a herdsman who would be available twenty-four hours a day to look after the alpacas. He felt that this was a reasonable statement. However, it does sound as if the six and a half acres is going to be more useful than the two acres, depending on how he splits his animals up. He is concerned that this could be a wedge to try for a permanent home there; a properly constructed building. He thought this request was for a mobile home for three years and he felt that it was important that we stressed that this is limited to three years without further application. It is outside the current build area of the village. It would set an undesirable precedent at this point in time.

Cllr Derek Yeomans said he could see no statement of an outside body actually saying that there was a need for someone to be on the site for up to two hundred and fifty days in the year, which is a criteria for actually getting permission for a mobile home temporarily on a site. He found the planning site very difficult to get all the information that he wanted. The first permission on that site was in 2017. He has been on that site and had that mobile home there for well over a year and it has been there without permission. Although SSDC is willing to take enforcement action in very minor cases, they have done nothing about this. The applicant is asking for a three-year permission and at the end of it, if it can be justified, and it has to be justified, to ask for a permanent dwelling. Which he thought was his ultimate aim. He probably will get it but, we have not actually seen the ADAS statement which is necessary to justify the existence of this dwelling on this land.

Cllr Mike Cousins said that the Independent Body is saying that the size of the herd that he has got would need to be grown by a certain amount within three years to make it sustainable and profitable.

He has not done so. Cllr Tiffany Osborne said you have to show that in three years you have run a sustainable business from there and he has done nothing about maintaining the business.

It was proposed by Cllr Derek Yeomans and seconded by Cllr Paul Deacon that the Parish Council recommends refusal of this planning application because it has not been suitably justified that there is a genuine functional and financial need for a rural worker to live on the site. It will also have an unacceptable impact on the character, appearance and the rural context of the locality. This was unanimously approved.

579). **SOMERSET RIVERS AUTHORITY CONSULTATION (SRA)**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he had been tasked at the last meeting to reply on behalf of the Parish Council in the affirmative to the suggestion that the SRA has a Precept raising capacity. He advised that he had done this.

580). **DEBATE REGARDING PARISH COUNCIL LAND (CAR PARK & SURROUNDING AREA)**

Cllr Paul Deacon said that traders occupy a piece of pathway area outside the Firehouse. They also use a piece of paved land outside Sandpits Heating. Both of those areas belong to the Parish Council. We have had issues with the noise outside the Firehouse and we have issues with obstruction of the paved area outside Sandpits Heating. Our ownership is highlighted also with their planning application for a Porch at the rear of Sandpits Heating. He felt that we should write to those traders and state quite clearly that we are owners of those two pieces of land. To invite them, if they wished to use them, to make a proposal to the Parish Council which we can then consider.

Cllr Derek Yeomans said that we should make it very clear that we are not inclined to consider, without some kind of rental agreement with them, to allow the use of that land. Cllr Andy Anderson said that he understood that we saved a considerable amount of money with regards to the cleaning of the Car Park through Sandpits Heating doing that for us. Cllr Paul Deacon said that they do but, it is important to establish that we own the land and if they want to use it, they must come and ask us. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that there should be an exchange of money, thereby confirming that they are tenants. Cllr Andy Anderson said that he would write to them with an invitation to make a proposal as suggested.

581). **GRANNY'S GARDEN**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he had sent Mr Duder of Nisa a letter to ask him for permission to grant wheelchair access to Granny's Garden from the garage. They are concerned that, if they give us access, then that would give us a legal right of way and should they wish to change the use of the garage at a later date, they would have issues with that right of way. They have, therefore, refused for permission to do that. The reason for making that wheelchair access there was to put a bench on Granny's Garden in memory of Madelaine. He had spoken to CRIB at its meeting on Monday and to Laraine and Peter, who have purchased the bench. If the bench was put there without any protection for people in wheelchairs going up there and someone felt off, or we did not do it properly, then we could be liable and held to account. It would, therefore, need careful consideration. With that in mind, Laraine has suggested that we site the bench on the area that the County Council owns next to Parsonage Place on a temporary basis. He is going to write to the County Council for permission to do that. Hopefully, if we should get the land East of Linton House we will then re-position the bench into that area. CRIB is in agreement with that and he has also spoken to Ted King-Oakley who is also in agreement.

582). **CRIB REPAIR LETTER**

Gina Beauchamp has come along to answer any questions that we may have about the letter. They would like to create a rose bed in Granny's Garden. As a memorial to Madelaine, we would like to plant twelve roses and twenty-four lavenders in a semi-circular design to run around the wall that edged onto the garage. They would access the area to maintain it. It would be done on a sensory

theme. The WI and the Village Hall are going to contribute something towards the cost of it. This year they would also want to do some sort of structure behind. They have found a rose called Madeleine and it is a climber. It would need a structure behind, not just a trellis, and they could not do this until next year because of the cost they wished to know whether the Parish Council would like to contribute towards the cost. It is estimated that the twelve roses and twenty-four lavenders would come to about £400, with a discount from Greenshutters. Cllr Peter Goodenough felt it would be a good idea to pass the proposal by Mrs Mounter before you carry it out. She is concerned about anything that blocks her view and Gina said that what was proposed would not block her view. Gina said that the judges had commented about the back-end which is on the Mounter's driveway, which is very weedy and unsightly. Sue has come up with a plan to plant it with low-growing, ground-cover plants. They would come up with a plan to show Mrs Mounter.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he had sent out a memo via the Clerk regarding the letter from CRIB. The first item on there was the War Memorial. He felt that we needed to do some investigation because of the protection that it has with relation to maintenance. We may have to be considerate to that fact and actually employ somebody that has the sympathy of the War Memorial in mind. He needed to research through the War Memorial websites and see if we can get some funding for it and also to ask for approval for repairs. The Clerk advised that we have a local gentleman called Luke Grafton, who is an expert, and he has always done any work that was necessary. Cllr Andy Anderson said that he needed to clear it through the War Memorial website first. Cllr Peter Goodenough said we had discussed about repairing the paving stones around the War Memorial which are a bit up and down in places, if there are any grants available it would be good to do the whole thing. Cllr Robert Atkins said that he had done some work on this because he wanted to establish who owned the War Memorial. There is an organisation that would probably give a grant but, you have to involve them before doing any work. He would let Cllr Andy Anderson have the details of the organisation.

The Clerk advised that she had registered the War Memorial and it belonged to the Parish Council together with the piece of land next to the garage on the opposite side of the road.

Gina Beauchamp said that we have the Open Gardens on the 9th June and the War Memorial will be listed to visit. The judging of Curry Rivel in Bloom will take place during the first two weeks of July and there is a provisional date for the National Finals on the 29th July. Cllr Andy Anderson said that he would endeavour to try and force it through but, it was very much out of his hands.

Gina Beachamp said that the grass areas by the village signs at each end of the village had lots of brambles, thistles and dandelions. The people who water the plants do trim it. Quite a good quote had been obtained locally but, was this something that the South Somerset District Council should be doing. Cllr Andy Anderson said that they are contracted to cut the grass verges every two weeks but they do not cut the grass at the ends of the village.

583). **FINANCE REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were unanimously approved for payment on the proposition of Cllr Robert Atkins seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans:-

Curry Rivel Village Hall – Rent	£ 60.00
EDF Energy – Changing Rooms	£ 24.00 incl. vat
Clerk's Wages – Month 12	£ 333.60
South Somerset District Council – Cemetery Rates	£ 397.71
South Somerset District Council Rates – The Clubhouse	£ 230.77
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE Months 6 to 12	£ 99.00
Curry Rivel in Bloom -	£1,500.00

b). **Grant Applications**

i). **Curry Rivel Active Living – The Friday Club – Grant for £700**

Barry Etheridge, the Chairman, said that the Club was asking for a grant to enable it to carry on until next April as the main funding from the County Council has stopped. He had applied to the County Council for a £1,500 to £2,000 grant, which is the maximum you can claim for. As yet we have received no notification but, they have confirmed receipt of my grant application and it is being considered during April or May. Since last year myself and volunteers have taken over. The previous Chairman resigned and he had stepped in and the volunteers assist on an ad-hoc basis. We have managed to obtain some donations from the Black Swan in Langport, Crisp Clean in Curry Rivel, the Lions Club in Ilminster and the United Reformed Church. Our financial year was from January to December and he has changed it to April so that we are in line with others. Therefore, we have managed to finance for a term of fifteen months. This year it going to be fifteen months until April.

Last year we had entertainment on a regular basis but, we have had to cancel these to enable us to meet our budget. There is a need for entertainment, speakers and the general running of the Club to give a variety of interests to the members. They have exercises, sing-alongs, quizzes and bingos run by the volunteers of which we have a shortage. We are open from 10am to 2pm and we supply tea, coffee and biscuits. We also supply two course lunches and drinks. Our members say they look forward to their Fridays. Attendance varies from week to week due to sickness and disability. In conclusion, any amount of aid that the Parish Council can give will enable us to carry on.

Cllr Paul Deacon asked how many people do you typically have? Mr Etheridge said they could have six or they could have a dozen. There are ten or twelve people on their books at the moment but, there are others that want to attend. Renting the Village Hall costs £35 per week which could up. We only make a charge of £6. Unless we get a grant, we will not have enough money at the end of the year. Cllr Andy Anderson said if you did get a grant of £700 from the Parish Council and you do not get the money from the County Council, what impact would that have? Mr Etheridge said that they would have to close November-December time. With the County Council walking away, he has had to write a Constitution, a Risk Assessment, Public Liability Insurance at £127 a year, which used to come from the County Council. All these extras are coming in. Whereas it was a voluntary thing, it is now being run as a small business. When he is not there, they have had to cancel once or twice. On a good day we have five or six volunteers and the Chef comes from Taunton in his free time. We do pay his expenses. Debbie Haines is doing the secretarial jobs and Myfanwy Ashton is the Hon. Treasurer. Cllr Derek Yeomans asked about the lunches and was advised there was a main course and a pudding. This is purchased by the Club and prepared by the Chef. When the Chef went on three months holiday they had gone to the Black Swan for assistance. He had thanked them and persuaded them to supply meals for a further six weeks. Cllr Tony Greenaway said that he would put a feature onto the Curry Rivel Website asking for volunteers and he would approach the Curry Rivel News as well.

It was agreed that an excellent service was being provided. Cllr Tony Greenaway proposed that a grant of £700 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Andy Anderson and unanimously agreed.

ii). **Curry Rivel Village Hall – Grant for £868 – Total cost of project £1,400**

Roger Hampton, the Chairman of the Village Hall, was unable to attend this meeting and had sent his apologies. Cllr Andy Anderson said that this grant application is for funds to purchase two new double-glazed windows on the old Village Hall frontage, at a cost of £868. Currently the existing two windows are in a very poor state and are rotten in places. Equipment (tables, short mat bowls etc) are becoming damp and deteriorating. The two double glaze windows will be produced locally to the highest standard, with 70mm reinforced profile, toughened 28mm double glazing. The

windows fully comply to latest Building Regulation part 'L' BS.7417:002/B5 EN 12567-1:2000. The windows will be fitted with astrical bars and will look virtually the same as the current windows. The Village Hall is not listed or in a conservation area so, planning permission is not required.

Cllr Derek Yeomans felt that we had to go with it and stop the decay of the building. The flat roof that comes down over the outer door has always been a problem. The brickwork is sodden and wet and it needs remedial work to be carried out to make sure that it is sealed. It had been done previously but it appears to have degraded. Cllr Andy Anderson would bring this to the attention of Roger Hampton.

Cllr Derek Yeomans proposed that a grant of £868 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Cousins and unanimously agreed.

iii). **To fund mowing of the Churchyard grass (6 times in 2019/2020 season) and apply weed killer to paths in the Churchyard (3 times) - £1,200**

Grant to maintain the grass and paths of the Churchyard to a level that parishioners and visitors expect; something for which insufficient volunteers are available and which would otherwise require a considerable outlay from the Church's financial resources. The (few) volunteers available can concentrate their efforts on other sorts of necessary work of maintenance of greenery etc., which together with the regular grass mowing and weed treatment should result in a well-cared for impression.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that this was outside of the £4,000 budget agreed to cater for grants and asked for observations on the grant application. Cllr Robert Atkins felt that it was an astronomical amount to pay out and we do not give it to the URC or any other denomination of religion. He felt that we should give them a smaller amount or give them a couple of hundred pounds to buy a strimmer. He felt that it was time that the Church did more for itself. They have invested funds that they never touch.

Cllr Paul Deacon has tried very hard to persuade them to leave the Churchyard as a wild flower park. He has sent them links from the Church Commissioners which promotes leaving churchyards being left as wild areas. John de Ronde did debate it but, they would still like to cut the grass because it enables more access to do historical search work etc. That was there point of view. Cllr Tiffany Osborne said they appear to be doing nothing because they think the money is coming. They need to be a bit more pro-active. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that they are going to need every bit of money they have because there is a section of that wall where he suspected that there was a tunnel underneath. There is a great big hole behind Cmdr. Glenn's house which appeared shortly before he died. The wall has a curved keystone arch in it and that wall is going to collapse in a matter of weeks. Cllr Andy Anderson said that we were not permitted to subsidise any of their infrastructure or buildings at all. Cllr Peter Goodenough asked whether they had used all of the grant money last year. Cllr Paul Deacon said that we had organised the grass cutting for them and it is cut eight times a year. The last cut of the financial year was in March.

Cllr Andy Anderson recommended this matter should be carried over until the next meeting. This was agreed and John de Ronde would be asked to come to the next meeting.

iv). **Curry Rivel PTA - School Playground Equipment – as much as possible – Project £10,000**

Cllr Andy Anderson recommended that this item be deferred until our next meeting and this was agreed.

v). **Annual Curry Rivel Kids 'Free' Fun Event - £465 for the Climbing Wall**

The grant is to cover the expense of hiring a 'Climbing Wall' providing the kids with physical and mental ability to plot their course to the top. The Wall is the most popular experience at the event for

kids from all walks of life. By providing this grant the Parish Council shows confidence in the event which helps with further fundraising. This year is the 10th and the footfall has increased from 125 to 600.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he had considerable correspondence with Kaye Morgan regarding insurance. She had said that the Parish Council insured the event and he had advised her that this was not the case. He had an issue with the question of insurance and he would like to carry this application over until the next meeting and this was agreed. He will approach her to see if she has sorted out the insurance. The Parish Council have previously paid the invoice for the hire of the Climbing Wall which is sent to them so that the vat can be reclaimed. Cllr Tiffany Osborne said that she ran the event as a 'one-man band' and it should be run by a committee and that is why the District Council does not support it anymore. If she should become ill, there is no-one to continue it and the District Council do not want to give her anymore community funding because it is not sustainable in her absence. Cllr Andy Anderson would contact the District Council and he would also write to Kaye Morgan asking for evidence that she has insurance cover.

c). **Westfield Barrier repair insurance claim**

The Clerk and telephoned them and tried to speak to the gentleman that she had been dealing with at Zurich Insurance and was advised that he was out of the office for six weeks. She was given a contact number of the Farnborough Office and they had said to send them the photos of the damage together with the third-party details and they would attach them to the file. She had sent another copy of the photograph showing the damage and explained to them that the damage was caused by a person or persons unknown and was not reported to the Parish Council. She was still waiting for a response and would contact them again.

d). **Preparing for External Audit – Training Seminar 2nd April 2019**

The Clerk had attended a two-hour meeting at Somerton when the procedure for dealing with PK Littlejohn, the External Auditors, was explained in great detail. It was recommended that Clerks should refer to the detailed instructions for 2018/2019 on their Website to establish which AGAR form should be completed, the changes for 2018/2019 and the common misunderstandings that occurred last year in the first year of the major changes to the regime.

e). **Repair of MUGA**

Cllr Paul Deacon had obtained quotations for this work and had decided to go with the quotation from Paul Hart Welding Ltd., for £225.00 plus vat and the Clerk had been asked to confirm acceptance.

f). **Hire of Tannoy System for 20th Anniversary of the Twinning Association – 3rd May**

Cllr Paul Deacon confirmed that he had managed to borrow a Tannoy at no cost.

g). **National Audit Office has issued a 'Consultation on the new Code of Audit Practice'**

The Clerk had forwarded this document to the Councillors for information.

584). **ELECTIONS 2nd MAY 2019**

Cllr Derek Yeomans said that approved candidates should have been announced today at 4 o'clock. He had looked for the nomination results but they were not there. Later in the meeting Cllr Peter Goodenough advised that he had found the nomination results and seven councillors had submitted nominations as follows:- Andy Anderson, Derek Yeomans, Robert Atkins, Peter Goodenough, Tony Greenaway. The following are new nominations:- Les Hood and Tina Mary Paul.

585). **GATEWAY SIGNS**

Cllr Paul Deacon said that the gateway signs had been delivered and it was now a question of finding

someone to help him erect them. Cllr Andy Anderson offered to assist and suggested that he should contact him when he intends to erect them.

586). **VILLAGE CLEAN-UP – 30th/31st MARCH**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that picking the weekend of Mothering Sunday was not a good idea. Nevertheless, overall there had been a good turnout with fourteen people volunteering and the councillors that told him that they were going to do there sections as well. We did not achieve doing every road in the village but, the vast majority were completed. He expressed his thanks to everyone that had taken part.

587). **CORRESPONDENCE**

a). **Annual Play Area Inspection**

The Clerk had received an email advising that South Somerset District Council were no longer able to offer Annual Play Area Inspections and she had forwarded this to the councillors. They had given the email addresses of two Play Inspection Companies and Cllr Andy Anderson had sent an email today asking the Clerk to obtain quotations from these companies.

b). **Chair's Awards for Service to the Community 2019**

Nigel Taylor, the Chair of Somerset County Council had sent a reminder about the Chair's Award Ceremony for Service to the Community which would take place on Thursday, 4th July 2019. County Cllr Clare Paul had recommended nominating Madelaine King-Oakley for an award at a previous meeting. Cllr Andy Anderson had also spoken to Ted King-Oakley and he absolutely agrees that we should do so. Cllr Andy Anderson would submit the nomination and the deadline is 7th May. He would write the citation and any input from the members would be greatly appreciated so that he could incorporate everything Madelaine had done for the village. If he was re-elected as Chairman, he may not be able to attend the Ceremony because he might be in Greece. In that case, a substitute would have to be identified.

588). **RETIRING COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Anderson wished to express a vote of thanks to Cllrs Tiffany Osborne, Mike Cousins and Paul Deacon who would not be standing for re-election as Parish Councillors. He said that they had all done an excellent job in supporting him and his predecessor over the years. He also thanked the remaining councillors for their support.

589). **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

- a). Active Living
- b). PTA Grant Application
- c). Churchyard Grant
- d). Planning breaches
- e). Finger Post painting

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____