

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2014 AT 7.40PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Mr J Harrison (Chairman), Cllr B Lenthall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Hope, Cllr Mr K Brown, Cllr Mr C Brown, Mr D Royle (Treasurer Village Hall Committee)

1 member of the public.

3013 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr C George. Cllr J Richards.

3014 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The re-election of Cllr Harrison was proposed by Cllr K Brown, seconded by Cllr C Brown. This was carried.

3015 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The re-election of Cllr Lenthall was proposed by Cllr C Brown, seconded by Cllr K Brown. This was carried.

3016 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2014 were approved and signed.

3017 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr K Brown reported that he and David Royle were developing a project centred on the village hall and its amenities in respect of the s106 funds from the Corfe Farm development. A clear plan would be ready to present to Corfe Estate in the near future as the project would necessitate the release of some land to the Parish.

The near completion of the first dwelling on the site raises again the issue of visibility of the site entrance from the direction of Taunton. The presence of an oak tree is a factor as is the location of the 30mph signs. Cllr Lenthall agreed to liaise with Highways, these concerns having been raised at the time the planning application was granted. He acknowledged that the developer maintains the verges well.

3018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Brown – Village Hall Committee.

3019 REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

a) **Planning.**

Cllr Brown reported that the application at Pickeridge Cottage had been approved in its amended form and would be proceeding in due course. Notification had been received of the removal of 5m of hedgerow opposite the White Hart by Wessex Water. This was not a consultation. The hedge would be reinstated at the conclusion of the works.

An application for a garden studio/log store and boundary wall alterations had been made by Corfe Lodge. This was minor in nature and no objections had

been recorded on the TDBC website. As it would not impact on the village scene it was agreed no comment was necessary.

Some of the recommendations made in Gaynor Lewis' annual Tree Warden report would have both consent and financial implications and it was agreed Cllr Hope would liaise further with her. The Clerk would speak with Parsons about the use of herbicides in their maintenance of Queens Acre.

b) Highways.

Cllr Lenthall reported that TDBC was to appoint a new person responsible for Corfe, in the meantime to contact him with any problems. Stones on Frog Lane, and the stream would be cleared, access was not affected.

Pavements outside Pebbledash Cottage and The Old Post Office had been marked-up pending raising of the kerb height. Highways would be notified of dropped drain covers between the racecourse and Heale junction.

c) Rights of Way.

Cllr Harrison reported that path entrances were being kept clear of obstructions.

d) Website.

Cllr Hope reported that the website was up to date. The online village hall booking forms have been removed following some users failing to accurately finalise and submit their enquiry. Andy Fogwill now takes phone and email enquiries for bookings.

e) Speedwatch

Cllr C Brown reported that the SID was due to be reinstalled on the Newton Lane site this week, and once more on 8th September for a week. Police contact had been re-established with new reporting and feedback forms and pro-forma advice letters to speeding drivers. New Speedwatch teams need to be organised with the renewed support of the Police. Volunteers should contact the Clerk or Cllr C Brown.

f) Village Hall.

Nothing to report.

3020 FINANCES.

The end of year accounts having been circulated by email prior to the meeting were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman for submission to the auditors.

The balance of Council funds was confirmed as:

Santander current account: £6095.91 (incl £3327.87 Village Gateway)

Britannia Building Society: £612.34

No outstanding VAT to reclaim.

The Council authorised payments:

Clerk's salary March/April 2014 £200

Annual Insurance renewal £448.57

SALC annual renewal £67.35

3021 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Nothing to report.

3022 CORRESPONDENCE.

- Neil Bailey had expressed his willingness to continue in his role as NHW coordinator but he was agreeable to someone taking over from him if a volunteer came forward. The Council thanked him wholeheartedly for his work to date, keeping Corfe safe and crime free whilst liaising with the Police and other parishes on our behalf.
- The Floods fund had thanked the Parish Council for its donation. Over £90,000 had been raised to date.

3023 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 6pm.

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J Harrison (Chairman)

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Louise Mackley (Clerk)