

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2015 AT 6PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Mr J Harrison (Chairman), Cllr B Lenthall (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Richards, Cllr Mr C Brown, Cllr C George, Cllr Mr K Brown.

**Cllr Mr J Williams TDBC, Mr D Royle Treasurer Village Hall Committee,
Two members of the public.**

3067: CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Harrison expressed the Council's sadness at Cllr June Hope's passing. June was a valued member of the Council for eight years and also an active member of the community. Our thoughts are with Jim and their family.

There will be a memorial tea in the village hall on Thursday 26th March between 2 and 4 pm. All are welcome. The clerk had suggested the planting of a tree in Queen's Acre in June's memory and the councillors agreed this would be a lovely idea.

3068: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil.

3069: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Richards, Cllr C Brown – Village Hall Committee

Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust Committee

3070: MINUTES

The corrected minutes of the meeting held on January 6th 2015 were approved and signed.

3071: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

Lime Trees: An excellent job had been done of removing the mistletoe and the site kept tidy but it had been anticipated that the crowns would have been reduced. Cllr K Brown would check if the works were as per the CC contract.

S106 Funding: for Any Other Business.

Mill Lane Parking: Cllr Harrison had not written to the occupants of The Old Vicarage as the cones had not been seen in the car park since the last meeting.

Defibrillators: The cost of a refurbished kit is £715 + VAT. It was expensive but could prove its worth with just one use. Trudi Morgan would report further on potential funding assistance.

Finances: The clerk confirmed the amount of village gateway ring fenced monies is £3327.87, an incorrect figure had been recorded in the minutes since September 2014 and she apologised for the error.

3072: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 7 2015.

Cllr Richards would be standing down. There would be two vacancies and two candidates had informed the clerk they would be standing,

Jonathan Jackson and David Bradbeer who was present at the meeting. There had been other informal expressions of interest and more than two candidates would necessitate a ballot. April 9th is the deadline for nominations.

3073: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

- a) **Planning.** Cllr K Brown reported minor variations of conditions for parking and LPG tanks within the Corfe Farm site. No objections had been lodged by neighbours and the PC would not be making any observations. Cllr Harrison questioned whether consent had been sought to place the Eagle Plant container on the verge outside Pickeridge Cottage. Cllr Lenthall was concerned about vehicles parking on the pavement and Cllr K Brown had observed pedestrians having to walk in the road due to four vehicles obstructing the path. It was unacceptable for the container to remain in this position. Cllr Lenthall would check with County Council Highways.
- b) **Highways.** Cllr Lenthall reported that Corfe Hill verges had been scraped and tidied up. He had requested that the damaged road sign near the racecourse/Orchard Portman road be straightened. A large pot hole on Heale Lane was due to be filled.
- c) **Rights of Way.** Cllr Harrison stated that no access problems had been reported and routes would be monitored in the growing season.
- d) **Website.** Cllr George volunteered to take on responsibility for the website. Cllr K Brown advised that the site was accessible on June's computer as a transferable package. Clearsky could be contacted in due course to assist where necessary. Jonathan Jackson had contacted the clerk offering to set up a village Twitter account. It was agreed this was a good idea.
- e) **Speedwatch.** Cllr C Brown reported that with the lighter evenings the teams could resume. There was a new Police coordinator with whom he would liaise and village interest would be canvassed with a view to a couple of sessions a month.
- f) **Village Hall.** Cllr Richards reported that the hall remained popular and was in constant use. There were plans to upgrade the electrics and plumbing. The Spring Flower Show is March 28th and The Great Corfe Bake April 4th.

3074: FINANCES.

Current balances prior to authorised payments:

Santander: £3875.20 incl £3327.87 ring fenced for Village Gateway

Britannia: £612.34

Outstanding VAT claim for £72 from payment of £432 for play area chippings on behalf of Village Hall Committee, authorised prior to the meeting.

The Council authorised the payment of £200 for Clerk's Jan/Feb salary.

3075: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

SCC:No apology or report received from County Councillor Mr R Henley, who had informed the Clerk on 26th February that he would attend.

TDBC: Councillor John Williams reported that the council tax had been set for 2015 with zero increase. All services continued to be delivered for £2.37 a week for an average Band D property.

TDBC is investing £11 million in new housing and £7 million is available for a rolling programme of maintaining existing housing stock. With 3000 on the waiting list for local housing unless exceptional issues existed then applicants had to be Somerset based or have connections with the county. Turnover of tenants is low with most remaining for a generation. An ongoing project of new social housing is replacing 1 bed flats with larger flats and houses and seeing the development of garage sites and redundant premises. In 2014 the national target of 240,000 new houses saw 118,000 built.

A major development is due to start on the Deane/Blackbrook Leisure Centre site, to be up and running by mid 2016.

3076: CORRESPONDENCE.

- Trull Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation details had been received.
- Jacqueline Breslin & Andrew Moloney had put forward suggestions for Queen's Acre and the S106 funds, which had been responded to by Cllr Harrison.

3077: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

School Catchment Area: Cllr Richards summarised the problems created for Corfe children when the catchment area for Thurlbear school had been redrawn in 2014 effectively excluding the village. Historically Corfe children had been eligible, with reduced local choice since the 2009 closure of Blagdon. A lack of clear consultation meant the village, church and Parish Council had remained unaware of the changes. The diligence of the Pickles family seeking a school place for their son uncovered anomalies in the eligibility criteria when Oliver could not get a place in three local primaries. Cllr Richards raised an objection on behalf of the PC and following an investigation it was confirmed that the changes were unclear and the Admissions Authority has now made amendments meaning Corfe children are once more eligible to nominate Thurlbear. This was a good outcome for future generations.

S106 Funds: Cllr Harrison and David Royle had met with TDBC to discuss the terms of the funds, the allocation of the monies is very specific: £1023 per dwelling (£12k) for 'provision of facilities for outdoor recreation' i.e. sports, £1785 per 2 bed+ dwelling (£20k) for 'children's play provision'. It is not possible to swap the allocations. A meeting with Mr & Mrs Halliday and their land agent outlined the proposal, supported by site drawings, to create a new car park on a half acre plot adjoining Queens Acre. Mr Halliday will sell the land for

£20,000 which could be paid over ten years or alternatively rent it. S106 cannot be used for site acquisition and whilst fundraising, precept increases and contributions from the Village Hall Committee could be explored the cost was not felt justified for the site concerned. This was a very disappointing outcome. TDBC is changing S106 terms in April but not retrospectively and the terms of the 2007 contract between TDBC and the developer are set in stone. Cllr Lenthall objected to the PC renting the land. Cllr K Brown expressed his disappointment with the response when the proposal would enhance Queens Acre, an area originally gifted by the Halliday family. Cllr Harrison had responded to Mr Halliday's sale price and was awaiting further communication. If the S106 funds are not fully spent within 5 years they can be returned to the developer. It was unclear exactly how many of the houses had now been occupied.

Cllr Richards: The Chairman thanked Cllr Richards for her eight year service to the Parish Council and all her endeavours and hard work for the community. Cllr Harrison encouraged more women to stand as candidates and Cllr Richards stated it was time for younger and more energetic residents to come forward.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Corfe would take place at 7pm Tuesday 19th May 2015 followed by the Annual Meeting of Corfe Parish Council.

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J Harrison (Chairman)

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Louise Mackley (Clerk)