

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CORFE PARISH
COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2015 AT 7.40PM**

**PRESENT: Cllr Mr J Harrison (Chairman), Cllr B Lenthall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mr C Brown, Cllr C George, Cllr Mr K Brown, Cllr Mr D Bradbeer,
Eight members of the public.**

3077: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Jackson, TDBC Cllr J Williams.

3078: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL.

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

3079: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

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

3080: CO-OPTING OF Cllr C GEORGE.

A unanimous vote was carried to co-opt Cllr George.

3081: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Harrison welcomed all the councillors to a new term of office, in particular Cllr Bradbeer and Cllr Jackson (apologies for absence due to holiday) Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Register of Members' Interests were duly signed.

3082: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison - Almshouse Trust
Cllr C Brown – Village Hall Committee

3083: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 3RD 2015.

The minutes having been circulated were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

3084: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

Nothing to report.

3085: PROPOSAL TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA FOR VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Harrison stated that whilst lots of ideas had been submitted for the expenditure of the s106 funds the terms of the contract were very specific, yet it was unlikely that £23k of recreational equipment was needed in Queens Acre. There is limited parking by the village hall and the church and he believed this was affecting bookings for larger events in the hall as well as parking for the village. He and David Royle had looked for an area of land to use for parking whilst also fitting within the

recreational ideas of s106. The terms of the contract had been discussed at length with TDBC resulting in the idea of a ‘multi-purpose’ area that could be used jointly for recreation and parking.

Cllr Harrison opened a discussion on whether the Parish Council and the village want to create a parking area, without at this time specifying location or cost. S106 funds cannot be used for land purchase and separate funds would have to be raised.

Cllr Lenthall and Cllr Bradbeer agreed that extra parking was needed.

Cllr C Brown agreed on behalf of the village hall but reiterated that s106 was a separate issue and as it focussed on the children’s play area then the children of Corfe should be asked for their ideas too.

Public:

Andrew Moloney: Now that there is more clarity on the terms of the funds then the village should again be asked for their views.

Gaynor Lewis: increased parking would not necessarily lead to an increase in hall bookings’ income, most events organise their own transport because of drink-drive laws. There needs to be clearer signage at the hall indicating the overflow parking available by the church. She had rarely seen a situation where people could not find a parking space. Concerns were expressed that any new parking could be used as an overflow from Newton Court (Corfe Farm Devt.)

A Moloney: The new website and social media will facilitate this level of conversation with the village.

The new mailing list comprises 73 emails but approx 40 of these were never read. Reaching approx 33 households by this method out of a community of 129 homes was considered reasonable.

The consensus was that the village should be canvassed for views and Cllr Lenthall proposed a Public Meeting.

The Council voted on the proposal: The village needs more parking. This was agreed with four votes in favour, Cllr C Brown (VH Committee) and Cllr C George abstained. Cllr K Brown stated that we can now legitimately go forward and ask the village for their views.

3086: EXPENDITURE OF S106 MONIES.

The terms of the expenditure had been covered in the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Harrison stated that no costings had been explored for either a car park or a recreational area. Some of the funds could be spent on the existing play area where some equipment e.g. the wooden slide was reaching the end of its life. A new recreational area could be hard-standing.

Gaynor Lewis: If the area by the patio was used then this would support the need for access from the hall itself.

Cllr Harrison stated that the funds can in no way be used for the village hall building, only the outside area.

Cllr K Brown explained that this was a legally binding contract agreed in 2008 when TDBC was minded that the best use of funds was for recreation and play. This had changed in 2015 (though not retrospectively) and new s106 agreements could be more fluid. We have an anachronistic agreement that would need further negotiation with the developer (Compass) and TDBC but he did not believe a change was possible.

Cllr Harrison stated that Compass was agreeable to a variation of the terms.

Cllr George reported the Council should return to TDBC with the views of Compass and the village.

Cllr C Brown raised the issue of cost of individual items of play equipment and that in reality £23k may not actually stretch very far. It had proved difficult in the past to raise funds for community projects.

Cllr Lenthall stressed that it was important any proposal was right for the village, there not being a second chance to use these funds.

Cllr George called for a Public Meeting on this matter, to which TDBC could be invited. It was proposed that Cllr Harrison again meet with TDBC to see if they would be prepared to re-negotiate the s106 terms, and to explain their decision at a public meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr Harrison would liaise with TDBC and report to the July meeting. If the s106 contract was a public document then it would be published on the village website.

3087: VILLAGE GATEWAY.

Cllr C Brown explained that £3327.87 ring-fenced for the village gateway was originally from the fundraising for the speed reduction campaign. It was agreed to postpone any decision on the gateway until Newton Court was completed and it was known if the 30mph zone were to be extended.

3088: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

- **Planning:** Cllr K Brown reported that the application at Feltham Farm had been withdrawn and was no longer for discussion. A non-contentious application had been received for a free-standing shed at 2 Church Cottages. No objections had been recorded. TDBC had notified us yesterday of an approved change from solar tiles to solar panels at the Pickeridge Cottage new-build. This was approved 13th May without any local consultation. John Haines and Barbara Fierek were present and informed the meeting that the panels were set back from the road and were black in colour to blend in with the roof materials. They confirmed that no damage had been caused to the lime trees' roots by the installation of new utilities to the site.
- **Corfe Lifts:** Cllr K Brown reported that the AGM had discussed the provision of a 'helping hands' register for villagers willing to help out with small practical jobs or emergencies. This was supported by the Village Agent Trudi Morgan and had been implemented in other parishes. The AGM felt this was a matter for the Parish Council and Cllr K Brown would present a proposal at the July meeting.
- **Highways:** Cllr Lenthall reported that pothole repairs had taken place in Heale, though a few unfortunately were not yet deep enough to be eligible. He was meeting with Highways to discuss the poor quality of recent verge maintenance where hedges had been cut back too far, and also within the bird nesting season.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr Harrison had nothing to report but with his re-election as Chair wished to pass this portfolio on. This would be discussed with Cllrs Bradbeer and Jackson.

- **Website/Social Media:** Cllr George reported that a brand new village website was up and running, aided greatly by the hard work of Andrew Moloney. Both the Facebook and twitter accounts had a good number of followers. Advertising was being updated, with new artwork linking to business websites. This was now generating an income through annual subscriptions.
- **Speedwatch:** Cllr C Brown reported that the figures from the recent SID installation showed an ‘official’ problem with speeders and the village could lawfully install a permanent electronic speed display/warning sign. A solar powered sign would cost approximately £4,000 including installation. A 40mph limit prior to the village’s 30mph could assist and it was agreed that the changes in speed signage from Shoreditch to the village were confusing. A police motorcyclist has been operating a speed gun in recent days with good effect. A sign was another topic for discussion with the village and Cllr Brown would continue to explore this and report back.
- **Village Hall:** Cllr Brown had nothing to add to the annual report.

3089: FINANCE

The 2014/15 Annual Return, Internal Audit and end of year accounts distributed prior to the meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

2014/15 expenditure exceeded income.

2015/16 precept payment of £2000 received.

Current balance: £6687.24 (Gateway £3327.87)

The Britannia account is recorded as inactive and is to be closed and funds transferred to the Santander current account.

Payments due:

Clerk wages	£200
Office expenses (Clerk)	£49.26
SALC subscription	£73.33
Parsons (Queens Acre)	£221.32
Insurance renewal	£462.03
VAT refund to claim:	£36.88

Payments were authorised.

Cllr Jackson and Cllr Bradbeer to be added as signatories to Santander account.

3090: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

No reports received.

3091: CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised the following correspondence

- Blackdown Hills Parish Network AGM 22nd June.
- New Slinky Bus service – poster to be displayed.
- Highways Maintenance schedule distributed.
- Grant Thornton newsletter re transparency code – financial reports to be published on village website.
- Judith Richards/Trudi Morgan – defibrillators – to be discussed at July meeting.

- Community Infrastructure Levy – Cllr Jackson and Cllr K Brown to attend TDBC training session 2nd July.
- New contact number for Somerset County Council : 0300 123 2224
- Parish Play Area Grant Scheme – TDBC 50% funding available. Letter of interest needed by 31st May and full application by 31st August.
- TDBC Affordable Housing Day – 3rd June – poster to be displayed.
- Volunteer contacts needed for Somerset Local Authorities’ Civil Contingencies Unit (Clerk, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Lenthall)

3092: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday July 7th 2015 at 6pm

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J Harrison (Chairman)

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Louise Mackley (Clerk)