

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Mr J Harrison (Chairman), Cllr Mr B Lenthall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mr C Brown, Cllr Mr D Bradbeer, Cllr Mr J Jackson.

Also present: Mr D Royle (Treasurer, Village Hall Committee) Mrs Trudi Morgan (Village Agent) and two members of the public.

3107: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr C George, Cllr K Brown.

3108: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust.

Cllr C Brown – Village Hall Committee.

3108a: VILLAGE AGENT.

Trudi Morgan's role now covers 10 parishes in the area.

- Community Pay Back Scheme – offenders under supervision can help with practical work in the community.
- Devon & Somerset Trading Standards – publicity drive re scammers who use phone email and cold calling. Information to circulate to help those vulnerable to such tactics.
- First Aid courses – sadly these are no longer free to users and unaffordable to the parish at £32 a head.

Information would be forwarded to the Clerk for circulation. Cllr Harrison thanked Trudi for attending. (She and one member of the public then left the meeting)

3109: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 7TH 2015.

The Minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

3110: MATTER ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- Flooding: The field drain is still to be checked, the crop cut but not yet baled. No issues had been reported following last week's heavy rain.
- Queens Acre trees: The Council's concerns were brought to the attention of David Royle. Future maintenance would be discussed by the Hall Committee.
- Helping Hands Register – Cllr K Brown to report at November meeting.
- Village Hall insurance – Cllr George has communicated with brokers and will report at November's meeting.

3111: S106 FUNDS/EXPENDITURE AND VILLAGE MEETING.

This matter is ongoing. Cllr Harrison is still waiting for written confirmation from Compass. No feedback had been received re changing the expenditure terms for the 'outdoor recreation' funds. This would be reported on again at November's meeting. Cllr C Brown had received suggestions of a roundabout, slide and basketball hoop. David Royle expressed concerns that as costs will increase it was best to make a decision on this part of the funds soon whilst waiting to hear about the other terms. The amount allocated for the 'children's play area' could buy at least three significant items. It was agreed that any idea of land purchase was closed. He has quotes and a number of proposals but stressed that despite this matter being repeatedly publicised there was only him and one other member of the public present.

Jacqueline Breslin felt villagers were holding off from commenting on specific ideas in anticipation of the proposed village meeting. She questioned the age limit of 12 years placed on users of the current equipment and it was confirmed that this was for insurance/liability reasons.

The Council discussed calling a Village Meeting specifically for the purpose of explaining and choosing items of play equipment. It was proposed and agreed for **Tuesday 6th October at 7pm. A final decision on purchases would be made on this date and everyone was encouraged to attend.** The meeting would be publicised via email and social media. Cllr Brown thanked David Royle for his research.

3112: DEFIBRILLATOR.

Cllr Harrison had looked at possible locations for a site. A cabinet costs £150-£600 and the defib itself is £600. Cllr C Brown stated that whilst it was a good idea the Council has insufficient funds. If any individuals in the village wished to fundraise for this specific cause that was a possibility. This topic remains ongoing. Trudi Morgan has offered to provide further information and advice.

3113: PRECEPT 2016.

The Council's reserve funds were decreasing year on year, with expenditure exceeding income. An increase in the precept was required towards basic costs of Queens Acre, insurance, and the Clerk's salary. The village had acquired additional dwellings this year. It was proposed and agreed to submit a request for £2500 for the 2016/17 Precept.

3114: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

- **Planning:** report received from Cllr K Brown.
 1. Change of use to tea rooms at the Old Vicarage; Permission granted subject to conditions limiting the use to tea rooms and for no other purpose (including wedding receptions). Parking for 20 cars to be provided on site, and hours of opening limited to 10am-5pm only. This appears to deal with all the main issues raised at the last meeting, and hopefully should be seen as a satisfactory outcome.
 2. Agricultural worker's dwelling Feltham Park Farm: Permission granted subject to conditions limiting the height and scale of the building, its location within the site, the retention of trees and hedges. Details of the scale, appearance and landscaping still to be approved. Occupation limited to a person solely or mainly working in agriculture or forestry locally. Although we objected, along with Pitminster and Otterford Parish Councils, our provisos, should permission be granted, have been covered.

NB: although the TDBC planning website acknowledges receipt of, and has a copy of our objection, the officers' report states no comment received.

- **Highways:** Cllr Lenthall would check the field drain next week. Trees on Corfe Hill, struck by hay trailers had been dealt with. White lining repairs were also being addressed.
- **Rights of Way:** Cllr Bradbeer stated no complaints had been received. Cllr Lenthall had met with Duncan Leaney and Sally Vickery (TDBC Footpaths) and dealt with the field path at the rear of Queens Acre; the maize had been cut.
- **Website/Social Media:** report received from Cllr George.

The website continues to be a success, advertising revenue is around £100 p.a. It was interesting to hear that participants in the flower show had increased by 28%. There is no evidence that this is due to the implementation of the social media but Cllr George would like to think that it had gone some way to help spread the word. Cllr C Brown praised the speedy dissemination of information on the day of the cancelled Corfe v Pitminster cricket match.

- **Speedwatch:** Cllr C Brown reported that Police motorcyclists had been in the village recently with good effect. The Blackdown Hills Parish Network has asked parishes about renting their speed gun to Wellington Without Parish Council. This would be a small revenue source if approved and he was happy to explain its usage. It is in full working order and having cost Corfe £700 it was agreed that subject to a signed agreement and acceptance of liability for any damage or costs of repair the Council approved said loan. Cllr Brown would contact the BHPN. He had not been approached for any local training or Speedwatch shifts. The hi-vis tabards were no longer legally compliant. Cllr Brown is keen to explore traffic calming measures e.g. road painting and discussion of the village gateway along with step down speed signage is timely with the sale of more Newton Court properties. Cllr Lenthall would discuss with Highways. Ideas and costings would be reported at November's meeting.
- **Village Hall:** Cllr C Brown stated that the Summer Flower Show was very well attended this year with an increase of 100 entries on last year. Profit was also up, £420 on 2014's £300. He congratulated Cllr Bradbeer on his Cup success with his vegetable exhibits. David Royle reported that the new boiler installation was of great benefit.
Upcoming Events: Wine Evening 18 Sept, Hall Working Party 19 Sept, Hall & Hearty 16 Oct, Quiz Night 13 Nov, Xmas Party date tbc.

3115: FINANCE.

Balance: £5340.85 (incl Village Gateway £3327.87
 Vat to claim: £92.90 (Minimum claim per submission £100)
 Cheques to authorise: Parsons Landscapes Ltd (July 2 cuts) £110.66
 Clerk's salary (July/Aug) £200
 Cllr Bradbeer and Cllr Jackson now authorised as account signatories.

3116: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Nothing to report.

3117: CORRESPONDENCE.

- Police Beat Surgery: Corfe village hall car park 14th November 3.45pm
- Cllr Williams sent out Member Information Pack for Neroche Ward; interesting demographic analysis. Distributed to all Councillors by email.
- TDBC Code of Conduct training session – Cllr Jackson will attend and report back.

3118: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- Cllr Harrison discussed using profile photos on the website. Clerk confirmed some photos from old site had been retrieved but requested all to forward up to date ones.
- Cllr Harrison had received complaints about the low flying aeronautics over the village. Bill Hosie who is a fully trained stunt pilot had enquired of him and been advised of such. The Council did not wish to put a dampener on this recreation but some villagers were understandably concerned about safety in light of recent crashes at air shows this summer. Bill had assured him that all regulations etc were complied with.

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

Date of next meeting – Tuesday November 3rd 2015 at 6pm

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J Harrison (Chairman)

Louise Mackley (Clerk)