

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016 AT 6PM. CORFE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present: Mr D Royle (Treasurer Village Hall Committee) and four members of the public.

3130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors present.

3131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harrison, Almshouse Trust, Taunton CAB Volunteer

Cllr C Brown, Village Hall Committee

3132. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3rd 2015.

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

3133. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

Planning: Cllr K Brown reported that full consent had been granted to Feltham Park Farm.

Objections to scale of dwelling had been submitted but revised plans accepted by TDBC.

Grit bins: two purchased by Cllr Harrison for village.

Pavement clearance: no reply from SCC – Clerk to follow up.

3134. PHASE ONE s106 EXPENDITURE.

Cllr Harrison thanked David Royle for his extensive work preparing a scheme for this expenditure.

An itemised order was circulated to those present. (Copy available from Clerk) Installation costs would be reviewed with the suppliers. S106 funds had not been received by TDBC despite the occupancy threshold for payment having been met last summer. The order will not be placed until funds received. Maintenance, removing of old springers and surface re-barking would be an additional cost.

3135. PHASE TWO s106 EXPENDITURE.

Cllr Harrison and Cllr George had met again with Debbie Arscott TDBC resulting in a far more positive response to expenditure proposals. She had confirmed that outside lighting for the hall, patio doors, goal mouth improvements, basketball/netball goal and a defibrillator would fall within the terms of the S106 funds for 'outdoor active recreation'. This was excellent news after many months of discussions. It was noted that whilst these five ideas had been favoured to date, the village would be asked once more for any additional projects. Gaynor Lewis suggested installation of Wi-Fi for the hall which would greatly assist the groups that met there. Cllr C Brown would present these ideas to the Village Hall Committee and report back. Funds are available for five years and costings would be researched in due course.

3136. VILLAGE GATEWAY/ILLUMINATED SPEED SIGNS.

Cllr Harrison proposed that it was timely with the near completion of Newton Grange to discuss plans for a Village Gateway, there being £3327 set aside as well as potential funds from the village fete. Cllr C Brown suggested it should tie-in with a 40mph zone on the approach as the funds had originally been raised from the speed campaign. Cllr K Brown stated the gateway should augment the 30mph, acting as a reminder of village pedestrians, children etc. Cllr C Brown had obtained

quotes from a British company and details were circulated to all present. The SIDs were still available to the village as an average recorded speed of 39mph confirms Corfe has an issue with speeding. Cllr Jackson stated that the change from 60 to 30mph meant many drivers didn't adjust their speed in time. Cllr Lenthall would seek a meeting with Highways to discuss the visibility splay at Newton Court and what could be sited where. A change to 40mph would also affect this. Cllrs K Brown and C Brown also offered their assistance. Cllr Harrison and Cllr C Brown would continue to research illuminated speed sign costings.

3137. VILLAGE FLOODING.

Cllr Harrison reported that there was a continuing problem with field water runoff on to the road. He had spoken to Duncan who had indicated that the Environment Agency had placed restrictions on ploughing. Cllr Lenthall stated that Duncan's position as tenant should be respected and ploughing may only slow and not stop water as furrows would also overflow. Cllr Harrison has circulated an update from Neil Bailey, who had discovered another drain. Cllr Lenthall felt this was not associated with field drainage and may have been from a former building. Cllr Harrison confirmed that the agents GTH had agreed to measures being taken without incurring costs to the landowner i.e. Neil was allowed to dig/clear areas. Cllr K Brown expressed concern that the flow of rainwater in the direction of Church Cottages was exacerbated by the dropped kerb at the Pickeridge Cottage new build.

3138. CORFE VILLAGE FETE JUNE 4TH 2016.

Cllr Harrison confirmed that Bill & Trina Hosie are organising a Village Fete and kindly donating all profits to the village. As tenants of the field behind the church they have in place all permissions and insurance. **Volunteers will be needed to help on the day and social media will be used to drum up support and stallholders.** The event is on private land and not directly organised by the Parish Council. Cllr Lenthall agreed the event was for the good of the village and did not require the permission of the Parish. A list of objections received from B Fierek had previously been circulated to the Cllrs and whilst noted, it was agreed that it was not for PC discussion, being a private event. Cllr K Brown fully endorsed the efforts of public spirited individuals. The Clerk would forward the objection to Bill Hosie. The Cllrs were unanimously in support of the event and members of the public present thought it a great idea and good for the community. More details for volunteers and stallholders on www.corfesummerfete.co.uk Tel: 01823 420050, 07500 332060.

3139. REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

- PLANNING: Cllr K Brown reported that no objections had been received in respect of garage changes at Wembury House and full permission had been granted.
- HIGHWAYS: Cllr Lenthall reported that TDBC would fill new grit bins when on site, which would be once the weather turns. Frog Lane had been cleared following flooding and Highways will remove the collected stones. Residents can help reduce flooding by keeping an eye on the drains near their homes.
- RIGHTS OF WAY: Cllr Bradbeer reported that all was in order and there were no locked gates on the Feltham access paths.
- WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: Cllr George reported that the website was up to date and the annual £50 fee was due. A. Moloney stated that it received about 250 hits a week and he would produce a report for the Cllrs.
- SPEEDWATCH: Cllr C Brown stated there were no shifts planned before March. As the village does have an issue with speed it still qualifies for free SID installations – weeks beginning 28 March & 15 August.

- VILLAGE HALL: D. Royle reported that the Christmas Party was a success with 70+ guests, and the November Quiz Night was a sell-out. The Toddler Group has been relaunched – on Tuesdays
3140. FINANCE.
 Current balance: £4857.48 (£3327.87 V.Gateway) incl. VAT refunds, none outstanding.
 Payments authorised pre meeting: £140 footpath maintenance A.Lenthall (from TDBC grant), £100 TDBC uncontested election costs, £15 Som. Playing Fields Assoc. annual membership fee, £55.33 Parsons – QA October cut.
 Payments to be authorised: £200 Clerk's wages Nov/Dec, £50 website annual fee.
 Taunton CAB had requested a donation – it was agreed to authorise £50.
 The V Hall had received £60 rent from TDBC for the May Election. Cllr Harrison asked D Royle if in light of the PC being charged £100 for the election & having limited reserves a reimbursement could be made from this rental, to which he responded no.
- 3141 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.
 No reports received.
- 3142 CORRESPONDENCE.
- Council Tax Support Scheme will be phased out over next two years.
 - Schools Admissions consultation period runs til 29th January. Details via SCC tel 356146, or for Thurlbear tel: 442277.
 - Email had been circulated re Creative Innovation Centre's new project for a 'Pictorial History of the Borough of Taunton Deane'. Partners for the project had been requested. Archive material, photos, maps etc from local people and parishes would be collated. The PC agreed to offer its support but would not be able to make any financial contribution.
 - Blackdown Hills Parish Network has requested information on planning/transport/communication matters to feedback to local MPs following a meeting last autumn. Clerk to reply on behalf of PC.
- 3143 MEETING DATES FOR 2016
 Confirmed as March 1st, May 3rd (Annual Parish Meeting) , July 5th, August 30th, November 1st.
- 3144 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
 Cllr Lenthall expressed concern about the appearance of the driveway ramp to the Pickeridge Cottage new build, that could block up and collapse as it was not stone-faced. There had in the past been a cobbled footpath. Cllr K Brown was also concerned that the water was speeding up through its culvert because of the dropped kerb, and had been seen being dug out again today. It would cause problems for Church Cottages. It was unclear what had been specified in the planning application but it was agreed that the design, including plastic pipes offended the aesthetics of the Conservation Area. A letter would be written to TDBC Planning Dept .
 (Cllr Harrison/Clerk)

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.10pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday March 1st 2016 at 6pm.

