

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2016 AT 7PM CORFE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr J Harrison (Chairman), Cllr C Brown, Cllr D Bradbeer.

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

3168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr C George, Cllr K Brown, Cllr B Lenthall, Cllr J Williams (TDBC).

Cllr Harrison stated that no formal decisions could be made this evening as insufficient Councillors were present.

Apologies received from Cllr Jackson after the meeting had commenced.

3169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison: Almshouse Trust. Cllr C Brown: Village Hall Committee.

3170. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 3RD 2016.

The Minutes having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3171. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- Since ordering new PlayQuest equipment for installation in September, rotting structural posts had been identified in equipment they had installed 5-6 years ago. They had quoted £1200 to replace two; Tony Dewhirst had quoted £2000 to replace all 12. S106 cannot be used for repairs and maintenance. David Royle stated that the Hall would cover the costs. Cllr Harrison stated no decision could be made on how to proceed as the meeting was not attended by all Councillors. Cllr C Brown expressed serious concerns at the substandard quality and the planned expenditure with a company whose previous equipment was already failing.
- Any decision on S106 expenditure for Outdoor Recreation would be delayed until the next meeting, but costings could be explored for the existing proposals of patio doors, defib, wifi etc as no additional ideas had been submitted by the village despite appeals via the minutes.
- The Hall and Parish Council insurance policies had been combined, with significant savings.
- The Clerk's wage review would be discussed at the next meeting and any increase backdated to May.

3172. FETE 2016.

Everyone present agreed that the Fete had been a great success. The weather had helped greatly and feedback was very positive. A Fete Committee of Bill Hosie (Chair), Bryony Shaw (Secretary), and Louise Mackley (Treasurer) has been established and was open to all willing helpers. A bank account Corfe Fete Fund had been opened. Helped by a generous donation from Bill and Trina Hosie towards costs, the final profit was £4743.48 to be shared equally between St Nicholas Church and the Parish Council. Expenditure of this would be discussed at the next meeting. Next year's Fete would be June 3rd. The Mayor of Taunton is booked to open it.

3173. S106 PROJECTS.

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

3174. REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Planning: Only one outstanding application, 12/16/0008 – erection of porch canopy at The Courtyard, Queens Acre Lane. No objections have been lodged and therefore the Parish Council has no comments to make to TDBC

Highways: Nothing to report.

Rights of Way: Cllr Bradbeer had cut back and cleared stiles and openings.

Website: The Clerk reported receipt of £70 for annual advert renewals.

Speedwatch: Cllr Harrison reported that following help from Cllr Henley (SCC) and various meetings, two speed recording devices had been installed by Highways, 300yds outside the village and near to The Old Vicarage to measure both approach and village speeds. Their report stated speeds recorded were within acceptable levels and no preventative measures were warranted. This is in total contradiction of data from repeated SID installations by Newton Lane. This data was resubmitted to Highways and questions raised about appropriate counter measures to reduce speeding. Cllr Henley is aware and will contact David Fothergill for a response from Highways. Cllr C Brown expressed concern that with no street lighting, and basic amenities provided by our Council Tax the Council was unwilling to assist Corfe in this matter. He encouraged residents to write to the Council and MP of their concerns. The Councillors recalled local serious accidents but no formal statistics were available.

Village Hall: Flower Show, August 29th Bank Holiday.

3175. FINANCE.

Fete 2016: Net £4743.48, shared by Parish Council and St Nicholas Church. (Additional £400 from Cream Teas, given direct to the church)

Income received since May Meeting: Fete (Gross) £6290.20, Web adverts £70, VH for Insurance renewal £426.02.

Cheques authorised pre meeting: combined VH and PC Insurance £639.02, Parsons £114, SALC subs £73.16, Fete Costs, £1546.72.

Cheques to authorise: St Nicholas Church (Fete) £2371.74, Clerk's wages £200.

VAT to reclaim: £138.02.

CURRENT BALANCE after cheques authorised and pre VAT claim:

£9159.33

(incl ringfenced Gateway £3327.87, Wellbeing £250, CIL £365.63)

3176. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Nothing to report. (Cllr Williams attending Local Govt conference and apologies recorded).

3177. CORRESPONDENCE.

The post of Village Agent had been advertised.

3178. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr Harrison stated that the Almshouse Trust had vacancies for new Trustees and a Treasurer. Rents remain low but the cottages required £30,000 of improvements which would result in a gradual rent increase.

Cllr Bradbeer enquired as to the timetable for the Council to cut verges, in particular Green Lane where visibility was obstructed.

Cllr C Brown has received complaints of vehicles parking on pavements on the main road near to the pub. Pedestrians have to walk in the road. This was a regular occurrence. The households where this was occurring would be indentified and contacted by Cllr Harrison.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday August 30th 2016 at 7pm.