

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2016 AT 6PM CORFE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr Harrison (Chair) Cllr B Lenthall (Vice Chair) Cllr K Brown, Cllr C Brown, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr D Bradbeer, Cllr T Hosie. David Royle (Treasurer V H Committee), Mrs A Finchett, Mrs A Jeffery.

3190: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

3191: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust, Cllr C Brown – Village Hall.

3192: CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR.

Mrs Trina Hosie was the only nomination for co-option to fill the vacancy. Cllr K Brown proposed her co-option, Cllr C Brown seconded this. A vote was taken and the decision was unanimous to co-opt Mrs Hosie. Cllr Hosie was welcomed to the Parish Council and signed her Declaration of Office.

3193: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30TH AUGUST 2016.

A copy of the Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

3194: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

No matters arising.

3195: PLAYQUEST INSTALLATION AND PHASE 1 OF S106 FUNDING.

The new play equipment has been installed, with a few problems, highlighted to PlayQuest. Their offer of two years free maintenance/inspection had been circulated to the Councillors, as well as to refund the cost of the safety fencing removed by the contractors despite belonging to the village hall. The terms of their inspection contract would be clarified to ensure that it complies with Health & Safety obligations as well as the hall's insurance policy. Mr Royle believed their offer should be accepted, and then alternatives considered after those two years. Cllr Harrison would seek clarification from PlayQuest and circulate the agreement before the final acceptance of that offer. Cllr Lenthall considered it a good solution as PlayQuest should resolve any problems as they arise. TDBC had inspected and approved the installation but the release of the funds to the Parish account has been delayed due to accounting transfers within TDBC. PlayQuest can be paid once these funds have cleared.

Rotabounce equipment is to be provided by Playdale, with a 7x7m area left for this installation as agreed with the company. Following a site visit this required a 2m increase, extending into an area currently grassed. Discussion took place about preparing this area. Cllr Jackson questioned whether the expansion of the play area would raise concerns from neighbouring properties but the area was identified as being at the field end and not near the houses. It was agreed that the supplier should also carry out the installation. Quotes for surfacing had been sought. Cllr Brown stated that the Rotabounce would prove as popular as the revitalised play area and congratulated David Royle on his work. The surfacing for the aerial runway was discussed and it was agreed to seek quotes for various matting options and to make a decision following a site meeting.

Cllr K Brown raised the matter of the Millennium History Tree, an initiative of Corfe resident Sylvia Beer. The wood had been vandalised and was in disrepair. Sylvia hoped the PC could take over responsibility for its upkeep as she was no longer able to. The feature does attract a lot of interest but is in need of refurbishment. Ann Jeffery explained that Sylvia's gardener Mr Collins was willing to remove and repair it. It was agreed that it should be removed now for safekeeping, the PC would take responsibility for it and liaise with Mr Collins, whether a new piece of wood was required.

3196: PHASE 2 OF S106 FUNDING – ACTIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION.

Cllr Harrison summarised previous suggestions of French doors, defibrillator, exercise equipment. Two quotes had been obtained for French doors. Cllr C Brown agreed this would be a good addition to the hall. A discussion took place re disabled access, there being a ramp at the rear fire door, and the requirement for steps at new doors, not properly included in the quotes. The Clerk recommended three quotes all for the same specifications. More research was required on the specific requirements but the proposal was agreed in principle by all. More information would be circulated.

Cllr Jackson suggested opening up a new discussion with the village for projects now that the terms were more flexible than when ideas had previously been sought from residents. Cllr Harrison stated that nothing had been proposed when the village was canvassed before. Cllr C Brown read out a list of items from previous Minutes, including goal mouth improvements, basketball hoop, cricket nets. Cllr Jackson emphasised the 5 year period for expenditure and that new ideas could still be added to the current list. The Clerk referred to the previously circulated TDBC Parish Play Area Grant Scheme as an additional source of funding, quite separate from s106. Cllr C Brown agreed to write the initial expression of interest to TDBC. David Royle questioned why matters kept being put off. He stated that an equipment storage building was needed and a space at the rear of the hall was suitable. Cllr Harrison would contact TDBC for a list of acceptable items. An outside toilet had been refused. A decision on a defibrillator was put on hold until further details of a TDBC funding scheme was known.

Cllr C Brown made a renewed proposal of exercise equipment and circulated photos of items. David Royle questioned who would use it. Cllr Brown had spoken with a number of residents who were in favour of the idea, and they had proved popular in other locations. Cllr Jackson questioned whether improvements were being made for the residents of Corfe or whether visitors from outside the village were now increasing. Cllr Lenthall recommended concluding the expenditure of Part 1, the French doors and storage and then reappraising the remaining funds, whilst Cllr Harrison reviewed the flexibility of the terms with TDBC. Exercise equipment would then be reconsidered. Cllr Jackson confirmed that the 2015 Fete proceeds (£2371) are also available for village projects.

3197: SID RESULTS, ANTI-SPEEDING MEASURES AND VILLAGE GATEWAY.

Cllr C Brown had challenged the SCC readings from April which didn't tally with the SID. A further survey taken 15-30th August recorded 23,000 individual journeys, an average speed of 39mph, with 15% over 50mph. This qualifies the village to continue the regular SID installations. Cllr Brown would again raise the proposal of 40mph on the approach to the village, but this may be problematic and require funding. The absence of street lighting means structural deterrents are not permitted but visual markings such as lines narrowing the road could be considered. Cllr Lenthall proposed a distinctive village gateway possibly incorporating railings, trough and planting, creating a visual impact that a village was being approached. Cllr K Brown proposed speed warning signs, which could be solar powered. Cllr C Brown would renew discussions with Dave Grabham/Jo of Highways and a site visit for costings of the gateway would take place. Gateway funds of £3327 were ring fenced.

3198: NEWTON LANE BT PAYPHONE.

BT wished to remove the phone kiosk. The Clerk had written to the Planning Dept raising objections. Cllr Lenthall stated it was an important part of the village. Cllr K Brown also wished it to be retained but acknowledged BT had failed to maintain it, creating an eyesore in the conservation area. An update on any decision would be circulated and addressed then.

3199: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS..

PLANNING: Cllr K Brown reported that the application for an extension at Coombe Hill Cottage, Adcombe Lane was of a modest and sensible scale and does not detract from the character of the village. There were no comments on the TDBC portal and the consultation period was now over. Cllr Lenthall agreed it was important to retain a young family in the village. The PC would not raise any objections.

HIGHWAYS: Cllr Lenthall reported no major potholes. A second cut of local verges had been done after his complaint. Although the crossroads at the top of Corfe Hill is not within the parish boundaries Cllr Lenthall wished for a formal letter of concern to be sent to SCC Highways, highlighting the inadequacy of the current give way signs in preventing accidents. Stop signs or warning of a major junction would be more appropriate, with better road markings. Cllr Lenthall would speak with Highways and the Clerk would write.

RIGHTS OF WAY: Nothing to report.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: Cllr Jackson reported that the social media sites had been tidied up. The website now has clearer contact forms. £30 website ad income received since last meeting. Twitter now has 78 followers and proving very useful for getting announcements out quickly.

SPEEDWATCH: Matters covered in Minute 3197.

VILLAGE HALL: Mr Royle had nothing to report. (Quiz Night 11th November. Christmas Party 9th December)

3200: FINANCES.

Income: £30 web adverts, £605 TDBC grant (£140 burial ground, £150 footpaths, £315 playing fields), V.Hall £1267.50 for PlayQuest.

Payments pre meeting: Parsons £228, Corfe church £140, PlayQuest repairs £1521 (incl VAT)

VAT refund submitted and pending : £329.50

Payments to authorise: Clerk wages £200 (see Minute 3204) refund Clerk £17 Royal British Legion (Jack Leeming to lay Remembrance Day wreath)

Current balance pre today's payments: £8701.69 .

Various amounts ring fenced: QA/Wellbeing £250, Gateway £3327.87, Fete fund for projects: £2371.74, CIL: £365.63. (Basic Parish funds = £2386.45)

3201: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

No reports received.

3202: CORRESPONDENCE.

Invitation from The Mayor of Taunton Deane for representatives to attend the Remembrance Day Service on 13th November.

Somerset Community Justice Partnership – seeking volunteers. Poster on Facebook page.

3203: 2017 MEETING DATES.

January 3rd, March 7th, May 2nd (Annual Meetings), July 4th, September 5th, November 7th.

Start time of 6pm, Annual Meeting to be confirmed.

3204: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Queens Acre: Cllr Lenthall stated that some additional clearing and tree surgery is required in Queens Acre, as areas were very overgrown. Mr Royle stated work had already been done, particularly for the new installation. Cllr Lenthall was concerned that overgrown areas were affecting the grassed areas and that it should be looked at again. Mr Royle agreed to do so.

Clerk's Salary: This matter had been discussed amongst the Councillors prior to the meeting and an increase of 10% agreed, back dated to May 2016. The Clerk's monthly salary would increase to £110. The Clerk thanked the Councillors for the increase. Payment of £60 authorised (May-Oct)

There being nothing further to report , the meeting was closed at 7.10pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017 AT 6PM.