

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017 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), three members of the public.

3205: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All present. Cllr Harrison welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017 and wished all a happy new year.

3206: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust, Citizens Advice Bureau, Cllr C Brown – Village Hall.

3207: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25th 2016.

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

3208: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

Cllr Lenthall confirmed that the History Tree had been repaired and returned. New plaques were suggested including to commemorate the 100th birthday of Sylvia Beer, whose initiative the Tree was.

3209: PRECEPT 2017/18.

Discussion took place on increased costs (QA maintenance, Clerk's wages) and all agreed a request for £2750 to meet the expenses of the Council from April 2017.

3210: UPDATE ON PHASE 1 OF S106 FUNDING.

The rotabounce is to be installed, weather permitting, on 16th January. Cllr Harrison will be away and David Royle agreed to oversee the start and finish of the installation. There is £93.75 remaining of Part 1 s106 funds. Matting for the zip wire runway will cost approx £300. It was agreed to use the additional £250 funding from SCC towards this cost.

Cllr C Brown commented that the zipwire was sagging and not running smoothly, being stiff for children to pull back and had it been checked ?. David Royle questioned what evidence there was of this problem and both Cllr Brown and Cllr K Brown confirmed experiencing problems using it with their families. It was agreed that David would contact PlayQuest.

3211: UPDATE ON PHASE 2 OF S106 FUNDING – ACTIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION.

It was agreed to delay any decision on a defibrillator, or broadband in the hall until the results of a new TDBC survey in to such provision and the possibility of funding.

- Barrett and Canniford were deemed to have provided the best quote for French doors (using A1 Windows) of £1900, with extra costs possible e.g. fixing skirtings, new curtains, decoration. Steps to the patio would be reasonably shallow and it was agreed to consider a moveable wooden wheelchair ramp after installation. £13299 is available for Phase Two and it was agreed by all to proceed with this quote.
- The Youth Club had agreed to pay for a concrete base for a storage shed. S106 will not finance a wooden shed. Prices for 'heavy duty' metal sheds range from £600 and a metal container £1200-£1300. Concerns were expressed that wood was not secure enough and metal may be too flimsy and that it was important

to view first rather than rely on website descriptions. The storage is required for outdoor play equipment. A shipping container would not require a base so those savings could go towards the overall cost, as part of the s106 monies. Sizings were discussed and it was agreed that a container was the best most secure option. Cllr K Brown emphasised the need for a firm plan after installation to adapt it by cladding/painting to blend in with QA. It was agreed Cllr Harrison and David Royle would source and seek TDBC approval for funding.

- Cllr C Brown had submitted an application to TDBC for the Parish Play Area Grant Scheme. Feedback was positive from TDBC and the S106 funding didn't affect eligibility. TDBC could provide half the costs (the other half could be s106) as this was aimed at older children. A substantial basketball hoop and cricket nets were under consideration. (Parsons quote for cricket nets etc £6500). Cllr Harrison thanked Cllr C Brown for his work.
- It was agreed to concentrate on and see the conclusion of these three proposals before considering any further s106 projects.

3212: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS..

PLANNING: Nothing to report.

HIGHWAYS: Cllr Lenthall reported that the gullies near the racecourse had been raised. Salt bags were stored by the church. Regular salt runs were being made for Corfe Hill. The Clerk had received acknowledgement from SCC for the letter of concern over road markings and signage at the Chard/Wellington crossroads, with a proposed site visit , but no further update. The Clerk would chase this with SCC.

RIGHTS OF WAY: Nothing to report.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: Cllr Jackson reported that following the death of Michael Hunter who had provided our website hosting, business had passed to Magic Webs Ltd. Because of short notice the contract had been renewed for one year at half the normal price and the domain name renewed for two years. (Total £64 net). Consideration should be given to reducing hosting costs next year by the village running the site.

SPEEDWATCH: Cllr C Brown is pursuing the need for a 40mph limit on the northern approach to the village. Highways refute the need for this and will not finance , despite repeated SID evidence of excessive speeding. They also disagree with the need for a new gateway. Cllr Brown questioned such provision if financed by the village but has not had a response. Yellow lines (9,7,3) on the approach have been offered. The success of the lengthy campaign for the 30mph zone shows that persistent engagement can work and Cllr C Brown will continue to pursue this. Cllr Harrison offered to assist as required.

VILLAGE HALL: David Royle reported a successful Quiz Night and Christmas party. The hall had its 5 year electrical inspection, resulting in some repairs and improved outside lighting. Flooding outside the hall entrance remains a big problem, worsened by leaves blocking the small drain. Tony Dewhirst has quoted £1127 for various measures including a 'sleeping policeman' in the road to divert the flow, changing the paved area by the entrance, additional fencing between the parking and the hall/QA entrances. The quote was only received at the meeting so needed further discussion with Tony. Cllr Lenthall suggested an eco-drain between the hardcore area and the parking. The cost would fall to the Parish Council as owners of the hall. Cllr K Brown expressed the need to investigate the proposals without delay, to avoid any complications with potential future insurance in the event the hall was flooded. The Sewing Group was stranded there in November. It was agreed that Cllr Lenthall would discuss with David and Tony.

3213: FINANCES.

Current balance after tonight's cheques : £5725.19

Income: s106 grant £19625.25, £572 (VH for electrics), VAT refund £4264.

Payments pre meeting: £23550.30 (PlayQuest/s106), Parsons £57, PA equipment for VH £473.65, Rotabounce deposit (s106) £2091.60, Mountstephens Electricals (VH) £686.40.

VAT pending: £541.52 (PA, electrics, rotabounce)

Payments to authorise: Clerk wages £210, refund Clerk £15 Somerset Playing Fields Assoc annual subs, Magic Webs Ltd £76.80

3214: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

No reports received.

3215: CORRESPONDENCE.

- County Council elections 4th May 2017.
- Pensions Regulations obligations have been complied with.
- SID dates 17 April & 23 October 2017.
- TDBC Survey received today re defibrillator and broadband access in public buildings.
- BT phone box – matter was referred from TDBC to SCC (Cllr Williams) for comment by 9 Dec. Our box had 16 calls made in 12 months.
- Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau request for donation - £50 agreed.

3216: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- Cllr Harrison had enlisted the help of Cllr Henley and Cllr Williams to have the village's two new grit bins filled and returned (nr White Hart and golf club junction with main road).
- Cllr Lenthall requested a letter of thanks be sent to Graham Mott for his excellent, uncharged repair work on the Memory Tree in QA.

There being nothing further to report , the meeting was closed at 7.05pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2017 AT 6PM.