

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2017 at 7pm 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). Members of the public and representatives of Parish clubs and associations.

3229: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr J Williams TDBC.

3230: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust, Cllr C Brown – Village Hall, Cllr Lenthall – Queens Acre & footpath maintenance.

3231: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL.

The re-election of Cllr J Harrison was proposed by Cllr Lenthall and seconded by Cllr Bradbeer. Cllr Harrison accepted the nomination and this was carried.

3232: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL.

The re-election of Cllr Lenthall was proposed by Cllr K Brown and seconded by Cllr Bradbeer. Cllr Lenthall accepted the nomination and this was carried.

3233: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 7th 2017.

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

3234: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- Thanks were extended to Cllr Jackson for erecting advice notices re dog fouling. The signs would be remade owing to rain damage. General consensus was that offending dog owners were not Corfe residents but it was hoped the problem could be reduced.
- Cllr Bradbeer had occasion to advise a horse rider using an Adcombe Lane footpath that such activity was not permitted. There had been no further reports of problems on the Mill Lane field footpaths.

3235: VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

- The order has been placed for the installation of French doors to the rear of the village hall.
- Hall flooding – an additional estimate obtained was way in excess of previous one. A further quote had been provided by Tony Dewhirst for just the essential works: channels, posts, enlarging entrance/size of drain. Financial forecast for 2017 having been circulated prior to the meeting, Cllr K Brown stated that at present the PC doesn't have sufficient funds to proceed with this work. Cllr Harrison would seek a quote from Barratt and Canniford re drainage/flooding of hall..

3236: UPDATE ON PHASE 1 OF S106 FUNDING.

Rotabounce – the bark is now in place. Cllr Lenthall was thanked for organising this. There would be an additional cost to the PC. There was some surplus to improve the levels around the slide/swings. Thanks were extended to David Royle for his work on the play area. Playdale would hopefully complete the Rotabounce installation now, ready for signing off by TDBC and receipt of previously authorised grant.

3237: UPDATE ON PHASE 2 OF S106 FUNDING.

- Drier weather means that preparation work for the storage container can start.
- Cllr Hosie attended a TDBC presentation about defibrillators. Funding can be applied for with the remainder of the costs covered by S106. 2-3 villagers would receive instruction in its use although anyone could follow the clear instructions to activate it. It needs to be clearly displayed and accessible therefore on the Newton Lane wall of the hall. Cllr Harrison presented various costs involved for case/cabinet and machine. A high quality lock was available with a 10y guarantee. Total costs for defib including cabinet and electrics would be no more than £2500, towards which a grant can hopefully be obtained. Further information could be sought from Trull Parish as they had recently installed one. All agreed to proceed with this project once funding applications were open.
- Further exercise equipment was discussed but it was agreed that QA was now very full and access for maintenance work is slightly restricted. In light of the ongoing projects with the doors, container, defib etc it was agreed to conclude those before embarking on anything new. Ample time is still available under the S106 terms.
- Cllr Jackson raised the idea of creating a path from Pickeridge down in to the village, providing a circular walking route. It was felt landowners' permission would be difficult to obtain.

3238: HIGHWAYS CONSULTATION A358.

Cllr K Brown attended a public meeting about the proposals for improving the access between Southfields roundabout and the M5 in order to bypass the A358/Henlade. A new dual carriageway was proposed for West Hatch, Stoke St Mary, Shoreditch, passing under the B3170, creating the new J25A. Although not included in the proposals a link with the B3170 could shift the Henlade problem to Corfe with our B road becoming a 'rat-run' to and from the A303. The project is due to commence in 2020 and consultation is open until May 20. (NB: *now extended for unspecified period due to General Election*). The implications for the village roads were discussed and it was agreed for Cllr Brown to respond on behalf of the PC with strong representations that whilst in principle supporting a relief road and J25 improvements the PC would strongly oppose any connection between the new A358 and the B3170. Individual response forms can be obtained from SCC and further public meetings but it was vital that additional comments are included, not just to rely on the tick box answers.

3239: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS..

PLANNING: Cllr K Brown reported that there had been no objections to an extension at April Point Pickeridge. This was not visible from the road and the PC had made no comment to TDBC. The house at Feltham Farm was taking shape and an application was submitted to amend roof lights in the attached garage and for an attached 'agricultural barn'. The PC viewed this as an incremental change that could lead to a substantial sized residential property in the future. The PC was willing to support any objections raised by Otterford Parish.

HIGHWAYS: Cllr Lenthall reported that a diseased oak at the end of the visibility splay by Newton Court was due to be felled. Patching and the reinstatement of white lines on Mill Lane has been requested. Ongoing concerns were raised about crumbling banking on Green Lane.

RIGHTS OF WAY: Cllr Bradbeer would be unable to inspect the paths for a period due to an operation but Cllr Harrison and Cllr K Brown agreed to keep an eye on issues.

WEBSITE: Cllr Jackson had nothing to report.

SPEEDWATCH: Cllr C Brown had not been advised of any volunteers since announcing he would be stepping down from the role of coordinator. New hi-vis jackets were on order. New details had also been obtained for Police contacts and pro-forma speeding reports. He had asked Highways for details of acceptable village gateways as the PC still had funds earmarked for this.

VILLAGE HALL: David Royle reported on recent successful hall events. Concerns were raised about broken glass on the hall floor when the quilters attended. The booking calendar would be checked to see who hired the hall on the preceding Saturday. The hall had fully swept after the Friday wine tasting event. Cllr Lenthall explained that the hedge by the edge of Newton Lane/phone box had been removed, the land was actually owned by the neighbouring property and the fencing would be moved out further, incorporating this land and thus improving the overall appearance and tidiness of the roadside.

3240: FINANCES.

The Clerk had previously circulated the Annual Accounts, a financial summary of 2016/17 and a forecast for 2017/18. Expenditure is barely covered by income, grants and donations are heavily relied upon.

The Youth Club had donated £700 towards the container costs. Amending the contents insurance to cover the PA and YC equipment increases the annual premium by approx £23. In light of their donation they would not be asked to pay this.

- OTHER INCOME: Precept/grant £2794, Vat refund £348.60, Web ad: £30.
- PAID PRE MEETING: QA Matting £437.72, Parsons £57.85
- TO AUTHORISE: Chipmunk (QA bark) £465, Clerk's wages £220.
- VAT PENDING: to end April - £162.75.
- CURRENT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE: £9038.29 (incl. pending VAT refund)
- BREAKDOWN: £700 container, £3327 Gateway, £1898 2016 Fete – VH doors. Unallocated PC funds £3113.
- FORECAST 2017/18: Basic expenditure (no projects) £3037. Basic Income (incl. pending TDBC grant £1900 to reimburse rotabounce costs/not incl. Fete 2017 profits) £2965.

3240a: The Annual Governance Statement (External Audit) was approved and signed.

3240b: The Annual Accounting Statement (External Audit) was approved and signed.

3241: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Nothing to report.

3242: CORRESPONDENCE.

- To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War the Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset would hold a commemorative event in Wells on 6th November 2018.
- The Duchess of Cornwall launched the Great Get Together for June 17/18 2017, to remember MP Jo Cox but also to promote community and friendship. Any sized event could be organised by Parish clubs or groups.
- An email received from a resident complained about the noise nuisance of the air display practise flights, questioning their legality and safety. After speaking with Bill Hosie the Clerk had given reassurances that everything was conducted in accordance with aviation law

and permissions. It was acknowledged by the PC that the air display was a positive part of the Fete, providing vital income for the church and village.

3243: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr Harrison had received a complaint from a Corfe resident about Wellies' signage and inconsiderate parking on Mill Lane suggesting that the designated spaces at the tearooms were not being used. Bill Hosie explained that the 'Open' sign was only temporary for 2-3 more weeks and would be replaced, and a parking sign would also be erected. The tearoom parking had been offered to club users of the hall. Wellies had no control over users of QA who walked over to visit. The church had been offered overflow parking in the field. He was open to any ideas that would help the village and on behalf of Wellies thanked the village for its support. He was willing to talk to any residents about their concern.

Ann Jeffery emphasised that Mill Lane parking spaces were the Parish's and not the church's. Ann Finchett recommended renewing slanted painted lines to discourage parallel parking. Judith Richards expressed her disappointment with the complaint, and highlighted the generosity of Bill & Trina Hosie for starting up the Fete, and providing an excellent enterprise in the village. She was hugely grateful for the use of Wellie's parking for a charity bridge event at the hall. She believed strongly that the village should carry on being a community.

Cllr Lenthall described living in Corfe all his life and being a Councillor for 25 years, witnessing the loss of a school, bakery, blacksmith, shop, post office, builders' yard, working men's club and farm shop. Huge expense and effort had gone in to renovating the Old Vicarage and opening Wellies and village life would benefit from it. Parking has always been a problem and should not be blamed on the tearoom which is not open every day. A previous complaint about the Fete was totally unjustified and all present, Councillors and members of the public expressed their unanimous support and gratitude for the Hosie's contribution to the village community.

There being nothing further to report , the meeting was closed at 8 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : TUESDAY 4th JULY 2017