

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 4th JULY 2017 at 6pm CORFE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr Harrison (Chair), Cllr J Jackson, Cllr D Bradbeer, Cllr T Hosie. Somerset County Cllr John Thorne. David Royle (Treasurer V H Committee). David Orr (representative of Killams & Mountfield Ward) & three members of the public.

Cllr Harrison opened the meeting at 6pm and acknowledged the absence of three Councillors. He invited David Orr to speak about the proposed Highways England Ltd scheme for the A358, after which the Agenda would be addressed.

David explained how HE Ltd had conducted a misleading consultation, during the purdah period for SCC , meaning the CC couldn't comment. Of the original four options presented to SCC only one option remains, being the cheapest after Stonehenge and Sparkford schemes receive the lion's share of funding. This option has the least benefits for Taunton and doesn't assist Henlade or link to J25 Nexus site. HE Ltd would not answer questions at the recent Stoke St Mary meeting. A Freedom of Information Act application was made.

(SCCllr John Thorne left the meeting at this time without explanation)

It is clear that a 'closed' junction is unlikely. Peak summer traffic flows have not been considered in the surveys. The new junction could support 3460 new homes to the south of Taunton, i.e. approaching Corfe. Southbound A303 traffic would flow on to the new route , a sliproad would have to be taken to remain on the old A303/A30. The extended consultation period and the different proposal means individuals can submit another response. The single option would not give economic benefit to Taunton just by virtue of new housing. CPRE have threatened legal action if the consultation is not meaningful.

The scheme is part of National Infrastructure, passing through the Planning Inspectorate with Statutory Powers invoked in July 2018, with building commencing 2020 and lasting 3-5 years. David asked the Council if they wished to encourage the residents of Corfe to raise objections because Corfe *will* be affected. He recommended members of Corfe Parish Council attend a meeting with HE Ltd at West Hatch village hall Thursday 6th July. Copy paperwork was passed to Cllr Harrison. Cllr Harrison thanked David for his presentation.

6.25pm: David Orr left the meeting. Cllr Harrison also left the meeting, returning a few minutes later.

Ann Jeffery raised an objection that the Chairman had not introduced or welcomed our new County Councillor John Thorne to the meeting, expressing that she thought it very rude of Cllr Harrison.

Cllr Harrison stated he had been unaware of who he was , believing him to be a new resident. They had met briefly at the fete but he had not recognised him today. He knew Cllr Thorne had child care responsibilities, his son has attended with him, and perhaps he had left in a hurry for that reason. Cllr Harrison explained he had left the meeting to look for Cllr Thorne outside. Cllr Harrison said he had not intended to be rude and apologised if that was what the public members thought.

3244: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr J Williams TDBC. Cllr K Brown, Cllr C Brown, Cllr B Lenthall.

3245: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust.

3246: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2nd MAY 2017.

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

3247: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- Cllr Harrison had yet to obtain a quote from Barratt & Canniford for exterior flooding work at the hall, having waited to see the quality of their work on the French doors. Cllr Jackson recommended that project bidders be advised why their quotes were not accepted. Cllr Harrison had spoken to Simon Callow but not to Tony Dewhirst, but his quote was too high. Future project bidders would be notified of decisions.
- Sheila Pankhurst whilst not objecting herself, expressed disappointment with the reaction of the PC to another resident's objection to the Wellies signage. She felt the exercising of a democratic right and a written objection should have been respected.
- The storage container base was ready. D Royle is awaiting confirmation of 19th July for delivery.
- No update received from TDBC or Somerset Community Foundation re defibrillator funding.
- Hall French doors are installed. TDBC grants would not have been decided until September and can not be awarded retrospectively. A decision was made to go ahead and not cause further delay. The net cost of works was £1990. Cllr Harrison sought confirmation from D Royle that the VH Committee would make a contribution. No figure was discussed. Cllr Jackson asked for the cost of the actual doors. The quote and invoice do not break down the costs. (The Clerk confirmed that Fete 2016 proceeds covered this cost)
- Cllr Lenthall had approached Highways about damage to Green Lane. They were disinterested and referred him to Planning. (See Minute 3251)

3248: VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

Discussed at Minute 3247. Cllr Harrison will get quote for flood prevention work from B&C, if D Royle in agreement. Estimates to date were unaffordable(£3000-£7000) and proposals may have to be amended .

3249: UPDATE ON S106 FUNDING PROJECTS.

All Phase One funding has now been spent. Further expenditure of Phase Two (Active Outdoor Recreation) is on hold until the container is installed. Cllr Harrison recommended all-weather surfacing for the goal mouth. No other opinions were raised and the matter was deferred to September's meeting.

3250: FETE 2017 PROCEEDS – PROJECT SUGGESTIONS.

Cllr Harrison confirmed the Fete was a fantastic success and extended special thanks to Cllr Hosie. Time was needed to consider projects for the funds (£3579) A permanent SID was suggested but it was not appropriate to discuss without the full Council being present. Cllr Jackson stated that speeding vehicles are the main concern of the village. Cllr C Brown had previously looked at costings and had consulted Highways for information on acceptable gateways. £3327 Gateway fund is still available.

3251: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

PLANNING: The Clerk reported for Cllr K Brown:

i) **12/17/005** application for Forge Cottage, recommend no objections subject to local representations during the consultation period.

ii) **Lorry traffic** on Green Lane is connected to an application for the 'Formation of Landscape Bunds at Poundisford Lodge'. TDBC approved this in 2014, we were not consulted. 1600 lorry movements will move

33,000 tonnes of spoil. The Traffic Management Plan adversely impacts on Corfe residents. Fosgrove Lane and Amberd Lane were rejected as unsuitable routes. Green Lane is also unsuitable and alternative means, eg smaller lorries should have been considered or the application refused on access grounds. Cllr Brown proposes a letter of complaint to TDBC asking why we were not consulted and requesting details of who is monitoring the Traffic Management Plan.

iii) A358 : Consultation ends 16 July. New J25A only stacks up on economic grounds if development land opened up to the south of Taunton –a ‘Killams New Town’ of 3000+ houses ? HE/Mott McDonald can no longer say no local junction connections are proposed, eg B3170. It is an inevitable consequence. Cllr Brown proposes a formal objection to the preferred scheme on the grounds of huge potential impact on our Parish and neighbouring Parishes. Cllr Brown will respond on behalf of the PC taking into account additional views from the meeting. He urges individuals to respond asap online at www.highways.gov.uk/taunton-to-southfields.

HIGHWAYS: Ann Finchett raised concerns about poor visibility from Heale junction onto the B3170. Cllr Lenthall would be asked to assist.

RIGHTS OF WAY: Nothing to report. Cllr Harrison wished Cllr Bradbeer a speedy recovery from his ankle operation.

WEBSITE: Cllr Jackson reported that all recent village events had been reported and followed across social media. Lots of photos of the fete have been added to the website. He thanked Andrew Moloney for his assistance with IT matters.

SPEEDWATCH: The Clerk reported for Cllr C Brown that new hi-vis jackets have been received. He had met with Police who will assist when able. A new Speedwatch Coordinator is still required.

VILLAGE HALL: David Royle reported positive feedback re the new doors.

3252: FINANCES.

INCOME: Fete £3413, s106 rotabounce £1486. VAT refund £162.75, VH insurance £397 (£25 Youth Club pending for increased contents premium)

PAID PRE MEETING: Parsons £231.40, Hall Insurance £687.71, Barratt & Canniford (doors) £2388, B. Lenthall – QA groundworks £691.63, Container groundworks £281.08 (All figures gross)

TO AUTHORISE: Reimburse Cllr Harrison – container £2592, Clerk’s wages £220.

VAT PENDING: to end June £1226.65 (incl additional £166 from Fete, and £29.98 to reimburse to Fete Fund.)

S106 REFUND due for container/works: £2394. TDBC Capital Grant £1232 – with s106 covers all recent QA expenditure.

CURRENT BANK BALANCE £8632.47 . After cheque clearances, anticipated grant/vat/s106 income etc: £12,090 incl Gateway’s £3327.

3253: REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Apologies from Cllr Williams.

No report from Cllr Thorne who left the meeting early.

3254: CORRESPONDENCE.

- The cancelled SID from April 17th would be rescheduled.
- Pat and Paul Irwin had volunteered to attend the SCC workshop for fingerpost survey and restoration on July 18th, with Cllr Jackson as reserve.
- Judith Richards had commented on the untidiness of the area to the front of Newton Court. Cllr Hosie had spoken to residents who were also concerned. Residents have individual responsibility for different

areas of the grounds. It was unclear whether the driveway/entrance was private or adopted and Cllr Harrison would look into this.

3255: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr Harrison reported that the Almshouse Trust is still seeking a Secretary.

There being nothing further to report , the meeting was closed at 7.15pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017.