

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 at 6pm CORFE VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Harrison (Chair), Cllr B Lenthall (Vice Chair), Cllr D Bradbeer, Cllr T Hosie, Cllr K Brown, Cllr C Brown, Somerset County Cllr J Thorne, TDBC Cllr J Williams. Clerk L. Mackley. David Royle (V H Committee). Six members of the public.

Cllr Harrison opened the meeting at 6pm and welcomed everyone.

**3256: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr J Jackson.

**3257: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr J Harrison : Almshouse Trust.

**3258: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017:** A copy of the Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**3259: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:**

- Cllr Harrison has not approached Barratt & Canniford re quote for flooding works at village hall but had met with Tony Dewhurst, and also with David Royle about the siting of the container. These matters are addressed later in the meeting.
- Cllr K Brown re Minute 3251(ii) – The lorries on Green Lane had resumed again after a summer hiatus. He and the Clerk to liaise re letter to TDBC querying their Traffic Management Plan. A local complaint had been received. Cllr Lenthall confirmed that Highways have no jurisdiction in the matter and it is a planning issue.

**3260: A358 HIGHWAYS ENGLAND CONSULTATION:**

Cllr Harrison thanked Cllr K Brown for submitting the PC response to the Consultation. It was agreed to invite HE to a meeting at Corfe Village Hall at the earliest opportunity. No dates were published for the second consultation period. Cllr K Brown questioned the traffic counting measures on the B3170, HE previously having stated that this route was not part of their proposals. (Clerk to action)

**3261: FUTURE PROJECTS – S106 PART TWO AND FETE 2017 FUNDS.**

**Defib:** The TDBC grant application is open , for funds up to 50% of costs. Quotes are needed, including electrical works. The application requires an independent referee and Cllr Harrison proposed the Chairman of Pitminster Parish Council.

**Goalmouth:** Cllr Harrison had approached four astroturf companies without success. Cllr C Brown suggested contacting Derek at Parsons Landscaping Ltd.

**Permanent SID:** Speeding vehicles remain a serious issue for the village and the installation of a SID had been discussed previously. Despite lengthy correspondence, SCC Highways do not support the need for any additional speed measures for Corfe. Concern was expressed that as with the campaign to have the 30mph limit in 2011 no action would be officially acknowledged by SCC without a serious road accident occurring. This is unacceptable. Cllr Thorne stated that the PC could make its own purchase and SCC can supply a list of approved suppliers. It was agreed to publish the key elements of the SCC emails denying the need for a SID, on the website and to encourage individuals to write to SCC. Cllr C Brown thanked the Clerk for circulating a summary of these. Despite repeated efforts by Cllr C Brown no volunteers had come forward to continue the community speedwatch. It was agreed to renew the plea for volunteers and a new coordinator. SCC state Corfe does not need a permanent SID although Cllr Brown had confirmed village funds were available. The temporary SIDs installed by SCC always show that the majority of vehicles are speeding. Action: Cllr Harrison to contact SCC.

**Gateway:** Cllr K Brown proposed a small working group to focus on this project. Again SCC had denied the need for this, stating the current signage was sufficient. Finance could be available through the Small Improvements Scheme but these were already decided for 2017/18, and Cllr Thorne explained how the implementation of these can take years. Cllr K Brown confirmed that a B road does not qualify for a fixed speed camera. Residents should be encouraged to write to the Highways Engineers at SCC to complain about the lack of support for additional anti speeding measures. Cllr Thorne stated that 100%

village funding was the best option , with scheme suggestions available on [www.trafficchoices.co.uk](http://www.trafficchoices.co.uk). It was agreed to pursue the possibility of a self-funded gateway/SID scheme. Other local gateways would be researched and a site meeting requested with SCC. £6700 is available from the gateway/fete funds. Action: Cllr Harrison to contact SCC Highways.

**Flooding at hall:** Cllr Harrison had discussed alternative drainage/grate provisions with Tony Dewhurst and this was ongoing.

**S106 Part Two:** No additional projects were proposed for the time being.

**Phone kiosk:** Nigel Furniss (Shire House) asked what schemes were proposed for the box. The Clerk explained that it was being retained as a functioning public phone and could not be used for any other purpose as it was not PC property.

**Queens Acre litter/dogs:** Sheila Pankhurst raised concerns – discussed in 3262.

### **3262: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

**Planning:** Cllr K Brown: TDBC approved the application at Forge Cottage on 15/8/17.

**Highways:** Cllr Lenthall confirmed that the second cut of verges was complete, patching had been done on the hill. Repairs had been made to Green Lane but this wouldn't be complete until the dumping at Poundisford ended. It was agreed that a number of lorries were unlawfully using the B3170 hill. Coaches are not covered by the weight ban. Cllr Lenthall agreed to speak to Duncan re hedge growth obscuring signage on Pitminster Road near the pub. Ann Finchett thanked Cllr Lenthall for cutting back the growth at the Heale lane junction.

**Rights of Way:** Cllr Bradbeer – nothing to report. Cllr Lenthall stated that owner of Hurley Farm would seek to reroute the footpath away from the farm buildings. Cllr Bradbeer had previously advised them to contact Sally Vickery.

**Website/Social Media;** Clerk for Cllr Jackson – all up to date.

**Speedwatch:** Already discussed.

**Village Hall:** D.Royle: Patio doors and container fully in use. Summer Flower Show raised £400. QA now being used by increased number of visitors but cannot deal with related increase in litter. Cllr Harrison had no response to emails to TDBC re bin emptying. Cllr Williams to be cc'ed, he will provide PC with timetable of collections. Cllr K Brown had tidied up after an overflowing bin exacerbated by crows and squirrels, rubbish included dog waste and soiled nappies. Agreed this was health risk. The bins are responsibility of TDBC. Somerset Waste Partnership has county contract for residential wheelie bins. To have wheelie bins would be a private chargeable matter for the hall. TDBC can provide dog bins at purchase/emptying cost. This had been discussed before – signs were put up in problem areas with little effect. Dogs had been seen in QA and the play area. Cllr Williams believed top play-areas were circulated amongst parents' social media groups resulting in visitors from outside Corfe.

Cllr Bradbeer asked for location of patio door key as needed to be opened in hot weather when hall in use by clubs. D.Royle holds it but would obtain some copies.

Sheila Pankhurst asked re availability of parking spaces as part of the hall hire as they needed to park close by when carrying in equipment. D.Royle said there is no rule , rather it is first come first served.

### **3263: FINANCES.**

VAT refund £1226.65 received to end of July. £84.21 pending. Income: £25 Youth Club insurance contribution. TDBC grants/S106 refunds £1232.22. Cheques paid: £289.26 Parsons, VAT refund to Fete Fund £29.98, container shelving £216.

Payment to authorise, Clerk wages £220 + £60.31 (office supplies/postage etc).

BALANCE: £11578.69 (Gateway £3327, Fete £3413)

### **3264: REPORTS FROM COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.**

**Cllr Williams, TDBC:**

A recent Gazette article gave negative slant to progress of Firepool development. TDBC is only seeking outline planning permission. The development needs to ensure the rapid bus transit system can operate unheeded. Current situation is not as negative as stated in the article. The site will allow £105million of mixed retail/cinema/leisure/restaurants as well as 200 homes on the brownfield site.

TDBC had been accused of the incorrect use of a Local Development Order for the proposed Nexus site. The site is actually greenfield not green belt. Professional Officers have been consulted and the Order is not being misused. It should enable investors to be certain of the development parameters of the site.

The enhancement of the town centre will be enabled by the semi pedestrianisation of East St/North St/Fore St/Hammet St/St James St. Times of closure and permitted use will vary. 18 month trial will begin in January 2018, after which

consultation will take place with retailers/public/community. Recent works by Wessex Water and SCC resulting in lengthy road closures gave a positive indication of the benefits of pedestrianisation to trade.

Cllr Williams confirmed that outline planning permission had been granted for the Coal Orchard site. The former pool would be demolished but as some walls are within the conservation area a further application had been made. Reserved matters of the application were being worked on. The intention is for the site to be mixed commercial/residential to complement the Brewhouse.

**Cllr J Thorne, Somerset County Council:**

- 1) A358 new consultation may restore the option of a link to Nexus/J25. Traffic counts have been widely spread and will return in October. The closure of A378 Langport road meant readings of that area were unrealistic.
- 2) Parking offences can be reported by the public via the SCC website or email to the traffic management scheme.
- 3) Broadband company Gigaclear is contracted with Connecting Devon and Somerset to bring fibre to premises. This will be underground cabling. Connection boxes will be installed at property boundaries/roadside but private costs will be incurred if driveways are long. Adcombe Lane has a 'green box' as part of the CDS Scheme for future connection. Gigaclear website has a postcode status checker.
- 4) Saturday closures of Park & Ride are planned in order to make £50k savings p.a. The sites are used by 1400 vehicles on weekdays compared with less than 500 at the weekend. The service will open for event days and Christmas shopping.
- 5) Defibrillators- SCC has a list of recommended suppliers/costs.
- 6) Free NHS healthchecks are available at various locations for 40-74 yr olds. (Clerk had previously tried to organise this for the hall but the providers had failed to commit due to parking/accessibility issues.)
- 7) There has been an improvement in NHS delayed transfer of care (discharging of people from hospital)
- 8) SCC will be launching an appeal for foster carers.

Cllr Thorne sits on the Scrutiny for Policy and Place Committee, Audit Committee and Blackdowns AONB Management Committee.

**3265: CORRESPONDENCE.**

Grant Thornton have requested an updated register of assets to be submitted with 2017/2018 accounts.

**3266: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

**Hall Storage Container on Queens Acre:** Cllr Harrison thanked Cllr Lenthall for his work to install the container and recent help in moving it away from the boundary following a complaint from the residents of Shire House. Cllr Harrison had been assured prior to the purchase of the container that neighbours of QA were aware of and in agreement with its intended location.

Meetings have taken place between the Parish Council, David Royle and Tony Dewhirst exploring options for disguising the container and minimising the visual impact for neighbouring properties. A wall behind it is not structurally viable. A fence is a possibility.

Nigel Furniss thanked the PC for highlighting this issue. He described it an eyesore with a negative impact on his property and questioned its temporary nature, insisting it needs planning permission, also stating they were not formally consulted about the container. He requested that it be completely camouflaged or removed.

Cllr Lenthall understood Nigel's concerns. As it is movable no planning permission is required, it would be though for a shielding boundary structure exceeding 6ft height. It cannot be re-sited as close access needed for hall users and movement of equipment especially for the Youth Club in the winter. Nigel did not accept it remaining in its current position and asked for it to be moved to a right angle with the hall. Options of moving it and fencing were discussed. Cllr Harrison clarified that January 2017 Minutes referred to a shipping container. Nigel questioned the detail in the Minutes and believed the PC should have written to him rather than him having to read the Minutes. Nigel stated they had only been asked about a shed, and cutting back a tree. The PC wishes to work with him and appreciated that an error had been made and a resolution would be sought. Nigel thanked the PC.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.35pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 6pm.

