

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2017 at 6pm CORFE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr J 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.

Village Hall Committee: J. Richards, K. Gosling, D. Royle. **Public:** S. Pankhurst.

Clerk: L.Mackley.

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

3267: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr J Jackson.

3268: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr J Harrison: Almshouse Trust, Cllr C Brown: Village Hall Committee.

3269: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5th SEPTEMBER 2017: A copy of the Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and agreed and signed as an accurate record.

3270: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

- DEFIB: Cllr Harrison & Cllr Hosie had attended a useful demo of the BHF recommended Zoll AED defib and cabinet at the fire station. Cost of both approx £2100, to be met by grant and s106. It has 10y warranty, suitable for children and adults, running costs £10p.a. new pads £30 every 2 yrs. Will be installed on roadside wall of hall where sheltered but visible. Fire officer will give training demo. Volunteers/keyholders required to make fortnightly checks. Agreed to order cabinet now as 6 week lead time, then defib once grant confirmed (NB official confirmation received 8/11/17)
- GOALMOUTH: Despite repeated calls to Parsons re artificial turf no contact returned. Tony Richards has experience of sourcing artificial putting greens so will also assist with further info/pricing. (NB: estimate now received)
- SID: A permanent one has been refused by SCC as criteria not met. Agreed to arrange site meeting with Dave Grabham to advise on suitable locations to enable a portable SID to be alternated between sites. Can only be in situ at each for fortnight and not returned within another fortnight. Individuals would need to be trained to move and install it. Cllr Harrison & Cllr C Brown to follow up with Highways.
- GATEWAY: Cllr Harrison and SCC Cllr Thorne meeting this week to discuss site. Although PC is self financing Cllr Thorne must still submit application via Small Improvement Scheme, and it will depend on SCC having the capacity to design and advise us.
- FLOODING: Quotes received from Simon Callow, Barratt & Canniford, and Tony Dewhirst, ranging from £900 for eco drains to £7000 for drainage, fencing, path and parking surfaces. Cllr Harrison explained the quotes. Discussion as to doing gradual works to see if problem remedied by drainage work first. Important that eco drains kept clean. Cllr Lenthall will explore where the key drains lead to. Everyone agreed it was a problem that does need resolving, that new fencing and gate were also needed. Cllr Lenthall thought the parking area could be raised and surfaced for approx £500.
- CONTAINER: Cllr Lenthall had moved the container further away from the boundary again. A letter of complaint had been received from N Furniss/P Brook (Shire House) . It is clear that neither the current position nor cladding is acceptable to him. No other complaints had been received by the Clerk. To move it to the extent he requires would impact on users of the patio and Queens Acre. Rotating it may obstruct water supply taps, which Cllr Lenthall will check. Various fencing and cladding solutions range from £800 to £1600. The matter was discussed further and it was agreed that such expenditure was not legitimate when it would not resolve the issue. Cllr Lenthall will visit Nigel to explain cladding options.

- HIGHWAYS ENGLAND: It is unclear why the Nov 17th meeting with Mott MacDonald has been cancelled but there are issues with their new consultation period. No one from HE was due to attend and it was agreed that for a future meeting it is vital that they do so rather than deferring to their consultants MM.

3271: PROGRESS REPORT – SID AND GATEWAY PROJECTS discussed under Minute 3270.

3272: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Planning: Cllr K Brown: Statutory notice received of proposed felling of cypress tree at Forge Cottage, within conservation area. Propose no objection, does need to come down, and won't detract from village scene.

Highways: Cllr Lenthall: the sign at the top of Corfe Hill was demolished yet again by a vehicle. New rumble strips would be more cost effective than repeated repairs to signage.

Rights of Way: Cllr Bradbeer – nothing to report.

Website/Social Media; Clerk for Cllr Jackson – new advertiser on website, Ovensclean, paying £30 p.a.

Speedwatch: Cllr C Brown: still no volunteer to take over from him as coordinator. Contacted by other groups re joining together to purchase speed signs at a reduced cost of approx £30/40 each.

Village Hall: D.Royle: Quiz Night Nov 10th, Christmas Party Dec 8th. Cllr K Brown proposed a vote of thanks from the PC to all the volunteers who had decorated the hall, as well as planting bulbs at the village entrance. Judith reported that new curtains were on order and it was proposed to hang new pictures/photos, with the old ones being retained in an album. The annual playground inspection recommended a number of measures for remedial work. D.Royle looking at alternative firms and has advised current contractor. Some walkway logs are splitting, but not deemed dangerous. Baby swing does have cracks in posts, not picked up on inspection but will be temporarily taken out of use until repaired.

3273: FINANCES.

Income: VAT refund £103.49. Web advert £30. TDBC grant £605 (Burial Ground/Queens Acre/Footpaths). **Cheques paid:** £231.40 Parsons, Bulbs £161.94 (from Fete monies) **Payments to authorise,** Clerk wages £220 + £17 (Remembrance wreath), Footpaths maintenance £140, Burial ground grant £140, Playing Fields Assoc. annual fees £15. **VAT refund pending:** £65.55.

BALANCE: £11447.48 (Gateway £3327, Fete £3252)

3274: REPORTS FROM COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Cllr J Thorne, Somerset County Council:

- 1) Road grit available for collection Nov 25th. Need to request from SCC for individual bins.
- 2) Research ongoing into bus subsidies.
- 3) Library restructuring – seeking community help to support and diversify.
Consultation ongoing with Children's Centres and Family Services. Public Health now CC responsibility.
- 5) Gigaclear/Broadband: Announcement Nov 15th re roll-out. Work could start this month in Corfe. First connections due from Feb 2018. Narrow trenches to be cut in pavement to 300mm depth – markings sprayed recently in village.
- 6) Road Safety Strategy consultation ongoing
- 7) Winter road treatment schedule published.
- 8) SCC appealing for foster cares and adopters.
- 9) Joint committee established bet. Devon and Somerset to draw down Govt monies for devolved powers. No elected mayor.

Cllr Thorne invited questions. Cllr K Brown had been notified that the concessionary fare for users of Corfe Lifts will be protected for the duration of the current administration – bus pass holders have that cost saving transferred to the group.

Cllr J Williams, TDBC:

- 1) There is a lot of merit in the combined authority, aimed at delivering productivity gains, improving the economy and infrastructure. All district councils in Devon & Somerset, Torbay & Plymouth authorities, National Parks, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Local Enterprise Partnerships all working together. Cllr Williams represents TDBC.

- 2)A358 – supposed reason for delay in second consultation is HE internal debate whether to consult again just on section in doubt (Lower West Hatch to Killams via Henlade) or the whole route from Southfields to M5. TDBC & SCC have met with HE but no new information provided on what is proposed. TDBC has stressed the need to consult with PCs and hard to reach groups, non Parish groups. As soon as the schemes are know TDBC will analyse, critique and make public.
- 3) Affordable Housing: TDBC has completed 1000 affordable homes in last 5 years, 284 in the last year. Waiting list of 2000 families ‘in need of accommodation’ (not same as ‘homeless’). There is not a big supply of brownfield sites but TDBC using available land efficiently – in 2008/2009 of housing completed 89% was on brownfield, but dropped to 40% in 2016. 2782 homes completed on brownfield since 2008.
- 4) Firepool Devt: coming on stream. 720 homes being built, recognising value of living closer to the station and the town centre.
- 5) Nexus site: coming before Community Scrutiny. 3000+ jobs on 65 acre site. Agenda published for Public Committee for Nov 14th, followed by full Council Dec 6th. J25 upgrade not yet approved (SCC responsibility), TDBC decision on Nexus subject to that approval.
- 6) TDBC/West Somerset single authority – decision now with Secretary of State.

3275: CORRESPONDENCE.

Grant Thornton yet to send out invoice for £200 audit fees.

3276: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The QA bin has been moved closer to the hall to provide temporary respite from the wind.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 6pm.