

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2018.

Present: Cllr J Harrison (Chair), Cllr B Lenthall (Vice Chair), Cllr K Brown, Cllr D Bradbeer, Cllr J Jackson. Clerk: L. Mackley. Two members of the public.

Councillor Harrison opened the meeting at 6pm. The Parish Council expressed their sadness at the deaths of Andrew and Joan Fogwill. Andrew and Joan managed the village hall from 2012 to 2017 and were key members of the Corfe community. Their involvement in our village life continued even after they moved house to Churchinford in 2016.

3281: Apologies for Absence: Cllr T. Hosie

3282: Declarations of Interest: Cllr Harrison – Almshouse Trust, Citizens Advice.

3283: Minutes of Meeting held 7th November 2017.

The Minutes were published and circulated prior to the meeting. They were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

3284: Matters arising from those Minutes.

- The defib cabinet has been ordered and paid for. The £1000 grant has been received. Installation will take place soon as the defib can be ordered with a week's notice.
- Parsons quoted £250 to tidy the goalmouth, £500 for artificial turf. It was agreed to go ahead in spring when ground and weather conditions improve.
- A decision on suitable gateway schemes remains with SCC and Cllr Thorne.
- The line of the village hall drain has been traced, running uphill away from the hall rather than to the road. It is working and a new larger drain cover and trap by the hall entrance should improve the flow and alleviate current problems caused by debris build-up. (Nigel Furniss stated he had unblocked two 'storm drains' of mud, adjacent to Newton Lane.)
- Cllr Harrison had circulated costings for fencing to the rear of the storage container to minimise its visual impact. Nigel Furniss disputed the line in November's Minutes '*it is clear that neither the current position nor cladding are acceptable to him*'. Cllr Lenthall had discussed the fencing with him prior to this meeting. He wants the container to be moved a further 5ft away from his boundary. Cllr Harrison explained that whilst this may alleviate his own situation it would create additional problems of visibility for users of the patio and residents of Newton Lane. Both Cllr Harrison and Cllr K Brown had received adverse comments last time it was moved forward. Cllr Lenthall recommended erecting the proposed fence to the rear, avoiding creating an access gap between hall and container. This will be close to the container but not secured to it, with post and rail and vertical feather boarding with a gradual slope from approx 9ft to 8ft giving the appearance of a shed end. The fencing would go ahead at the PC's expense. Nigel requested it be recorded that the all parties concerned are open to reviewing the situation in the future.
- Highways England consultation on the A358/M5 link will take place this year. Cllr K Brown stated that HE may put pressure on local authorities and objectors by threatening to shelve the scheme if local objections to their preferred route(s) continue.

3285: Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held 5th December 2017.

The Minutes were circulated and published prior to the meeting. They were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

3286: Matters arising from those Minutes.

Cllr K Brown reported that one additional comment had been recorded on the TDBC planning website. The decision had not yet been made by TDBC, but the Council would want to have a say at Committee stage if the Officer approved the application despite the PC's clear objections.

3287: Precept 2018/2019.

The Council discussed future expenditure in light of the limited funds available to the Village Hall Committee, vital improvements to the parking area and general costs of insuring and maintaining the hall and Queens Acre. It was agreed that if the Council was to carry out its duties effectively then an increase in the Precept was needed. £3000 would be requested from TDBC. This would be reflected in a minimal increase in Council Tax per household.

3288: Purchase of Speed Indicator Device/Gateway.

Cllr Harrison had received a suggestion from Pitminster Parish Council to share costs/ownership of a SID. He had hoped for their Chairman to attend this meeting. December's temporary SID figures showed the speeding problem continues. The SCC SIDs will be discontinued in 2018. Costs of purchase vary significantly depending on type- £2000-£3000 for basic SID, £1200-£3000 for message/display options, £200-£400 to train people to install and remove. Speed cameras are £5000+. Cllr K Brown believes a visual display will act as a reminder of the speed limit, but that current location at end of Newton Lane is poor and obscured. The cost effectiveness of such a purchase was questioned if it doesn't change behaviour, as shown by the SCC SID data. Cllr Harrison clarified that Corfe's accident history does not qualify for any additional traffic calming measures. Unless collisions are reported to the Police then Highways figures do not reflect reality e.g. evidence of repeated collisions on Corfe Hill and the crossroads. Authorisation from SCC was required for any type of installation so it was vital to establish what is indeed permissible. Cllr Harrison would liaise further with Pitminster PC and SCC as well as research the possibility of hiring a device for a year to assess its effectiveness prior to purchasing one. It was agreed to defer further decisions until next meeting with a full Council in attendance.

3289: Reports of Portfolio Holders.

- a) **Planning** – nothing further to add.
- b) **Highways** – Salt bins were still to be filled by SCC. Cllr Lenthall would collect supplies himself if any further delays with the contractor. The blocked drain on the northern approach to the village has been reported. Adcombe Lane potholes will be filled.
- c) **Rights of Way** – nothing to report.
- d) **Website/Social Media** – Cllr Jackson reported that to reflect the internal improvements to the hall the website would shortly be updated with new descriptions and photographs.
- e) **Village Hall**- All agreed that the new curtains and photographs had greatly improved and updated the hall.

3290: Finances.

Income: £490 hall electrical work.

Paid pre meeting: £1200 defib cabinet, £72 website hosting, £588 hall electrical work, £57.85 Parsons.

To authorise: Clerk wages £220; reimburse office supplies/postage £13.10.

VAT pending: £165.91.

FINAL BALANCE: **£10896.89** (Gateway £3327, Fete £3252)

3291: Reports from County and Borough Councillors.

No reports received.

3292: Correspondence.

Citizens Advice Taunton has asked for a donation. The Council agreed that their work was worthy of continued support and a donation of £50 would be made as in previous years.

3293: Meeting Dates for 2018.

Proposed: March 6, May 1, July 3, Sept 25, and Nov 6. All agreed with the later date in September due to Clerk's unavailability.

3294: Any Other Business.

Cllr Lenthall recommended a letter be sent to resident Derek Tremlett to thank him for cutting the grass at the southern end of the village around the daffodil splay. It always looks very tidy and his work is voluntary. It was agreed to pay him £25 as a contribution to his mower fuel. Clerk to action.

There being nothing else to report the meeting was closed at 6.50pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 6th at 6pm.