

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mrs C D Stodgell (Chairman), Mr A Turner, Cllr. P Stone, Mr B Jeanes, Mr I Fugett, Mr D Akerman, Mrs C Vaughan, Miss E Turney and Ms C Smith.

**Members of the Public:** K. Stone, C. Keech and Cllr. D Fothergill.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs M Burt, Mrs J Leader, Mr G Cable and Ms M Carter.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017** – Subject to the removal of the sentence at item 5 on p1795 re. Cllr. Stone removing the finger posts at Queen Square, Mrs Vaughan proposed the Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes declared an interest re. item 14 as his name was on the payment list.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing matters** Concern was expressed at the continuing lack of PCSO presence. Mrs Vaughan proposed the beat Sergeant be contacted, Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Speed Watch** – Mr Akerman reported that over three one hour speed watch sessions, 16 vehicles had been doing more than 36 mph on Windmill Hill. **Corr. B6032 SID report for Stoke Road** was noted. **Finger Post Repair – Corr. A6009 Skanska quote for Rockhill fingerpost** giving a price for repainting was noted. Mr Turner pointed out that the post needed refurbishing rather than just repainting. Cllr. Stone and Mr Turner would prepare a specification for the work which would be circulated before being sent to Skanska, the Mens Shed and B. Harris for quotes. **Playing Field Lease – Corr. B6026 Copy of new Playing Field lease** was noted. Mr T Walker had been thanked. **Broad Lane Issues** – Cllr. Stone was still waiting to hear on a way forward. **White St. Litter Bin** – Clerk to chase the bin installation. **House Plaques – Corr. B6022 Emails re. plaque installation & picture of heritage plaque** was noted. **Broadband Update – Corr. B6025 N. Sloan broadband update** was noted.
6. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**  
*24/17/0017 – Creation of hardcore track across field at Brook Farm, Newport Road, North Curry* – Mr Turner explained the application and, after discussion, proposed the Parish Council support the application. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.  
  
*24/17/0018/LB & 0019 - Replacement of front door with installation of secondary glazing to the front windows, replacement of 2 No. windows to the rear elevation and internal alterations at Flagstones, 23 Queen Square, North Curry* – Mr Turner explained the application. After discussion Mr Fugett proposed the Parish Council support the application, Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed. It was agreed comment would be made about the PC being pleased to see the existing, unsympathetic front door being replaced.  
  
**Corr. A6010 - Knapp Lane Appeal decision** allowing the development was discussed. Cllr. Stone proposed the PC write to Strongvox expressing their concerns with the access and suggesting meeting to discuss views. Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed.
7. **TO PROVISIONALLY APPROVE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION AT APM – Corr. A6011 Cllr. Fothergill re. timescale for road improvements if scheme supported, and Corr. A6012 Cllr. Stone re. road safety improvements questionnaire for APM** referred. Mr Fugett noted that the information detailing average vehicle size as 1.7m was incorrect and should be over 2m and expressed concern at the road width where the pavement was to be installed at Greenway. Mr Akerman

explained the four proposals: 1. Gateways and roundels at the entrances to the village. 2. Parking restrictions along the pavement from the old arch to Greenway. 3. Provision of a footpath / virtual footpath along Greenway, a virtual footpath would be along the wall as there was not quite enough room for a raised footpath. 4. Change of priority at Greenway/Windmill Hill giving priority to Greenway traffic. A roundabout would require street lighting and furniture, the change of priority would need an illuminated give way sign.

SCC (and the Chairman) were keen to ensure the majority of the village were happy with each proposal. The 2014 consultation had given an 18.6% response rate.

Comments included putting the footpath on the opposite side of the road, objections to the proposed Windmill Hill development having referred to not accepting lighting or virtual pavements (although this referred to a busier road) and lack of view from Windmill Hill down Greenway. Mr Akerman would explain the proposals at the APM with the plans being displayed. Mr Turner suggested it be made clear SCC Highways had prepared the plans and work could commence if there was sufficient support. **8.30pm** Cllr. Fothergill joined the meeting. He explained that a full pavement would restrict the carriageway width down to less than 5m where parking occurs and that a pavement on the opposite side may necessitate removal of a verge strip that Highways did not own.

Mr Akerman proposed that the road safety proposals be presented at the APM then a questionnaire distributed with the Parish newsletter. A Highways Engineer could then attend a meeting to answer questions. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

8. **TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING OF IMPROVED ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO TOWN FARM COMMUNITY STABLE – Corr. A6013 R. Lander and B. Jeanes re. Stable electricity supply** referred. An upgrade to the electricity supply was required and it was considered the PC should finance the installation of a second supply as the units were being let with inadequate power supply. Quotes had been sought. Mr Jeanes proposed the PC approve the undertaking of the work and pay for the new supply. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal which was passed. Mr Jeanes proposed that the PC fund up to £1506.24 for the work. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed. It was noted that the money was effectively coming out of Stable funds as £5000 was to be transferred from the Stable account to the PC.
9. **TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL £1800 OF S106 MONEY TO COVER FULL COST OF WHITE ST. STORAGE SHED – Corr. A6014 D. Arscott & Cllr. Stone re. payment for White St. storage building** referred. S106 monies are not due until 50% of the properties are inhabited. Cllr. Stone proposed that, when received, £1800 of S106 monies be released for payment in relation to the White St. storage shed, Ms Smith seconded the proposal, which was passed.
10. **FINALISE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA AND PREPARATIONS** – Ideas for CIL grants to be asked for, but restrictions on what it can be used for to be noted. Boards to be sought to put road plans on. Clerk to seek confirmation of who would be presenting the Parochial Charities accounts in the Vicar's absence.
11. **TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF DOG WASTE BIN IN KNAPP LANE AREA** – After discussion of possible sites Mr Jeanes proposed the site for a waste bin be where the footpath crosses Knapp Lane, but installation be postponed for 6 months pending news on the Knapp Lane development. Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed with one abstention. **Corr. A6015 a-c TDBC re. price of emptying dog waste bins and bill for 2016/17** referred, the change in price was noted.

- 12. TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF IMPROVING ACOUSTICS AT THE VILLAGE HALL – Corr. A6016 M Griffiths request for PC funding for Village Hall acoustic improvements** – referred. After discussion of Village Hall and Film Society accounts, and the annual £700 PC grant to the Village Hall, Cllr. Stone proposed that the Parish Council pay £1000 or 1/3 of the actual cost (whichever is less), subject to provision of 3 quotes and specification. Funding to come from Lightsource grant money. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.
- 13. CORRESPONDENCE** – Corr. A6009 to A6016 covered above.
- Corr. A6017 H. Perrett re. slurry tanker issues** – Noted. There was discussion regarding tractor movements, particularly along Moor Lane, although an improvement in the middle of the village was noted. Mr Akerman to contact Mr Gotthard to raise concerns.
- Corr. A6018 Engage – re. Voluntary Sector Forum for Taunton Deane** – The Parish Council did not wish to get involved.
- 9.12 K. Stone, C. Keech left the meeting.**
- Corr. A6019 H. Griffiths request for £40 contribution to Welcome package costs** – The Chairman proposed the Parish Council pay £40 from CIL money, Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed. It was noted that the PC would prefer recyclable folders were used.
- Corr. A6020 SCC questionnaire re. pavement works in Wrantage** – It was agreed the Chairman complete the questionnaire.
- Corr. B6021 A. Tait & Cllr. Stone re. barn owl boxes** – Cllr. Stone reported a good response to the funding request and a box had already been installed.
- Corr. B6023 Trading Standards re. lifting of Avian Flu restrictions** – Noted, for newsletter.
- Corr. B6027 Notification of Ham Road closure on 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – The closure had been postponed.
- Corr. B6028 – Notification of postponement of Manor Farm appeal hearing** – Noted.
- Corr. B6030 – R. Staddon re. Higher Knapp Farm CIL payment** – Noted.
- Correspondence received re. the West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan was noted. Mr Akerman queried the advantages of North Curry having a plan but Cllr. Stone and Cllr. Fothergill both considered this could lead to more development as the plans were expected to provide proposals for development.
- 14. FINANCE – Monthly Account** – Mr Jeanes presented the account which was queried due to the inclusion of historic petty cash payments. The account would be re-presented in May. **Payment List** – The Chairman explained the payment list, adding £40 for the Welcome package costs. The Chairman proposed the payment list be approved. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS Transfer	Clerks & Councils Direct subs	12.00
BACS Transfer	Community Council for Somerset	40.00
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (March)	22.73
BACS Transfer	Viking re. ink	61.79
BACS Transfer	TDBC re. dog bins	748.80
BACS Transfer	HMRC National Insurance	23.26
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	697.17
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Ink	50.99
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes - grass cutting March	18.67
BACS Transfer	Parochial Church Council re. Welcome packages	40.00

**Provisional Accounts 2016/17** – Mr Jeanes presented the draft accounts. Clerk to check how long the PC had to spend CIL money and prepare a report on current receipts and payments. An

explanation at the APM would be required re. CIL, S106 and S137 grants. Para 8 pt. 1 re. Town Farm Stable lease to be deleted. Final version to be circulated when complete.

#### 15. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

**Footpaths** – A Parishioner had complained to the Clerk about the state of the Manor Lane footpath with brambles and branches being a hazard. Mrs Vaughan proposed the Clerk contact the Footpath Officer (T. Sutton) re chasing action, Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed. Cllr. Stone would take forward the possibility of SCC cutting the green lanes as per last year. Ms Sutton had raised the issue of electric fences by footpaths with Mr T Jeanes, Cllr. Stone to follow up. He would also investigate the report of damage to the hand rail by the steps from Moor Lane to the horse field. Mr Akerman reported a complaint about the surface of the footpath from Chapel Close to the Methodist Church. Cllr. Stone reported that TDBC were not interested, it was agreed he obtain prices of dumpy bags of chippings. **Playing Fields** – An informal meeting between PC and Playing Field, and Pre-school representatives had been arranged to start discussion of proposed changes, this would report back to the PC at the May meeting. Mrs Koppa had confirmed she had no objections to the changes as long as none of the footballers needed to use the showers. Mr Turner confirmed there was now only space for a children's football pitch up to 9 years old, this age did not use the Pavilion showers. Mr Turner reported issues with two large trees near the Pavilion potentially causing cracking. After discussion he proposed the Playing Field Committee remove the two trees adjacent to the west of the Pavilion, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Village Hall** – Nothing to report. **Tree Warden** – Mr Turner and Cllr. Stone to undertake an inspection of the Parish's trees. **Road Safety** – Mr Akerman to prepare a questionnaire re. the road safety proposals, this would be circulated to the Road safety Committee. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **Stable** – Portable appliance testing was due, the budget for 2017/18 would be brought to the May meeting and Mr Dix had formally resigned from the Committee. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **White St.** – Cllr. Stone reported that, following planning approvals, the access to the new football pitch was due to be cut and work on the car park was due to start in May, subject to receipt of a Sports Council grant. Community Woodland volunteers had met and would be focussing on the piece of ground between the Community Area and the football pitch to begin with. **Allotments** – Mr Jeanes was dealing with the water tank lids and would try to get a refund on the wood used previously.

16. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to cover APM, Barn Owl box thanks, availability of High St. banking facilities at the Post Office in view of bank closures, A358 improvement consultation and the lifting of Avian Flu restrictions.

17. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – Highways England A358 Improvements leaflets were distributed for consideration at the May meeting. Cllr. Stone reported the preparation of four wild flower areas in the Parish and consideration of one on the Barton Way verge. The Chairman reported the Village Hall Committee were considering having wi-fi for the Village Hall.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.04 pm**