

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 14th June 2017 after the Parish Council AGM.**

Present: Mrs C D Stodgell (Chairman), Mr A Turner, Cllr. P Stone, Mr B Jeanes, Mrs M Burt, Mr I Fugett, Ms E Turney, Mrs J Leader and Mr G Cable.

Members of the Public: Mr M. Edwards, Mr D. Walker, Mr R. Lander, Mr A. Meehan, Mrs P Curtis and Cllr. D Fothergill.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Ms C Smith, Mr D Akerman and Mrs C Vaughan. Ms Carter had tendered her resignation (Corr. A6066 M. Carter resignation referred).
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017** – Mr Fugetts name to be added to the Road Safety Committee, subject to this amendment Mr Turner proposed the Annual General Meeting Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed. Miss Turney proposed the Parish Council Meeting Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mrs Burt 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 and item 12, although it was agreed he could make a statement on item 12.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing matters** - The Chairman reported noticing and then meeting three PCSOs in the Coffee Shop, they were unable to give regular dates for their visits to the Coffee Shop but asked to be forwarded the Village Newsletter. **Speed Watch – Corr. B6084 Road Safety update from D. Akerman** referred, the cameras had not been used this month. **Finger Post Repair** – M/F to July. **White St. Litter Bin – Corr. A 6067 Highways re. litter bin** referred. The Clerk had met Highways representatives and the position for the bin next to the bus seat had been agreed, although as it was on the edge of the Highway the Parish Council would have to accept any risk of damage, it was agreed this was minimal due to the width of the road at this point and the location of the seat. It was suggested a luminous strip be placed around the bin to make it more visible. The Chairman proposed the Parish council proceed with the installation of the bin in the agreed position. Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Turner proposed the cost of the bin come from CIL funds, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Parish Website - Corr. A 6068 T. Fyfe re. PC website** referred. Mr Fyfe was still happy to assist. The Chairman would contact him to arrange a meeting. **County Councillor Report** – Cllr. Fothergill reported SCC had responded to the A358 consultation, welcoming the investment but questioning the route. He also mentioned a developer consultation on 22nd June at Brittons Ash Community Hall re. a proposed large development between Langaller and Walford Cross. The use of Bridgwater Road through the new development would be stopped from 3rd July to 3rd September to allow work on the new Bathpool/Nerrols Farm relief road. **Chapel Close footpath** – Work on this was to be held, pending the Knapp Lane development upgrading the path. **Road Safety Questionnaire – Corr. A6069 D. Fothergill re. Road Safety leaflet, and A6070 Rockwell Printers leaflet prices** referred. Leaflets were needed for the last Thursday of the month, three printing prices had been obtained. The Chairman proposed Rockwell Printers be used, Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed. Re. SCC comments on the questionnaire, Cllr. Stone still preferred the opposite side of the road for the greenway pavement and proposed the questionnaire be held until a meeting with the SCC Road Safety Dept. had been held, Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed. The other suggested amendments to the questionnaire were agreed. **Corr. B6082 SCC re. vegetation clearance** was noted, clearance had been undertaken.

Corr. A6071 L. Huish re. PAT testing – It was noted that each lead was treated as a separate item. The Chairman proposed up to £100 be allowed for the testing, Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.

Mr Jeanes confirmed he would deal with the allotment tank lids on his return from holiday.

6. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**
24/17/0028 Erection of first floor extension to farmhouse at Hawthorn Farm, West Sedgemoor Road, North Curry – After discussion Mr Turner proposed the Parish Council support the application without comment, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed with 5 votes for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.
7. **TO CONSIDER REPOSE TO HIGHWAYS ENGLAND A358 IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION BEING RE-STARTED** – **Corr. A6072 a+b D. Walker re. A358 consultation and A6073 a+b R. Lander re. A358 consultation** referred. It was noted that there was a revised closing date of 16th July and another consultation event at the Holiday Inn on 30th June. As before, concerns included that figures for the traffic counts had not been released, that it did not cater for more traffic going north than south, that the proposal didn't address problems for traffic accessing Taunton and how villages on either side of the A358 would access the road. Concern was also expressed that no choice of route was given and that the County town, Park & Ride and Nexus development were not being linked into. Cllr. Fothergill said that SCC considered the proposed route and consultation were flawed, they were disappointed Highways England (HE) hadn't consulted SCC and HE's case undermined the cause being an economic route to Taunton, Mr Lander agreed that the scheme objectives to "relieve congestion and support economic growth" would not be met by what was simply a route from the SE to the SW. The Chairman proposed HE be asked for the traffic count data before responding, Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed. It was agreed a draft consultation reply be prepared following HE's reply and circulated prior to discussion at the July meeting.
8.35 pm Mrs P. Curtis and Mr R. Lander left the meeting.
8. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY*** – Incorrect numbering to be rectified. Mr Cable noted a mechanism was needed to have anything illegal /defamatory etc. taken down. Mr Jeanes proposed the scored out items be kept and the Chairman proposed the word "retweet" be removed from para. 4.6, Mr Cable seconded the proposals, which were passed. The Chairman proposed the policy be amended and signed off at the July meeting. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed.
9. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE POLICY FOR AUDIO VISUAL RECORDINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS*** – Cllr. Fothergill noted that a number of Councils record their own meetings. The Chairman proposed the purchase of recording equipment be an agenda item in July, and the policy be taken to the July meeting for approval. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Jeanes noted the Standing Orders would need to be amended if the policy was agreed.
10. **TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF FURTHER SIGNAGE FOR WHITE ST. SPORTS FIELD** – **Corr. A 6074 Cllr. Stone re. signs for new footpath and A6079 P. Walker re. signage and dog waste bins** referred. It was agreed that more signs for the White St. sports field were required, with possibly one sign on the corner of Greenway, one for those approaching from Moor Lane and, if necessary, one on Windmill Hill. It was suggested signage from Moor Lane could also include an indication to the Village Hall. Mrs Leader to take photos of possible locations for signs, using existing signposts where possible, and the matter to be taken to the July meeting. Cllr. Stone asked for a sign to the new 9-Acre Lane / Loscombe Meadow footpath to indicate "Footpath to White St.". Mr Fugett suggested a sign be put at the Loscombe Meadow end as well as the Greenway end. Cllr. Stone to prepare a drawing for the July meeting indicating the location for the signs and what they could say. The

Chairman proposed the money for the signs come out of CIL funds, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed.

11. **TO CONSIDER PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH T 17/20 & L 11/37 AT LOWER LISTOCK FARM – Corr. A6075 S. Lloyd re. footpath diversion consultation** referred. Cllr. Stone explained the proposed changes and went on to propose the PC support the changes. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed.

12. **TO CONSIDER STRONGVOX RESPONSE RE. KNAPP LANE DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING MEETING – Corr. A6076 R. Alford, Strongvox re. Knapp Lane development** was discussed. Mr Jeanes declared an interest re. the routing of site traffic but noted that he had suggested a one-way system to SCC coming in via Borough Post and out via New Road. Mr Meehan expressed concern at traffic coming through the middle of the village where there were many more properties. Cllr. Fothergill reported that as Knapp Lane was too narrow for two lorries to pass highways would not approve 2-way construction traffic. After discussion, Mr Fugett proposed the Parish Council change their stance and support a one-way system for site traffic. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed (Mr Jeanes abstained). It was noted that Highways were waiting for a traffic management plan from the developer. 9.20 pm Mr Edwards, Mr Meehan and Mr Walker left the meeting. Concern was raised regarding the gradient of the ramps accessing the 9-Acre Lane footpath link which were not at the British Standard preferred gradient of 1:20, and the kissing gates at each end of the path, it being considered these would restrict access for wheelchair users and prams. It was suggested the gates be replaced with single self-closing gates. The steps to Knapp Lane would also ideally be a ramp at 1:20. It was noted that upgrading of the footpath to the Methodist Church was included under the appeal conditions (item 7). Discussion of social housing followed, Corr. A6077G. Clifford re. discounted market housing referred in which he made the point that a decision to provide social housing in the form of a discount at opposed to other options would be dealt with by TDBC on a case by case basis following discussion with the affordable housing officer. There was concern that the PC were not experienced enough in the housing market to be able to support a discount over other options, when asked whether the Strongvox request to support discounted housing could be supported two voted in favour of support, five against and two abstained. Concern was expressed at the amount quoted for the non-installation of lighting, it being felt that the amount did not reflect the saving cost. A reply would be sent to Strongvox responding to the points raised as discussed.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE –**
 - A 6078 SALC West Area Meeting invitation** – Apologies to be sent and minutes requested.
 - A 6079 P. Walker re. signage and dog waste bins** – After discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council not support another dog bin in the suggested location , Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed. It was suggested Mrs Walker could raise the matter with the Site Management Committee in due course.
 - A 6080 L. Leader re. Somerset West Lottery** – The Chairman proposed the Parish Council support the initiative and her signature on the information sheet. Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed, 7 for, 1 abstention and 1 against.
 - A 6081 Highways re. 30mph signage on Stoke Rd.** – Signs need greater visibility. Clarification to be sought why the hedge can't be cut and what the proposal actually proposed. Re. F. Case's concern about overgrown hedges at the Windmill Hill / Portmans crossing, Cllr. Stone offered to cut the growth. Mr Jeanes usually flailed the hedge later in the year. 9.55 Mrs Leader left the meeting.
 - J. Cawley re. free NHS Health checks for the Parish – It was agreed this would be a good idea, Clerk to investigate what help the PC would need to provide and availability of the meeting room.
 - 10.00pm Cllr. Fothergill left the meeting.

14. **FINANCE – Monthly Account** – Mr Jeanes explained that account and proposed it be accepted. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Payment List** – Cllr. Stone presented the payment list, Mr Fugett proposed the payment list be approved, Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	Opus Energy – new meter for new supply	182.12
BACS Transfer	NC Stable elc 66.45 gas 12.17	78.62
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (May)	44.43
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes - Grass cutting May	65.33
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood – Ink	85.11
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	707.73
BACS Transfer	HMRC National Insurance	20.33
100316	Cllr. Stone re. wildflower seed mix	25.91
BACS Transfer	NC Football Club re. car park (CIL)	3000.00

Internal Audit – Petty cash to be reported to the Parish Council quarterly and Mrs Leader to undertake quarterly bank statement checks.

15. **COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS**

Footpaths – Cllr. Stone confirmed SCC were cutting the green lanes they were responsible for but he was still pushing for them to cut the other green lanes for the Parish Council. He would ask the White St. Committee to have a notice to show the new permissive footpath into the football field. He was also trying to clear stiles. **Playing Fields** – Prices had been obtained for tree removal, which would take place in the Play School holiday. **Village Hall** – Ms Turney and Mrs Burt offered to attend a Village Hall Committee meeting prior to considering whether to become the Parish Council representative on the Committee. **Tree Warden** - Cllr. Stone had dealt with a leaning tree in Chapel Close. Mr Turner and Cllr. Stone had undertaken the tree survey, an eye to be kept on the trees in the Community Woodland hedgerow at White St... **Road Safety** – Nothing further to report. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **Stable** – Nothing to report. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **White St.** – Cllr. Stone reported that the car park and butterfly bank had been made and the new football pitch was due to be cut. **Allotments** – Mr Jeanes agreed to look at a tree shading an allotment.

16. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to include Parish Councillor vacancy, Village Agent input, A358 consultation extension and the new footpath at 9-Acre Lane.
17. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – The Chairman asked for suggestions for the name for the Knapp Lane development. Mrs Burt and Mr Fugett agreed to view a planning application.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.16 pm