

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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

**Members of the Public:** Mr R. Lander, Mrs J Hincks, Mr M Tennant, Mr M Evenden and Cllr. D Fothergill.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. P Stone and Mrs C Vaughan. Cllr. Fothergill would arrive late.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017** – Miss Turney proposed the Parish Council Meeting Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS** – No applications received.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes declared an interest re. item 20 as his name was on the payment list.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
6. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing matters** – Nothing to report. **Speed Watch – Corr. A6095 D. Akerman speedwatch update** – Three SW surveys had been carried out with some speeding shown in cars but not tractors. Clerk to write to Mr Gotthard noting and appreciating improvement but, following a report of dangerous tractor driving experienced by Mrs Leader, to also mention unfortunately some poor driving is still noticeable. **Finger Post Repair – Corr. A6096 P. Stone re. finger post issues** – Stoke St Gregory’s report of issues was noted, prices still awaited. **White St. Litter Bin – Corr. A 6097 Highways re. waste bin** referred. Site agreed subject to use of reflective band on bin, Clerk to chase installation. **Parish Website** – A meeting date was awaited. **NHS Health Checks** – Corr. A6099 J. Cawley re. NHS Health Checks referred. The Clerk was awaiting available dates from the Village Hall. Mr Turner proposed the Parish Council support the checks and pay for the room hire. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Road Safety Questionnaire – Corr. A6098 Mr Williams re. Windmill hill road issues.** Noted, see discussion at item 19. **Knapp Lane development – Corr. A6100 D. Mawer (SCC) re. Knapp development traffic** was noted, no response from Strongvox in response to PC letter concerning footpaths etc. **PAT testing** – To be carried out by Mr Turner on 7<sup>th</sup> August. **County Councillor Report** - See later. **SID Purchase** – Mr Akerman had obtained a price for portable speed indicators, in the region of £4000 including software and training. Highways approval may not be needed as long as the device was not put on Highways posts. Solar devices were £700 more and could be difficult as locations would be changing. C.I.L. could be considered for the purchase. Mr Akerman to get two further prices. The Chairman proposed the matter be an agenda item in August, Mr Akerman seconded the proposal which was passed. The Road Safety Committee to consider possible sites.
7. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**  
*24/17/0033 Change of use of land to domestic curtilage with erection of 1.2m high post and rail fence at Plot 30, Overlands, North Curry* – Mr Turner explained the proposal and reported on comments on the TDBC website. After full discussion Mr Akerman proposed the Parish Council oppose the application with the following comment: 1.The proposal would destroy this part of the screening of the II\* listed Manor Farm which was an important aspect of the Planning Inspector’s decision to grant permission for the development. 2. Urgent free and uninterrupted access may be needed to the drainage attenuation system, part of which lies underneath this piece of land, and the ditch at the far side of it. Mrs Leader seconded the

proposal, which was passed. Clerk to check permitted development rights for the development following the noting of a large timber structure in a garden.

*24/17/0036 Erection of single storey and two storey extensions to the rear and internal alterations at Cuckoo Cottage, Greenway, North Curry* – Mr Turner explained the proposal. (8.18 Cllr. Fothergill joined the meeting.) After discussion Mr Fugett proposed the Parish Council support the application, Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

8. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE REPOSE TO HIGHWAYS ENGLAND A358 IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION – Corr. A6101 Draft letter re. A358 consultation and associated correspondence** referred. Mr Lander had met Highways England representatives and suggested one come to a Parish Council meeting once the preferred route was announced to explain the conclusion. He raised a lack of understanding shown in their traffic modelling data and suggested a paragraph querying this be added to the draft. Cllr. Stone had circulated a note supporting improvements to the A303/A30 and reducing work required on the A358. Cllr. Fothergill and Mr Lander confirmed that the A303/A30 would not be improved along its length due to environmental lobbying re. the Blackdown Hills, although pockets of improvements could be undertaken. It was understood that the intention was for all traffic to the southwest to be signed to come up the A358. Cllr. Fothergill noted that the original request for funding for improvements to the A358 from Somerset Devon and Dorset was based on economic benefit for the Taunton Deane Area. After discussion Mr Turner proposed the Parish Council use Mr Lander's draft letter with the addition of the suggested paragraph re. traffic modelling data. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

8.38 pm Mr Evenden and Mr R. Lander left the meeting.

9. **TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF 30MPH ZONE ON STOKE ROAD – Corr. A6102 Highways re. 30mph signage on Stoke Road, A6103 J. Hincks re. proposed movement of 30mph zone on Stoke Road and A6104 D. Akerman re. 30mph signage on Stoke Road** referred. Mr Akerman thought the area by the plantation would be unsuitable as a speedwatch site but could possibly be used as a SID site. Mrs Hincks was concerned at the movement of the speed limit towards the village and that the sign could be covered by parked vehicles. After discussion Mr Akerman proposed SCC be written to saying that they did not support the suggestion to move the speed limit but would like to keep the status quo, that it was understood that one speed limit sign had to be visible at entrances to the village and SCC to be asked to ensure that that is the case. Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed. The Chairman proposed a clarification for SCC to ensure at least one speed limit sign was visible at all entrances to the village, not just Stoke Road. Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed. 8.55pm Mrs Hincks left the meeting.

10. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY\*** - There was discussion as to who the moderator would be, and responsibilities for items posted to the website or linked from it. After discussion the Chairman proposed the Social Media Policy be agreed subject to the agreed Policy being passed to the webmaster, there being a link on the website to it, a disclaimer on the website regarding responsibility for the content of the website and links from it, and the Clerk being the moderator. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed.

11. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE POLICY FOR AUDIO VISUAL RECORDINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PURCHASE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT\*** – After brief discussion the Chairman proposed the Audio Visual Recordings and Photography Policy be approved, subject to para. 2.1 being amended to read “required” rather than “requested”. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed. Approval of the purchase of a camera to record meetings to be carried forward to the August meeting.

12. **TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR AUDIO VISUAL RECORDINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHY** – After discussion the Chairman proposed the Standing Orders be amended at para. 1.12 to read: Para. 1.12a Broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council’s prior consent. Para. 1.12b Members of the public are permitted to photograph or record meetings in accordance with the NCPC Policy on audio / visual recording and photography at Council meetings. Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.
13. **TO CONSIDER LOCATIONS FOR FURTHER SIGNAGE FOR WHITE ST. SPORTS FIELD AND APPROVE COST – Corr. A 6105 Highways re. sports ground signage** referred. After discussion of possible sites, including at the junction of Greenway and Windmill Hill, by the Bird In Hand and at the end of the Shambles, it was agreed Mrs Leader and Mr Fugett would meet Mr Hughes (Highways) to discuss possible sites.
14. **TO CONSIDER LOCATION FOR NINE ACRE LANE FOOTPATH SIGNAGE – Corr. A6106 P. Stone re. footpath signage** referred. After discussion the Chairman proposed black on plastic signs with a pedestrian emblem and an arrow to Loscombe Meadow / Overlands and to Greenway be installed at the entrance to Nine Acre Lane and the Loscombe Meadow entrance to the footpath, with a further arrow indicating the direction off Nine Acre Lane where the footpath leaves the lane. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed. Cllr. Stone to be asked his view on adding “permissive path” on the signs. Sign costs to be considered at the August meeting.
15. **TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE NAMES FOR KNAPP LANE DEVELOPMENT – Corr. A6107 A. Dix re. naming of Knapp Lane development** referred. After discussion the Chairman proposed the name Lockyer Field be put forward to Strongvox, subject to TDBC having no objection. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
16. **TO CONSIDER PRIMARY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR CIL FUNDING – Corr. A6108 NC School request for funds** referred. After full discussion the Chairman proposed CIL money be allowed to be used for the Primary School. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed with 6 for, 3 against and one abstention. The Chairman went on to propose that a grant of £3000 be given to the school to develop the library but it was not felt that the Parish Council could support the play area at this time. Mr Akerman and Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed with 5 for, 4 against and one abstention.
17. **USE OF WHITE STREET SPORTS GROUND – CONSIDER ONGOING APPROVAL OF ACTIVITY AGREEMENT** – The Chairman reported there had been no complaints regarding usage of the Sports Field for fund raising over the year so she proposed the present arrangements be agreed for a further year. Ms Smith seconded the proposal, which was passed.
18. **TO CONSIDER REVISED CHARGING FOR TOWN FARM COMMUNITY STABLE COSTS** – Mr Jeanes proposed this item be considered as a closed session and therefore moved to the end of the meeting, the Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.
19. **CORRESPONDENCE** –  
**A 6110 P. Crosland re. listing of payments on agenda** – Guidance to be sought from SALC.  
**A 6111 M. Baker re. Windmill Hill pinch point** – Mr Akerman noted that in the response to the previous road safety questionnaire this item had not been considered a top priority, although the PC agreed it should be considered for the next tranche of improvements. Mr Turner reported a near miss event coming out of the footpath link from Portmans.  
**A 6112 C. Vaughan re. garden noise and orchid field** – It was noted that Cllr. Stone had been heavily involved with the Orchid Field and had not considered that making it an asset of

community value would be beneficial. Re. garden noise, it was considered these should be referred to TDBC where there was an issue.

**A 6113 A378 closure notification** – Noted, notification to be displayed.

**A 6114 SCC Chairman’s Award nominations** – Councillors asked to let the Clerk have nominations before the next meeting.

**A 6115 R. Heath re. football pitch at Pury St.** – Noted, Mr Leader was replying for NCSL.

**P. Walker re. nameplate for The Fosse facing west** – This is a TDBC responsibility.

**B 6116 Example agendas re. recording of meetings** – It was agreed wording along similar lines be prepared for approval at the August meeting.

**B 6117 SALC re. training and “Arnold-Baker” book** – Clerk to see if book available online.

**B 6121 Notification of Garnsey Farm hearing and P. Stone email suggesting PC write in support** – It was agreed that as the PC had written supporting the planning application, further support was unnecessary.

**B 6119 T & P Guernsey re. new footpath** – Clerk to chase Strongvox re. footpath.

- 20. FINANCE – Monthly Account** – Mr Jeanes explained the monthly account, which included petty cash payments for the previous three months, and proposed it be accepted. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Payment List** – The Chairman presented the payment list and proposed the payment list be approved, Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS Transfer	P. Turner – meter tails for new el. supply	143.64
BACS Transfer	SLCC Membership	121.00
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (June)	22.73
BACS Transfer	Rockwell printers – Road Safety questionnaire	43.20
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes - Grass cutting June	24.50
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	704.40
BACS Transfer	NCPFMC Grass cutting grant 2017/18	225.00
100317	NCSL Grass cutting grant 2017/18	500.00

**21. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS**

**Footpaths** – Mr Fugett commented that many footpaths were overgrown. The Chairman asked him to detail which ones on a footpath map. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner to report at next meeting. **Village Hall** – Nothing to report. **Tree Warden** - Nothing to report. **Road Safety** – Nothing further to report. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **Stable** – See item 18. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **White St.** – Nothing to report. **Allotments** – Mr Jeanes discussed costs for marine ply tops for the water tank lids. The Chairman proposed Mr Jeanes obtain a third price and purchase two sheets at a cost of no more than £132 for both sheets. Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed. **County Cllr. Report** – Cllr. Fothergill reported that it was not clear where County Council funding would come from after the current four year deal on finance, and that the Inner Distributor Road was now open.

- 22. PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to include PC vacancy, A378 road closure, the National Plant Monitoring Scheme, keeping hedges trimmed for clear sight lines and parking considerately.

- 23. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – The Chairman raised Alison Prosser’s concerns re. parking outside the Post Office, she had asked for hatching on the corner. Cllr. Fothergill said that essentially it would have to be double yellow lines.

**C/F 18. TO CONSIDER REVISED CHARGING FOR TOWN FARM COMMUNITY STABLE COSTS** – Corr. A6109 Stable Committee Service Charge proposal and figures referred. After discussion Mr Turner proposed the revised charging recommendation be accepted, Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm**