

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 9th August 2017**

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

Members of the Public: Mr D Walker, Mrs A Finn, Ms K King, Mr M Dennis, Ms M Collins, Ms K Langford and Cllr. D Fothergill.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs C Vaughan and Mrs J Leader.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2017** – Mr Cable proposed the Parish Council Meeting Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS – Corr. A6126 M. Dennis re. interest in Cllr. vacancy** referred. Mr Dennis and Ms King presented themselves to the Parish Council then left the meeting for a closed vote. Mr Dennis and Ms King re-joined the meeting and Mr Dennis was co-opted on to the Parish Council. **7.45pm** Ms Smith joined the meeting.
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** – Re. the questionnaire, concern had been expressed that residents didn't know where "The Old Squire" was. Approx. 250 names had been on returned questionnaires and results were to be analysed the following week and circulated. Subject to a clear result the PC would ask Cllr. Fothergill to progress work immediately, if the result was ambiguous the matter would be brought to the PC again. **Finger Post Repair** – It was noted that W. Monkton had a Lengthsman who was trained to work on the Highway and who was repairing their signposts in situ. **White St. Litter Bin** – SCC to stand by original quote and install the bin. **Parish Website** – A meeting date was awaited. **NHS Health Checks** – Health checks to be undertaken on 30/09 in the Village Hall, 9.30 to 3.30. **SALC Arnold Baker Book** – Not needed at current time, SALC provide info. as required. **PAT testing** – Passed other than the surge protected extension lead which had been replaced. Awaiting P. Turner to come back and view new lead. **2nd nameplate for The Fosse** – TDBC had agreed to install a nameplate facing west. **Road Safety Questionnaire** – Covered under Speed Watch above. **Knapp Lane development** – TDBC were happy with the suggested name of Lockyer Field and the name had been put forward to Strongvox for consideration. **Highways England Presentation – Corr. A6127 R. Lander re. A358 presentation** referred, HE would not give a presentation until the next stage of the process. **County Councillor Report** – Cllr. Fothergill reported that the date for use of Broadband vouchers had been extended to the end of Sept. He also referred to a proposal to close the Park & Ride on Saturdays as only 300 cars used it then (at a cost of £50k) as opposed to 1500 cars on weekdays. Special event days and Christmas time would be considered separately. The link to Musgrove Park Hospital would also need to be considered.
7. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**
24/17/0033 ((AS AMENDED) Change of use of land to domestic curtilage with erection of 1.2m high post and rail fence at Plot 30, Overlands, North Curry (as amended by email dated 26/07/17 and OVER 45 Site Plan 26-07-17) – Mr Turner explained the amended proposal. Concerns remained re. access to attenuation pond pipework and the loss of screening for Manor Farm. After discussion Mr Jeanes proposed the Parish Council oppose the application with the following comment: 1. The Parish Council object as there would be inadequate space for a reasonable screen for the II* listed Manor Farm (as referred to in our previous comments)

whilst allowing decent access to pipework and ditches. 2. The proposal would still result in obstructed access to maintain pipework for the outfall for the attenuation pond and the ditch itself given that space for the screen planting will also need to be allowed for. Any underground pipework for the attenuation pond should remain in the open space as originally permitted and the boundary should be unchanged 3. If TDBC are minded to grant permission there should be a condition of approval that no structures be erected on this section of land. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.

- 8. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEXUS 25 STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER – Corr. A6128 a-d R. Lander, D. Walker & TDBC re. Nexus 25 Local Development Order** referred. The draft response had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr. Stone proposed an additional section be added re. the need for pedestrian and cycle access to the site with a dedicated bridge across the motorway needed. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed. Concerns included the need for the motorway to still be a belt to development beyond it and traffic concerns for the A358, particularly in view of Monkton Heathfield developments. Cllr. Fothergill confirmed a £17million redesigning of J.25 of the M5 was being undertaken to increase capacity to cope with Nexus 25 traffic at the junction. Mr Walker pointed out that offices would be better located in town. Cllr. Stone proposed the last two sentences of para. 8 be deleted. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed. After discussion, Mr Turner proposed the report be submitted with the last 2 sentences of para. 8 removed, an additional recommendation re. the need for a pedestrian and cycle route via a bridge over the motorway, and emphasis that a link from the A358 to the Nexus site is in place before development starts. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed. **8.33 pm** Mr Walker left the meeting.
- 9. TO CONSIDER TD BRIDLEWAY ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR ACTION RE. BLOCKAGE OF OFF-ROAD LINK BETWEEN CURRYMOOR DROVE AND HAYMOOR DROVE – Corr. A6129 A. Finn & Cllr. Fothergill re. obstruction of West Lane** referred. There was no legal ownership of the lane but as the lane was not a designated right of way yet, usage depended on the cooperation of landowners on either side, Mr Darling and Mrs Kearne. It would provide a safe route for horses to Westmoor Drove and on to Ham. Mrs Kearne was happy for it to be used but it was reported that Mr Darling objected, possibly due to concerns re. use by motorbikes. Horse stiles could be put in place to allow horses past but prevent motorbikes. After discussion Mr Akerman proposed the PC write to Mr Darling asking what his objection are and seeking his support for the re-opening of the drove for use as a bridleway. Safety aspects would be emphasised and the proposal to put up a horse stile mentioned. Funds for the work and stile would be investigated. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed. **8.47pm** Ms Smith, Mrs Finn, Ms M Collins and Ms K Langford left the meeting.
- 10. TO CONSIDER STRONGVOX OFFER TO TRANSFER LOSCOMBE MEADOW PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (INCLUDING LEAP) AND ALLOTMENTS TO NC PARISH COUNCIL – Corr. A6130 Strongvox re. offer to transfer Loscombe Meadow public areas to PC & comments** referred. The Minutes of the meeting of 25/11/15 also referred, Mr Lehner had said responsibility for these areas would be with a management company funded by the residents of the development. Mr Akerman expressed concern that a management company could be taken over and that if the land came with funds the PC could employ a lengthsmen to care for the area. Cllr. Stone queried whether the PC should manage the allotments. After discussion Mr Akerman proposed the PC accept the offer to take on the areas subject to the conditions of the offer, Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, Mr Turner proposed the PC not accept the offer, the Chairman seconded the proposal. Mr Akerman's proposal was passed with 5 votes for, 4 against and 1 abstention.

11. **TO CONSIDER SCC REDSPONSE RE. 30MPH BOUNDARY AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2 NEW VILLAGE NAME PLATE SIGNS AT A COST OF APPROX. £300-£500 – Corr. A6131 SCC re. 30mph roundels and cost of new village name plate signs** referred. It was noted that new signage was part of the road safety proposals. The Chairman proposed the result of the questionnaire be awaited. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed.
12. **TO CONSIDER VILLAGE HALL ACOUSTIC WORK QUOTES AND CONFIRM PAYMENT OF £624, BEING ONE THIRD OF THE COST AS AGREED AT APRIL 2017 PC MEETING – Corr. A 6132 M. Griffiths re. Village Hall Acoustics quotes** referred. The Chairman proposed the PC pay £624 towards the acoustics as agreed in April, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed.
13. **TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE FOR THE PARISH (UP TO £4000) – Corr. A 6133 D. Akerman re. speed indicators and comments** referred. Mr Akerman raised some technical issues including the height of the device required, Highways permission being required for new poles or to put the device on repeater poles, volunteers would be needed to move the device around and the effectiveness is reported to only be for 3 weeks with a speed reduction of up to 2mph. Data can be collected but not enforced. Cllr. Fothergill suggested leaving the matter for now as SCC may be bringing in a policy of helping Parishes to buy the devices. Mr Akerman proposed the matter be delayed until the PC heard further from Cllr. Fothergill. Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.
9.08pm Ms King left the meeting.
14. **TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR RECORDING OF MEETINGS** - Mr Fugett proposed bringing a camera to the planning meeting for a trial before purchasing one. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.
15. **TO CONSIDER LOCATIONS FOR FURTHER SIGNAGE FOR WHITE ST. SPORTS FIELD AND APPROVE COST**– Nothing to report, Mr Fugett to liaise with Mrs Leader for September meeting.
16. **TO APPROVE COST OF NINE ACRE LANE FOOTPATH SIGNAGE** – The Chairman reported concerns raised by “Peter” of North Curry Carriages re. dog waste on 9 Acre Lane and re. horses pulling carriages knocking someone down. He had been advised to check the lane before proceeding onto it. Mr Akerman noted there was already a dog waste bin on Greenway. A further dog waste note to be put in the newsletter. Cllr. Stone quoted a cost for posts and signs of approx. £40 each. Mr Turner proposed the PC purchase and install 3 signs: Path to Greenway, Path to White St. and a man and arrow sign where the path leaves 9 Acre Lane indicating the direction, at a cost of up to £150 from CIL money. Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed.
17. **TO CONSIDER LISTING OF PAYMENTS ON AGENDA – Corr. A6134 SALC re. itemising payment on agendas** referred. Cllr. Fothergill reported that the other parishes he covered didn’t publish payments on the agenda. The Chairman proposed the PC not take any action at this stage but ensure the Standing Orders and Financial Regulation tie up on this matter. Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.
18. **TO APPROVE WORDING OF AGENDA RE. NOTIFICATION OF RECORDING MEETING** – Draft wording was circulated and the Chairman proposed the wording be put on the agenda, subject to changing the word “speaking” to “attending”. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
19. **CORRESPONDENCE – A 6135 A. Meehan re. ragwort in Knapp lane development field** – Strongvox had been informed of the issue.

A 6136 L. Harvey re. parking around the monument – It was noted that the people parking here come from all over the Parish and surrounding area and a note had been put in that month's newsletter re. considerate parking aimed at these people. It was also noted that some of the houses have nowhere else to park and that traffic is travelling much more slowly at this point than along The Pavement. Clerk to respond. Alison Prosser's suggestion to make it one way around the Pepperpot was not considered viable due to Mr Fugett's comment that lorries coming from Moor Lane may need to go to the Post Office side of the Pepperpot to avoid too sharp a turn.

A 6137 F. White re. Village Hall booking Feb. 2018 – The booking had been cancelled. After discussion the Chairman proposed enquiries be made re. the use of the school, Greenway Pavilion and White St. Pavilion. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.

B 6142 A. Mansfield re. Village Agent – Noted, note to go in newsletter re. agent moving on.

B 6146 Coffee Shop donation to village garden – Noted, thanks to be sent.

There was discussion re. the state of Rockhill and Helland during the work on the A378. **9.40pm** Cllr. Fothergill left the meeting.

20. **FINANCE – Monthly Account** – Mr Jeanes explained the monthly account 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 Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	Grant to NC School for development of library space	3000.00
BACS Transfer	NCVH, transfer of TDBC payment made in error	107.73
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (July)	32.83
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes - Grass cutting July	47.83
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	704.40
BACS Transfer	VIKING -Surge arrest extension lead	27.47
BACS Transfer	NCVH acoustics donation (subject to item 12)	624.00

21. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

Footpaths – Cllr. Stone was still trying to catch up on work clearing stiles. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner reported that the trees had been cut down and that Little Acorns were proceeding with plans to modify the Pavilion, he showed initial plans which required amendment to include internal storage for tables and chairs. It was noted that the toilets should be full size. Mr Turner expressed concern about security if glass doors were at the rear of the building, shutters may be needed. Mr Turner went on to report a successful AGM with new Committee members coming forward and a new treasurer and booking secretary being found. **Village Hall** – Mrs Burt reported that the Village Hall were considering parking bay markings to prevent careless parking. 10 new chairs were being purchased and external repairs and decoration was due to start in mid-August. Ms Turney and Mrs Burt were joint representatives on the Committee. **Tree Warden** – Cllr. Stone had felled a few small elms on Stoke Road and a couple of dead birches at Town Farm. **Road Safety** – Mr Akerman reported that speedwatch had been out a few times and speeding was higher than the county average. He was trying to get other sites approved and invited ideas for new locations. Sites in Wrantage were suggested, including by Croft Cottages, Barcroft Crescent and the layby. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **Stable** – A historical sign for the Stable was not supported. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **White St.** – Cllr. Stone reported successful numbers supporting youth football and trial cricket. There would be a celebration of the success of the Community Woodland on 16th Sept., supported by Transition Athelney. **Allotments** – Mr Jeanes had fitted new water tank lids. There was discussion of the apple trees shading an allotment. Mr Golder also need the other trees to be pruned to allow for grass cutting underneath. After discussion, Mr Jeanes proposed the PC trim the small apple trees and remove the Bramley tree and replace it with 2 or 3 half standard apple trees, he offered to undertake the work in return for the logs. Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed.

22. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to include the new Cllr., health checks, ragwort, village agent update, broadband voucher scheme extension and dog waste.
23. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – Ms Turney mentioned a tractor driver on a phone. Cllr. Stone had been asked to raise the possibility of the PC cutting verges a second time, he would check prices and the matter would be an agenda item in September. In response to Mr Fugett's query, Cllr. Stone would ask the Stoke footpath warden to cut the footpath at the Orchid Field.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.03 pm

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