

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 11th October 2017**

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

Members of the Public: Mr A Tait.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D Fothergill, Mrs M Burt, Mr D Akerman and Mr M Dennis,.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017** – Mrs Vaughan proposed the Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes declared an interest re. item 15 as his name was on the payment list.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing matters** – Nothing to report. **Speed Watch** – The speedwatch team had been out twice in the last month, approval of a Stoke Road site was still awaited. **Corr. B6214 D. Grabham Wrantage SID results** was noted. **Finger Post Repair – Corr. A6191 W. Monkton PC re. finger post repair** referred. It was agreed that Cheddon Fitzpaine’s lengthsmen be asked if he were interested and, if he were, asked for a price for the first three posts and a specification. Photos to be sent. The first three posts would be Queen Square, Borough Post and Rockhill/Wrantage, they would not need to be removed. **NHS Health Checks** – The health check had proved very successful and a further one had been booked for 2nd Nov. **7.43pm** Mr Jeanes joined the meeting. **West Lane blockage** – No reply had been received, Mr Jeanes would try to speak to Mr Darling. **Farmer newsletter input** – Mr Akerman had contacted Mr Gothard re. the newsletter input. **St James court Landscaping** – TDBC had given the query into the landscaping a case number. **Trial recording of meetings** – The recording had not worked, it would be tried again. **Orchid Field cut – Corr. A6192 P. Stone re. Orchid Field** referred. Natural England said there was no management agreement in place, Cllr. Stone was keen to get an agreement. The footpath had been cut by Stoke St. Gregory’s footpath officer for several years, Cllr. Stone proposed £50 be given to SSG PC in recognition. The chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Fugett abstained. **February meeting venue** - Mrs Barnacle did not need the Pavilion on 14th Feb. as it was half term, Clerk to book the Pavilion. **Loscombe Meadow allotments – Corr. A6193 Strongvox re. allotment car park finish & A 6194 T. Walker & Strongvox re. allotment car park finish** were noted, the allotment car park would be tarmacked and Mr Walker had kindly agreed to look at the agreement for the allotments. **Broad Lane Nursery planning – Corr. A6195 S. Melhuish (TDBC) re. Broad Lane Nursery** was noted, the Parish council had not been informed of the lifting of the tie as it was submitted as a “Section 191 Certificate of Lawfulness” and as such was a legal determination carried out by the Council’s Solicitors without public consultation. Confirmation of the status of the land where the glasshouses were was awaited. **Cllr. Stone traffic discussion paper** – Cllr. Stone was still developing the paper in conjunction with SSG PC and farmers. It would be brought to the Parish Council to discuss before being sent out for consultation. Mr Fugett expressed concern at lack of involvement. Mrs Vaughan raised concern about 24 hour maize haulage although noting that it didn’t go on for very long she felt lower speeds at night would reduce unnecessary disturbance. Draft paper to be discussed at November PC meeting. **County Councillor Report – Corr. B6213 Cllr. Fothergill briefing sheet** to be raised under correspondence.
6. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**
24/17/0038/LB VARIOUS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS WITH THE DEMOLITION OF REAR LEAN-TO AND GABLE AT THE WARREN, STOKE ROAD,

NORTH CURRY - Mr Turner summarised the amendments to 24/17/0038/LB (which the PC had already commented on). Mr Tait expressed concern as to restricting the type of office use so as to avoid too many deliveries and left the meeting at **8.15pm**. After discussion Mr Turner proposed the Parish council make no further comment, Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.

7. **ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – Corr. A 6196 D. Akerman summary of meeting with SCC re. road safety improvements, A6197 K. Jones SCC summary of meeting re. road safety improvements and A6198 P Stone amendment to specification for Greenway pavement** were noted. The proposals were being safety audited, if passed, the work may not be undertaken until summer 2018 in order to tie in with the school holiday although the yellow lines could be earlier if they passed the audit.
8. **TO CONSIDER APPROVING COST OF PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING A SECOND CUT OF GRASS VERGES AND CONSIDER OTHER PROBLEM AREAS NEEDING WORK – Corr. A6199 D. Akerman environmental improvement suggestions** referred. A list of suggested problem areas had been circulated, the Chairman noting that Oldway Lane was particularly bad. **Corr. B6210 E. Ormes re. hedges at Knapp Lane development site** was noted, Clerk to ask Strongvox to contact the owner’s agent to ask them to attend to the hedge. Cllr. Stone considered that most of the other points were Highways issues and suggested Cllr. Fothergill be asked to discuss the list with the Highways supervisor. The Chairman proposed the PC not undertake a second cut of verges at this time and re-visit the issue in February. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed. The issue of overgrown hedges was also noted and it was suggested that the PC send letters to properties where the hedge was of particular concern.
9. **TO CONSIDER ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS** – After discussion The Chairman proposed that the agreement be accepted for all Parish allotments with the addition of the words “or adjacent property” at item (c). The agreement to be copied to Strongvox and Mr T Walker for information.
10. **TO CONSIDER LOCATIONS FOR FURTHER SIGNAGE FOR WHITE ST. SPORTS FIELD AND APPROVE COST – Corr. A6200 SCC re. Sports Field signage suggestions and A6201 P Stone photos re. Sports Field signage** referred. After explanation and discussion Mr Turner proposed the PC go ahead with the 3 or 4 signs (depending on clarification from SCC) for a price not exceeding £300 from CIL money. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal which was passed, Cllr. Stone abstained.
11. **CONSIDER AUTUMN LITTER PICK** – Confirmation from Richard Hopkins re. collection of the bags of litter was awaited. Purchase of bin bags to be investigated.
12. **REMEMBRANCE DAY PREPARATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF DONATIONS** – Mr Tate had ordered the wreaths, Mr Astin and Mr Newland had confirmed availability to play the organ and bugle respectively, Mr Jeanes would set up the signs and the road closures applications had been submitted. The Chairman proposed a donation of £120 be made to the Royal British Legion and the bugler and organist be given £25 each to cover expenses. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
13. **TO CONSIDER REPAIR OF WAR MEMORIAL POSTS** – Mr Jeanes reported that a post was loose at the War Memorial on the Church Road side, he offered to replace it for £55. The Chairman proposed Mr Jeanes be paid £55 to replace the post, Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE – Corr. A6202 SALC re. AGM** – In the absence of other interest the Chairman agreed to try to attend the AGM.

Corr. A 6203 R. Hedger re. Somerset Rural Youth Project – Noted, to be copied to the Sports and Playing Fields and put in the newsletter if space.

Corr. A 6204 Age UK re. local magazine input - Noted, for website and newsletter if space. Mrs Drakeford to be asked whether the PC could supply information to fill an empty back page of the newsletter when that occurred.

Corr. A 6205 TDBC re. Remembrance Sunday Service – Apologies to be sent.

Corr. A 6206 St. Margaret’s Hospice donation request – After discussion the Chairman proposed the PC not support charities other than the Citizen’s Advice Bureau. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed.

Corr. B 6216 Family Support Services consultation, B 6217 T. Watkins re. Horsecroft Lane + clearing footpaths, and B 6218 SCC road closure notices x3 were noted.

A Hinkley Point Community consultation received that day was noted, individuals to complete.

Corr. B 6211 A Pierre-Traves re. dog bins and waste bags was discussed. It was agreed that there were no plans to install new bins at this time but the matter would be reviewed from time to time to check bins were in the right places.

Corr. B 6213 Cllr. Fothergill briefing sheet was summarised by the Chairman. A forthcoming library consultation was noted.

15. **FINANCE – Monthly Account** – Mr Jeanes explained the monthly account and proposed it be accepted. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed. (The waste bin cost to be amended to come under the CIL heading.) **Payment List** – The Chairman presented the payment list and proposed it be approved, Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	Zurich Insurance	1118.25
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes - Grass cutting August	44.33
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (August)	58.17
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	704.40
BACS Transfer	HMRC National Insurance	21.47
BACS Transfer	Grant Thornton re. audit	240.00
BACS Transfer	SSG PC re. Orchid Field footpath cut	50.00

External Audit Report – Corr. B 6207 Grant Thornton Audit Report referred. No issues had been raised. Mr Turner proposed the Parish Council’s gratitude to Mr Jeanes and the Clerk for their work on the accounts. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

Precept – Invitation to offer comment prior to preparation – A “first thoughts” precepts was circulated. Ideas for items for inclusion in the 2018/19 precept or comments on what was already there were invited, comments to be passed to the Clerk or Mr Jeanes. The precept would be discussed further at the November meeting.

16. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

Footpaths – Cllr. Stone reported the green lanes had been cut for a second time and a bill for £500 was due, to be paid from the footpath budget. The steps at Huntham had been repaired and the Horsecroft Lane stile cleared, Mr Jeanes would flail the lane from the road up to Mr Jeanes’ field. Footpath leaflets were being distributed and a dog gate installed at Moredon, Mr & Mrs Franks had offered to help fit more. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner reported the use of anti-climb paint on the container at the Pavilion. The Chairman commented that solicitors would be needed for a legal agreement with the pre-school if planned modifications to the pavilion were undertaken by them. **Village Hall** – The acoustic panels had been installed. **Tree Warden** – Cllr. Stone reported that Strongvox had agreed to pay to have the dead elms beside 9 Acre Lane felled. **Road Safety** – Covered above. **Stable** – Mr Jeanes reported that the concrete beneath the soakaway in the car park had been loosened to see if it would help drainage where a puddle currently forms. **Flood Warden** – Mrs Vaughan reported that she

would clear the drain at the bottom of Manor Lane, Clerk to report blocked drains at the Overlands drove and the Fosse/Stoke Road junction. Highways to be asked what was proposed re. the Stoke Road drainage. **Allotments and SALC** – Covered above. **White St.** – Cllr. Stone thanked the Gardening Club for supplying the seed for the butterfly bank.

17. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to include notice of a further NHS Health check, cutting back hedges from footpaths and roads, removing notices after the event, clearing drains, a community litter pick, closure of W. Sedgemoor road, Remembrance Sunday note, SCC's healthy eating drive and work experience sought for teens in care.
18. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – Mr Fugett queried when the Manor lawns signage would be removed, Cllr. Stone asked for drainage from Loscombe Meadow to Manor Lane to be discussed at the November meeting, Compass Construction to be asked re. drainage pipes installed. Re. Corr. B6209 H Morley re. allotment footpath gate key, Mr Turner confirmed the Playing Fields did not have a key, if one could not be found by the school he suggested the padlock be removed with a hacksaw. Mr Fugett raised concern that the fence at the extended garden at Loscombe meadow was in the wrong position, he would investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46 pm