

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 11th April 2018**

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

Members of the Public: Cllr. D Fothergill and Mrs R Crompton.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. P Stone, Mr D Akerman and Mrs C Brown.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018** - Mr Jeanes proposed the Minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes re. the payment list at item 11 & Ms Turney re. Corr. A6391.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing Matters – Corr. B 6399 a-c Correspondence re. break-in and theft in the village** referred. Mr Turner noted a further theft in Greenway and Mrs Vaughan also reported men in a white van scamming people for work they had done. Mention to be made in Newsletter. **Parish Website** – Mr Cable reported the sub-Committee were in the process of seeing suppliers. **Loscombe Meadow signage – Corr. A6381 Strongox re. signage** referred, the sign would be removed once all houses had been sold (one remained for sale). **Crimson Hill pamphlet – Corr. B6398 C. Vaughan re. Crimson Hill booklet & article in D. Patten book** referred. The Chairman showed leaflets that she had on the tunnel. Sue Bethune was due to discuss a possible leaflet with the North Curry Society. **Allotment grass and shed area – Corr. A6382 a-d Allotment comments re. consultation, sheds and trees and A6383 T. Goodall re. apple tree and allotment liaison** referred. The grass and shed area to be an agenda item in May. Clerk to enquire with Mr Goulder re. lawn mower, Mrs Burt to enquire of allotment holders if anyone willing to cut the grass. **Road Safety Improvements – Corr. A6384 D. Fothergill re. road safety improvement and A6387 Carol & Chris Brown re. lack of consultation re. Greenway pavement** referred. Mr Akerman would meet with Cllr. Fothergill and SCC staff to discuss Windmill Hill on 27/04. The potential objections to the pavement in Greenway were noted. Dropped kerbs would access to drives. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council still wanted to proceed with the pavement. [She would speak to the concerned parties to explain the proposal.] **County Cllr. Report** – Cllr. Fothergill reported on, amongst other things, the occupation of the Park & Ride site, progress re. the significant infrastructure fund, the extension of the Library consultation, the commencement of the Bridgwater by-pass and the possible delay of the Western Relief Road due to a loss of some funding..
6. **ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – APPROVAL OF YELLOW LINE AMENDMENT – Corr. A6385 County Roads re. amendment to yellow lines and A6386 Mr & Mrs Gardner re. yellow lines** referred. It was noted that the amendment brought the beginning of the yellow lines along The Pavement in line with what had been consulted on by the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed the amended plan be accepted, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed.
7. **TO CONSIDER LOSCOMBE MEADOW ALLOTMENTS: CONTROL, SIZING, COST, PRIORITIES** – Plot sizes had been confirmed as 115sq.m, approx. half plots. Location of the sheds and fees for the allotments were discussed, Mr Turner proposed the sheds go on the north corner of allotments 1-3 and to the south corner of allotment 4 and that the cost of the allotments be £20/year due to their size and the inclusion of the sheds, allotment holders to maintain the sheds. Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed. There was also discussion of who be given priority for the allotments. Mrs Leader proposed they be open to all parishioners on a first come, first serve basis, Mr Dennis seconded the proposal, which was passed with one vote against. The availability of allotments in Loscombe Meadow would be reiterated in the Newsletter. PC representatives for the allotments to be discussed once they were handed over.

8. **TO FINALISE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA AND PREPARATIONS – Corr. A6388 a-c M. Griffiths (Village hall), PCSO Escott & H. Morley (school) re. APM** referred. It was agreed the Village Hall report would be made available for people to read at the meeting. It was confirmed that John Quinn would give a brief summary of the Playing Field's year, and a PCSO would try to attend at some point. The agenda was agreed with the removal of the website and village logo items.
9. **TO CONSIDER PARKING ISSUES AT THE QUEEN SQUARE / MOOR LANE JUNCTION** – Mrs Vaughan noted that the white lines of the junction at Moor Lane, Queen Square and Church Road needed renewing, Clerk to report. Concern had been expressed re. parking close to that junction causing traffic approaching Moor Lane from Queen Square having to go further across the road. Mrs Vaughan offered to speak to the residents re. use of their garage.
10. **CORRESPONDENCE –**
Corr. A6390 M. Farrell re. HE A358 consultation – Cllr. Fothergill confirmed SCC had written expressing concern at the lack of ongoing consultation re. the proposal.
Corr. A6391 W. Turney re. CIL grant suggestion – This suggested a footpath from the Village Hall to the Pavilion. It was not clear whether this would be on the road or on the Playing Field, if the latter, it was noted that residents would not be able to access their properties from it. Mr Turner proposed that a pavement along Greenway be put forward for consideration for CIL funding, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed with four abstentions and one abstention due to an interest.
Corr. A6392 Volunteer of the Year Awards – Nominations to be passed to the Clerk.
Corr. A6393 F. White re. use of Village Hall car park by spin bus – After discussion it was agreed that, whilst it was felt that the spin bus coming to the village was a good idea, it caused a problem coming at that time on Wednesday nights. Fleur White to be informed.
Corr. A6394 Musgrove Scanner appeal, request for grant – After discussion, the Chairman proposed it be left to individuals to support the appeal, a note to go in the Newsletter. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed with one abstention.
Corr. A6395 General Data Protection Regs. correspondence, inc. SALC training – the Chairman proposed the Clerk go on the course, Mr Turner added that the Clerk's time be paid for attendance. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
Corr. A6396 A. Gothard re. farming newsletter input – To make it easier for the contributors, Mrs Vaughan suggested input be kept brief and factual, in the form of a farmer's calendar. Mr Dennis would speak to Mr Gothard re. the possibility of ongoing input.
Corr. B6401 Road closure notification (West Sedgemoor Road) – Mr Dennis reported discussions with Highways that resulted in their allowing access to Nythe Farm early and late in the day, he appreciated their approach.
Corr. B6402 St. Margaret's hospice request for volunteers – to be mentioned in the Newsletter.
11. **FINANCE – Monthly Account** – Mr Jeanes presented the monthly account noting the payment for the slippery path signs and Mr & Mrs Watts donation to the kissing gates. He proposed the account be accepted, Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Payment List** – The Chairman presented the payment list and proposed it be approved, Mrs Smith seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained. Re. **Corr. A6397 TDBC invitation to accept dog bin quote**, the Chariman proposed the quote be accepted, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	Clerks & Councils Direct subs	£12.00
BACS Transfer	SALC re. training	£50.00
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (March)	£23.27
BACS Transfer	TDBC re. dog bins	£533.52
BACS Transfer	HMRC National Insurance	£21.48
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	£707.04
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes – grass cutting March	£17.50

Provisional Accounts 2017/18 - Mr Jeanes presented the draft Annual Report in detail, noting further tweaks were required and pointing out an error correction. He also noted that the £1000 put aside for road safety projects was to come out of CIL funding. Comment was made regarding the insurance claim in relation to the Stable accident. Mr Lander's significant input into the claim was noted and gratefully appreciated. Mr Jeanes invited comments on the Annual Report. The Chairman thanked Mr Jeanes and the Clerk for their work on the report.

12. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

Footpaths – Nothing to report. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner reported Alex Morrice's (treasurer) concerns were not as bad as first appeared but he would still report to the May meeting and explain a resolution. The need to clarify proposals for little Acorns and to consider agreements was noted., as was the need to know the level of reserves considered necessary for the Playing Field to hold in case of the folding of the Committee. Mrs Leader offered Laurence Leader's services in explaining the MUGA to Mr Turner and Mr Morrice. **Village Hall** – The Chairman reported from the AGM that the officers remained the same, with the Booking Secretary undertaking bookings only. Mrs Vaughan mentioned the spring that was pouring water down the carpark that evening. Concern to be flagged up with the Village Hall Committee. **Tree Warden** – Nothing to report. **Road Safety – Corr. A6380 D. Akerman - speedwatch and road safety update** – the Community Speedwatch that month had shown 2/160 vehicles doing more than the threshold speed. **Stable** – Mr Jeanes reported that, after review, it was considered that further protection of the front of the Stable building would be obtrusive and that the accident was generally considered to be a freak occurrence, extra planters were suggested as further protection. The new cleaner was to have a contract and would need to be added to the PC employees on the HMRC system. **Flood Warden** – Mrs Vaughan had cleared the drain at Church Road of silt (**Corr. B6403 Highways re. Church Road drainage** referred). It was noted that most of the drains had coped well with the morning's heavy rain with the exception of the one on the west side of Windmill Hill/ Greenway and the Post Office Store had flooded. Mrs Vaughan also reported on an Environment Agency tour of the Long Sutton pumping station led by John Rowlands. It was suggested a tour be arranged for interested Parishioners. The Chairman noted there had been flooding at Newport Junction and the bottom of Weavers Lane. **Allotments** – Covered above. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **White St.** – Nothing to report.

13. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to cover the Annual Parish Meeting & CIL ideas, break-ins, the Loscombe Meadow allotments, the St Margaret's Hospice need for volunteers and the Musgrove Scanner appeal.

14. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – Mrs Leader noted that new schools were constructed as 80% solid buildings and 20% portacabins to allow flexibility, she also noted that funding for buildings would be harder to get when part of an academy as it has to be approved by the Secretary of State rather than SCC. Mr Cable referred to Corr. B6405 New Council Warding correspondence and response, and also raised concerns re. a large brick lorry and trailer accessing the Knapp Lane site via Thirteen Bends, Mr Turner also noted aggregate lorries coming through the village, he would mention these issues to his contact on the Site. Mr Dennis raised the need to increase understanding of drainage rates and the Environment Agency. Mrs Vaughan suggested Mr Rowland come to the Parish to give a talk on drainage issues. Mr Turner mentioned Parishioner concerns re. the use of a property as a dog rescue centre. Clerk to enquire whether change of use permission was required. Mrs Vaughan also raised Parishioner comment re. the use of the garage office at Town Farm for employees, resulting in possible parking issues, Clerk to raise with TDBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.53 pm