

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Present:** Mrs C D Stodgell (Chairman), Mr A Turner, Mr B Jeanes, Mrs C Vaughan, Mr M Dennis, Mr G Cable, Ms C Smith, Cllr. P Stone, Mr D Akerman and Mrs M Burt.

**Members of the Public:** Mr A Morrice.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D Fothergill and Mrs J Leader.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018** - Mr Jeanes proposed the Annual General Meeting minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Cable proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were a true record, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes declared an interest re. the Payment List at Agenda item 17 as he was on the list.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing Matters** – Nothing to report. **Loscombe Meadow lighting – Corr. B6474 R. Crompton re. Loscombe Meadow street lights** referred. Mr Turner proposed the Clerk ask SCC what time the lights in Overlands / White St. go on and off and whether there is a standard time for street lights as Loscombe Meadow lights didn't appear to go off at night. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed. **APM Reports – Corr. B6472 S. Brown re. Coffee Shop representation at APM** – The Coffee Shop were happy to present a short report at the APM in future. **Crimson Hill pamphlet** – The North Curry Society were still considering a new leaflet, the Chairman to pass them the old leaflet. **GDPR implementation – Corr. B6466 Zurich Insurance re. GDPR & allotments** referred. The Clerk reported that as people had willingly asked to be put on the e-newsletter list they did not immediately need to be asked if they wanted to stay on the list, although good practice would be to ask from time to time. The computer should be password protected (Mr Cable to set up password). The main issues was the storage of documentation as unnecessary storage of personal data wasn't allowed. Consideration of the clearance of files to be an agenda item in July, Clerk to inform Cllrs. how many years of planning documents were currently stored. **Merger of TDBC & W. Somerset – Corr. B6473 P. James re. Unitary Authority discussion** – Mrs James confirmed the merger would go ahead. Cllr. Stone noted that part of the proposal was for North Curry to become part of Monkton Heathfield and Creech, with 6 Councillors, the consultation would need to be looked out for. **Allotment grass cutting – Corr. B6469 M. Burt re. allotment grass cutting** referred. The cheque for the grass cutting had been returned and the only charge would be for the fuel for the strimmer. **S106 payment for White St. storage building - Corr. A6454 D. Arscott re. S106 claim** referred. Cllr. Stone had prepared a draft application for S106 money for the White St. shed, once cleared this would be submitted. **Village Signs** – Cllr. Stone confirmed Mr Musgrave was willing to trim underneath the signs for the same price as last year. **Town Farm tree felling – Corr. B6467 D. Galley re. felling of trees at Town Farm** referred, prosecution was unlikely. Parish Councillors were asked to consider if any more trees needed TPOs. **Fingerpost repair – Corr. B6468 B. Keal re. finger post repair** referred, repairs to start shortly, Mr Keale to be asked to let PC know in advance of work. Warning to be put in newsletter. **Greenway Pavement** – Cllr. Stone reported that Pear Tree Cottage still had issues with the work, efforts were ongoing to meet their concerns but the work would proceed anyway if necessary.
6. **TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM PLAYING FIELDS TREASURER RE. CONTROL OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES** – Mr Morrice explained the difficulties relating to the Playing Field Trustees and the definition of them, particularly as the charity doesn't own the land and building (which is owned by the PC). This matters as Little Acorns propose improvements to the Pavilion and under the Playing Fields (PF) lease the PF Management Committee can't enter into a relationship with the users that would make the Management Committee the

landlord, any agreement must come from the PC. The PC would need to seek legal advice at the appropriate stage. Also while the reserves held would revert to the PC if the Committee was wound up, any remediation of the MUGA could fall to the PC and would be expensive (although it doesn't appear that any agreement as to responsibility for remediation was ever signed). Reserves shouldn't be any more than one year's running costs but this would not allow for MUGA remediation costs. The PC should consider the reserves needed. Mr Morrice suggested he work on a Trust deed to remove the ambiguity, he would clear this with the PC and then send it to the charities Commission. It was noted that the Primary School is now an academy school and as such would be looking to include the pre-school. The Chairman proposed Mr Morrice and the Clerk carry this matter forward and the trigger for seeking legal advice would be if Little Acorns get funding for the Pavilion changes and hope to carry it forward, the PF Management Committee would warn the PC when they need to get legal help. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed. The Chairman proposed that, should Little Acorns be in a position where they wish to take forward the building works at the Pavilion, the PC be permitted to seek legal advice. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed. **8.30pm** Mr Morrice left the meeting.

7. **TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF EQUAL RIGHTS OF WAY MARKINGS AT WINDMILL HILL / GREENWAY JUNCTION – Cor. A6455 a&b Cllr. Stone, M. Dennis & D. Webber re. Hestercombe road junction** referred. Cllr. Stone suggested a similar junction as at Hestercombe be installed at the Windmill Hill/Greenway junction. The Chairman expressed concerns about sightlines. Mr Akerman noted that SCC reject options on the basis of the safety case without confirming that the current position is any better than that proposed (and may well be worse). After discussion Mrs Vaughan proposed Cllr. Stone put together a paper to give to Cllr. Fothergill to pass to SCC to consider and, if it is rejected, to ask if the proposal is less safe than the current position. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed.
8. **REVIEW OF PLAYING FIELDS GRASS CUTTING DONATION**– The Chairman proposed the Parish Council approve the paying of the grant this year and also approval for future years, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Turner abstained.
9. **TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR A NEW WEBSITE – Corr. A6456 G. Cable re. new website** referred. Mr Cable presented the case for the new proposals. After discussion, during which Mrs Vaughan considered the current website adequate, the Chairman proposed the Parish Council go ahead with a new website. Mr Dennis seconded the proposal, which was passed. The Chairman proposed the Parish Council choose the TPC option, which was cheaper and better value, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
10. **TO CONSIDER D. PATTEN'S PROPOSAL FOR A SLURRY CURRY ACTION GROUP – Corr. B6476 B. Drakeford and M. Griffiths re. D. Patten SCAG proposal** was noted. Cllr. Stone's approach of constructive engagement was supported and after discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council not support SCAG as the agreed policy is already to support constructive engagement which is being undertaken by Cllr. Stone. Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.
11. **TO CONSIDER 7PM START TIME FOR AGM IN 2019** – The Chairman proposed the Parish Council Annual General Meeting start at 7pm in future to enable the PC meeting after it to finish at a reasonable time. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed.
12. **TO CONSIDER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR FUTURE CIL, ANY APPROVAL OF SUPPORT TO BE DEPENDENT ON RECEIPT OF EXPECTED LEVEL OF CIL AS RAISED AT THE APM – Corr. A6457 R. Crompton re. school CIL application** referred. Whilst supportive of the request for funding, discussion included the principle of not pre-allocating money, the school becoming part of the Huish Academy so funding channels may change before the money is needed and the need to consider the costs to ensure value. After discussion Cllr. Stone proposed that the

Parish Council would consider favourably a contribution to a cost effective development proposal, Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

- 13. TO CONSIDER PAINTED KERB LINE ALONG STOKE ROAD** – Mrs Vaughan noted that the white line was not effective where it was already in place and there was not space to put it all the way along the proposed area. Mr Jeanes proposed the Parish Council not take this idea forward, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mrs Vaughan noted the need to repaint lines by the war memorial, Clerk to chase SCC.
- 14. TO CONSIDER REDUCTION IN ALLOTMENT COST AT LOSCOMBE MEADOW IN VIEW OF LATE OPENING** – **Corr. A6458 P. Hollyman re. Loscombe Meadow allotments** referred. Sheds and tarmac were still awaited. Mr Jeanes proposed allotment holders be charged half the rate for the first year as they had missed a lot of the planting season. Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed. It was noted that insurance of the contents of the sheds would be the responsibility of tenants, this to be noted in the allotment agreement. **Corr. A6459 T. Walker re. allotment agreements + National Allotment Society comment** were noted. After discussion Mr Akerman proposed the keeping of hens and rabbits not be allowed on allotments and so be taken out of the agreement. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.
- 15. TO CONSIDER USAGE OF SAGE OR XERO FOR PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS** – Clerk to visit Mike Dennis to look at their Xero system.
- 16. CORRESPONDENCE-** **Corr. A6460 SALC re. West Area meeting re. warding arrangements** – Cllr. Stone would try to attend, mileage to be reimbursed.  
**Corr. A6461 D. Fothergill re. “Silhouettes in Somerset to mark WW1 centenary”** – Mrs Vaughan would pass this to the British Legion.  
**Corr. A6462 Defibrillator Accreditation Scheme certificate and note re. AED package** – Mrs Vaughan reported that the defibrillator had been checked but the Somerset Ambulance Trust (SAT) advised that that model was likely to become obsolete in the future and spares be unavailable. The SAT do a package that included all spares, checks, training etc. It was agreed this be considered in a year or two if replacement was necessary. SAT also offered to carry out a drop in training session for the defibrillator, this would be considered in the autumn.  
**Corr. A6463 Citizens Advice Taunton Rural Transport Survey**–Chairman to complete the survey.  
**Corr. A6464 “Post Offices Near Me” website request** – It was agreed that this was not needed on the website.  
**Corr. A6465 SALC CIL survey** – It was agreed not to fill in the survey.  
**Corr. B6471 N. Cowling re. SID programme** – The Parish Council would be charged for the Stoke Road Speed Information Device as it worked enough of the time.  
**Corr. B6486 Rural Housing Week** – The offer of a visit was noted.  
**Corr. B6470 a&b R. Lander & D. Akerman re. speedwatch on tractor routes and speedwatch co-ordinator role** – Noted, the need for a speedwatch co-ordinator would be mentioned in the newsletter as the absence of one could result in the speedwatch group having to fold.  
**Corr. B6482 J. Taylor & Cllr. Stone re. horses on footpath** – the horses had gone from the field, Mr Taylor would report to Cllr. Stone if the horses returned and were a nuisance again.
- 17. FINANCE – Monthly Account** - Mr Jeanes presented the monthly account. After explaining the expenditure he proposed the account be accepted, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal which was passed.  
**Payment list** – The Chairman presented the payment list, Mrs Vaughan proposed it be approved, Mr Dennis seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	Cardiac Science	£127.14
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes – Grass cutting April & May	£88.66

BACS Transfer	Phil Stone re. White St. Bridge	£99.32
BACS Transfer	Phil Stone re. cement for stiles	£42.30
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	£719.49
BACS Transfer	SALC – GDPR Training	£25.00
BACS Transfer	NC Stable elec. £42.52 gas £16.27	£58.79

**Internal Audit** - Mr Jeanes reported that Liz Hembrow had undertaken the internal audit and queried the value of assets, it was noted that the external audit asks for the purchase cost of assets. It was also noted that the quarterly review of the accounts should be reported to the PC at the next meeting and minuted. In lieu of a fee Mrs Hembrow had asked to go on a SALC course re. PC finances and was booked on one in October. The internal auditor for next year needed to be considered in January, it was hoped Mrs Hembrow may consider doing it again.

**Bank Account Signatories** - Mr Akerman was happy to remain a signatory on the bank accounts, Mr Jeanes proposed the signatories remain as they are, the Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

## 18. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

**Footpaths** – Cllr. Stone reported the gate at the far end of West Lane had been installed, maintenance would need to be considered next year. Clearing of stiles and installation of two kissing gates had been undertaken with help. He also confirmed that Cecil Boobyer would be cutting the Orchid Field footpath. Mr Jeanes reported that Strongvox had reached agreement to remove the stile at the Chapel Close end of the footpath to the Knapp Lane development and to resurface it. The path would be open on to the site with a new kissing gate to carry on along the footpath in the field. Mr Akerman reported that the Manor Lane footpath was virtually impassable but SCC had said they will attend to it. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner reported that Playing Fields were trying to put in new play equipment. They would be seeking a grant for this and asked if the PC would be willing to put up £1,000. The Chairman proposed the PC agree provisional support of £1,000, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Village Hall** – The Chairman reported the installation of a new kitchen floor and that the Spin Bus had moved to White St. **Tree Warden** – Cllr. Stone reported some ill looking trees at Loscombe Meadow, he was helping to try to water them. **Road Safety** – Covered above. **Stable** – Nothing to report. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **Allotments** – There had been a meeting with Mr Alford of Strongvox where he had invited the PC to take ownership of the allotments at the Knapp Lane development (Lockyers Field), the other areas would be under the Management Committee. The Chairman proposed the PC take on the allotments in due course on the same arrangement as Loscombe Meadow. Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was passed. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **White St. + Wildlife Group** – Cllr Stone reported the completion of the new bridge, the installation of a hibernaculum, a lottery bid for more people to use the wildlife area, a partially sighted cricket match and the promotion of both the football and cricket teams.

19. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to cover DeafPLUS, the need for a speedwatch co-ordinator and finger post repair warnings.

20. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – Concern was expressed at the Vicar's agreement to stop the quarterly hour chimes of the Church clock without consultation, Mrs Vaughan proposed the Clerk express the PC's dismay at the alteration of the historic church chimes without consultation to the PCC, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Turner abstained. Celia Smith reported the blockage of some footpaths in Wrantage, Cllr. Stone would investigate. Mr Jeanes expressed concern at the disruption to the local gas supply following the construction of Loscombe Meadow and suggested the Clerk contact Wales & West utilities to ask them to ensure the gas supply to Lockyer's Field is good enough from the start, this was agreed. Mr Jeanes also agreed to try to deal with the reported broken staddle stone in Church Road. Mr Cable's request that agenda items be categorised differently so that the PC doesn't publicise matters that it shouldn't was noted. Due to tree interests, the Chairman proposed Cllr. Stone be co-opted onto the Planning Committee for the June meeting, Mr Cable seconded the proposal, which was passed.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 pm**