

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 11th July 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, Ms E Turney and Mrs M Burt.

Members of the Public: Mr D Walker and Mr A Tait.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D Fothergill, Mr D Akerman and Mrs J Leader.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2018** – Ms Turney’s apologies for absence had not been received in time to be raised at the meeting but were added to the Minutes. Subject to this amendment, Mrs Vaughan proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were a true record, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing Matters** – Mr Cable noted progress relating to break-ins in the Parish. **Loscombe Meadow lighting – Corr. B6507 D. Philips re. street lighting in N. Curry** referred. It was noted that village lighting should operate between midnight to 05.30 GMT, Strongvox had been instructed to install the correct lights. **Trees in need of preservation orders** – Cllr Stone suggested the tree opposite the Coffee Shop, the item would be carried forward to the August meeting for further consideration. **Finger post repairs – Corr. B6506 B. Keal re. finger posts** referred, work so far looked very good. **Loscombe Meadow allotment transfer – Corr. B6511 B. Jeanes re. allotments** referred. The sheds, tarmac and push taps had been installed. The Clerk still awaited confirmation from Wessex water that the taps were acceptable. It was noted that the allotments were now overgrown and an intended allotment holder had asked Strongvox to clear them without success, they would therefore like the Parish Council to rotovate them. It was thought Strongvox had previously rotovated the allotments and after discussion Mrs Vaughan proposed the clearance of the allotments be left to the allotment holders, Ms Smith seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Jeanes proposed the transfer documents be signed once Wessex Water had accepted the water supply and taps. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed. **Lockyers Field gas supply – Corr. B6508 Wales & West Utilities re. gas supply** referred, work had been undertaken to ensure a sufficient supply even with new development. **Speedwatch co-ordinator – Corr. B6509 D. Akerman re. Speedwatch Coordinator** referred. A volunteer had shown interest in being coordinator, Mr Akerman would meet him to explain what was required. **Greenway Pavement – Corr. A6491 K. Jones re. Greenway pavement** referred. The scheme was to go ahead, Cllr. Stone was liaising with K. Jones re. the need for SCC to liaise with TDBC on the drainage issues, so far without success. **Corr. A6490 J. Sharp re. yellow lines along The Pavement** was also noted. This reflected a reduction in the length of lines in accordance with what the Parish Council had consulted on. **Church chimes – Corr. B6510 H. Griffiths, P. Scott & others re. Church chimes** referred. Clerk to let the Parochial Church Council know that the Parish Council were pleased to see the chimes re-instated. **Windmill Hill / Greenway junction** – Cllr. Stone was dealing with Greenway pavement issues before taking this matter forward, item to be marked forward. **S106 application - Corr. B6505 D. Arscott re. draft S106 application for White St.** referred. Cllr. Stone would submit the form once he had all the necessary documents. **Website** – The Chairman noted that the agreement to build the new website was ready for signature and just awaited clearance from the webmaster, D. Walton. **GDPR** – The Clerk confirmed that access to the office computer was now password protected. **County Cllr. Report** – Cllr. Fothergill had sent a report which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors, no points were raised. **7.52** Mr Tait joined the meeting.
6. **TO CONSIDER WARD BOUNDARY CONSULTATION – Corr. A6492 Consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries, A6493 Cllr. Stone re. Williton meeting on ward boundaries and A6494 D. Akerman re. ward boundaries & road improvements** referred. Mr Walker noted that the algorithm used to project populations was flawed with growing populations

such as North Curry showing a decline. There was discussion of the proposal with comment that Ruishton was more urban and it and Stoke St Mary faced different issues as they abutted Taunton and the M5. After discussion Ms Smith proposed the Parish Council comment with a request that the proposed 2 Cllr. ward be split into two 1 Councillor wards (N. Curry, Stoke St Gregory and Burrowbridge / Ruishton, Stoke St Mary and Thornfalcon. Ms Turney seconded the proposal, which was passed. **8.03pm** Mr Walker left the meeting.

7. **DATA PROTECTION - TO CONSIDER CLEARANCE OF OLD PLANNING FILES AND CORRESPONDENCE – Corr. A6495 D. Akerman re. old files** referred, this recommended keeping seven years worth of records. After discussion of the requirement not to keep documents without good reason but concern for historical records, the Chairman proposed the old planning files be gone through with anything significant (such as relating to development and significant buildings etc. being kept and the rest disposed of. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed with 2 abstentions. Clerk to ask Cllr. Fothergill about how SCC shred their documents and to get prices for commercial shredding and the purchase of a more heavyweight shredder than the current one.
8. **TO CONSIDER DRAFT SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO TRACTOR REPORT – Corr. A6496 K. Martin & Ron Clement re. tractor issues** was noted, Kali Martin offered a meeting but was happy for Cllr. Stone to take the matter forward. The summary of responses had been circulated and well received. Parishioner concern re. damage to buildings would also be added. Mention was also made of damage to verges leading to the infilling of ditches and subsequent increased flooding risk. **Corr. A6497 S. Franks re. slurry issues** was noted. An improvement in driver attitude was noted but some felt there was still scope for further improvement. After full discussion, including in relation to the youth of the drivers, Cllr. Stone confirmed he would tweak the report and then prepare a list of new items from it not already raised to talk to farmers about. Correspondence from L. Player relating to an incident between a child being led on a pony and an aggressively driven large lorry was also noted. The same company's lorry had also been seen to drive inconsiderately by two other people on two other days. Clerk to contact the company to raise PC concerns.
9. **USE OF WHITE STREET SPORTS GROUND – CONSIDER ONGOING APPROVAL OF ACTIVITY AGREEMENT** – After discussion Mr Jeanes proposed the agreement be signed for a further year. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed. Clerk to ask to be informed of the “nominated individual” who would be the contact during relevant events.
10. **TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF 4 FURTHER KISSING GATES IN THE PARISH AT A COST OF APPROX. £1132.00 + VAT (PAYMENT FROM FOOTPATH FUNDS) – Cllr. Stone** explained the success of the first four kissing gates and the need for further ones including at Overlands Lane and the Orchid Field. The Chairman proposed the footpath fund be used to buy four more kissing gates, Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed.
8.30pm Mr Tait left the meeting.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE- Corr. A6490 – 6497** covered above.
Corr. A6498 Cllr. Fothergill & others re. No. 51 bus – Relief was expressed that the bus service had been saved for the time being but the ongoing risk to it was noted.
Corr. A6499 J F de Winton re. Lime tree root damage – Cllr. Stone was to visit and assess the problem, matter to be discussed at the August meeting. Mr Turner was thanked for watering the young lime trees through the dry spell.
Corr. A6500 Chairmans Award for Service invitation for nominations – Nominations to be forwarded to the Clerk.
Corr. A6501 a&b Knapp Lane road closure notifications – To be noted in newsletter. Strongvox to be asked to avoid delivery as far as possible when their access via Knapp Lane was affected.
Corr. A6502 a&b N. Cowling re. speed information device (SID) data presentation & responses – It was considered that the new presentation of data was acceptable but not as clear as previously. Mrs Vaughan noted that the SIDs that the PC was now paying for should be new ones.

Corr. A6503 SSG PC re. mobile homes permission – The PC had not experienced these issues.

Corr. A6504 Invitation to Ruishton & Thornfalcon PC Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – Invitation to meeting in Ruishton V. Hall on 20th Sept. at 7pm to be forwarded to Parish Councillors. Further correspondence received related to a planning application going to the TDBC Planning Committee, Cllr. Stone may attend. There was also a notification of S106 funding for the Village Hall. It was noted that the Greenway Pavilion could also be considered a village hall and therefore be entitled to some of the funding. Mr Turner reported that if the pre-school were to move to the school the income of the Pavilion would be affected.

Corr. B6512 a&b Road closure notifications at Ham and Greenway (Henlade) – Noted.

Corr. B6513 R. Bryant re. TDBC Customer Hub (Reception) opening hours – Opening time changes to be noted in the newsletter.

12. **FINANCE – Monthly Account** - Mr Jeanes presented the monthly account and proposed the account be accepted, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal which was passed.

Payment list – Mr Jeanes presented the payment list and proposed the payments be made. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (May & June)	£68.74
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	£719.49
BACS Transfer	Keal's Fencing, Gardening & Property Services	£312.00
BACS Transfer	SLCC Subscription	£128.00
BACS Transfer	Viking - Paper	£46.62
BACS Transfer	HMRC National Insurance	£35.72
BACS Transfer	NCPFMC Grass cutting grant 2018/19	£225.00
BACS Transfer	NCSL Grass cutting grant 2018/19	£500.00

Update of precept presentation in Accounts and Audit returns - Mr Jeanes explained the movement of the precept “grant” money from the Precept column to the grants and income columns in the accounts and Annual Return (previously approved by the Parish Council by email). In the absence of further comment, Mr Turner proposed the changes be formally approved, the Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

13. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

Footpaths – SCC were being chased to clear the Manor Farm footpath. Cllr. Stone had cleared the stiles at Stoneyhead and was discussing a second cut of Green Lanes with SCC. Mrs Burt reported brambles on 9-Acre Lane, Cllr. Stone was to look at overgrowth on the walkway from Portmans to Windmill Hill. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner reported that Playing Fields were applying for grant money to install a “rotabounce”. **Village Hall** – Nothing to report. **Tree Warden** – Nothing to report. **Road Safety** – Covered above. **Allotments** – Mrs Burt reported the use of a water pump being used for over one hour in the allotments. **Stable** – Mr Jeanes reported the agreement of new utilities contracts. Mrs Toller was to act as a substitute cleaner when Mrs Pickles was away. Mrs Vaughan offered to act as a stand-in member of the Stable Committee as Mr Turner had replaced Mr Akerman on the Committee. The Parish Council thanked Bob Perry who had kindly fixed a loose roof tile on the Stable at very short notice. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **White St. + Wildlife Group** – Cllr Stone was to submit the S106 claim.

14. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to cover Ward Boundary consultation, TDBC hours, road closures and the Somerset Carers Advice Line.

15. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – After discussion the Chairman proposed Paul Turner be asked to check the defibrillator heater and power supply, Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Dennis raised the issue of local power surges and wifi problems affecting businesses and parishioners, the issue would be discussed at the August meeting. Cllr. Stone was to visit the school to look at the play area to enable the Parish Council to be better informed over what was required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm