

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 8th August 2018**

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

Members of the Public: Cllr. D Fothergill, Mr N. Adams, Mr J Leighfield and Mr T Sidley.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs C Vaughan.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY 2018** – Mrs Burt proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11th July were a true record, Cllr. Stone 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 – Corr. B6532 L. Player re. lorry drivers** was noted, the Parish Council had not had a response to their letter to M. Way & Sons. **Trees in need of preservation orders** – Cllr. Stone had circulated a paper with recommendations for how to deal with trees in the Parish, the recommendations would be put forward for approval at the September meeting. Concern was expressed re. what could happen to trees currently in benign ownership should the property be sold and that only putting TPOs on trees when they were at risk was too late. **Loscombe Meadow allotment transfer** – Wessex Water confirmed that the push taps at the allotment met the Regulations and the transfer agreement had been signed. **Speedwatch co-ordinator – Corr. A6523 D. Akerman re. Speedwatch Coordinator** referred. The co-ordinator volunteer could no longer undertake the role so a co-ordinator was still needed. There had been a useful speedwatch session with the Police. **Church chimes – Corr. B6533 H. Griffiths re. Church chimes** reported that the chimes would be staying switched on. **New Website** – Mr Cable reported that the contract for the new website had been signed off and the group hoped to meet in September. **Road Safety Improvements – Corr. A6525 P. Stone re. Greenway pavement** referred. A drainage survey had been requested and it was hoped that the new pavement, yellow lines and signage would be installed in the October half term. **Windmill Hill Junction – Corr. A 6524 P. Stone re. Windmill Hill/Greenway junction** referred. **Corr. Corr. B6534 G. Townrow re. Rock Hill finger post thanks** was noted. . **County Cllr. Report** – Cllr. Fothergill's report included SCC's finances, Somerset Waste Partnership starting at 6am in the hot weather, Hinckley Point accommodation blocks and the new jetty being underway, micro-providers for care provision, Somerset Moto-Fest and a successful prosecution of a car dealer by Trading Standards.
6. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**
24/18/0030 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 10 Stoke Road, North Curry - Mr Turner explained the application in detail and, following discussion, Cllr. Stone proposed the Parish Council support the application with the comment that support was subject to the condition that plain tiles be used in preference to the double roman clay tiles indicated in order tie in with the rest of the building. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed. **8.05** Mr Leighfield left the meeting.
7. **TO CONSIDER THE NEED TO REPLACE FURTHER LIME TREES IN CHURCH ROAD – Corr. A6526 P. Stone re. Church Road Lime trees** referred, this suggested the removal of the third tree up from the Church end. After full discussion, the Chairman proposed that, due to the condition of the tree and possible heave caused by the roots, the third tree up be removed and replaced with the same species as the other two replacement Lime trees. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed.

- 8. TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF POWER SURGES AND POOR INTERNET IN THE PARISH** – Mr Dennis explained that consideration of all services to North Curry needed to be considered, including phone, water, electricity etc. After full discussion it was agreed that by the next meeting Mr Dennis would take the issue forward by initially talking to all Councillors to assess what issues they considered should be questioned/challenged or even praised, before considering a Parish wide survey. It was noted that the PC may not be able to improve the situation but they could at least raise the profile of the issue. Cllr. Fothergill noted that the distance of your property to a green cabinet affected internet speed and that Gigaclear were laying fibre to premises. Mr Akerman noted that the Church would be happy in principle to host a phone mast on the bell tower.
- 9. TO CONSIDER LOSCOMBE MEADOW ALLOTMENTS RENTAL FOR CURRENT YEAR** – After discussion, the Chairman proposed that, in view of the condition of the allotments and the loss of the significant part of the growing season, a peppercorn rent of £1 be charged until renewal of the agreements on 1st April. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.
- 10. TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL TAKING ON LOCKYERS FIELD ALLOTMENTS** – After brief discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council agree to take on the Lockyers Field allotments subject to the condition that the water supply be via dip tanks. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed.
- 11. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE UPDATED AGRICULTURAL TRAFFIC AND PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION** – The report and suggested points to be raised had been circulated and was discussed. Points raised included concern at avoidance of tractor use at school run times, suggestion of what crops to use when they may not be appropriate and what health conditions were raised by cattle being housed indoors. It was agreed that dialogue needed to continue and Mr Dennis was happy to be involved. Cllr. Stone hoped to be able to put the paper to Stoke St. Gregory PC, and then arrange a meeting with the farmers. An amended paper would be circulated before the meeting with farmers. The use of oversized vehicles was raised, Mr Dennis suggested stickers be used to indicate when a vehicle met the legal guidelines.
- 12. TO CONSIDER FURTHER REPAIR OF FINGERPOSTS** – The standard of finger post repair was praised and after discussion the Chairman proposed a further three posts be repaired, these being the post at the bottom of Oxen Lane, and the ones at either end of Lillesdon Lane, one of which needed two new arms. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed, Cllr. Stone would obtain prices for new aluminium fingerpost arms, place names may need to go on two lines with a reduced font. It was also agreed that the PC write to Thornfalcon PC about the condition of the fingerpost at the A378/North Curry junction in Thornfalcon Parish. **8.45** Mr Sidley left the meeting.
- 13. TO CONSIDER PREFERRED METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF OLD PC PAPERWORK**
The Clerk reported on costings of both the purchase of document shredders (up to £200) and the cost of professional shredding and disposal (from £9 per 20kg sack). After discussion Mr Turner proposed professional shredding via sacks be used, Cllr. Stone seconded the proposal, which was passed. Clerk to check out further companies and try one batch.
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE- Corr. A6523 – 6528** covered above.
Corr. A6529 SALC re. Rural Economy call for evidence & Corr. A530 D. Akerman re. Rural Economy “Call for Evidence” were noted and comment was made about delay accessing fire services and ambulances in rural areas. The Chairman invited any further thoughts which would collate with Mr Dennis’s assistance and comments would be circulated before submission by 27/08.
Corr. A6531 Natural England consultation on SSSIs – Comment was made that SSSIs were being circumvented by EU schemes. Cllr. Stone agreed to consider and submit comments by the 25/07 deadline.
Further correspondence received were an email from the PCC Treasurer re. grant requests. There was discussion of the possibility to donate towards the children’s clubs which were open to all as the PC

could not donate to repairs or maintenance of the Church. Mr Ellis to be asked for details of the clubs and matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Citizens Advice Bureau had also invited the PC to their AGM, Mrs Burt to consider attending.

Corr. B6539 R. Staddon re. CIL allocation – There was discussion of the school accessing other money streams via the Richard Huish Trust. It was agreed that a further letter of concern reiterating the points previously made be sent to TDBC.

9.10 Cllr. Fothergill, Mr Adams and the Chairman left the meeting.

- 15. FINANCE – Monthly Account** - Mr Jeanes presented the monthly account, noting the transposition of the Clerk’s salary and National Insurance payments. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal which was passed.

Payment list – Cllr. Stone presented the payment list and proposed the payments be made. Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr Jeanes abstained.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (July)	£23.27
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	£719.49
BACS Transfer	Keal's Fencing, Gardening & Property Services	£744.00
BACS Transfer	BA & KM Jeanes - grass cutting June	£44.33

To approve transfer of PC funds – Mr Jeanes proposed £6,000 be transferred from the Cambridge & Counties savings account to the Co-Op current account to cover forthcoming costs. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

Insurance requirements - Mr Jeanes invited comments and suggestions of anything that should be added, it already being noted that the Loscombe Meadow allotments would need to be added.

9.15 The Chairman re-joined the meeting.

16. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

Footpaths –Cllr. Stone had cleared a number of stiles and bridges and would be working on the next four kissing gates, one of which may go on Overlands Lane at the path to Loscombe Meadow.

Playing Fields – Mr Turner reported on the broken glass at the playing fields. **Village Hall** – There would be drop in sessions in the hall for fob holders for them to have the fobs reset. The grant money available for the Village Hall was noted, as was the arrival of the “Burrito Bus” on 16th August from 5.30 – 7.30. **Tree Warden** – Covered above. **Road Safety** – Covered above. **Allotments** –The further use of a water pump in the allotments was noted. **Stable** – Nothing to report. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **White St. + Wildlife Group** – The “Big Bash” was mentioned as was vandalism in the woodland.

- 17. PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to cover need for a Speedwatch co-ordinator, Church Road Lime trees, a reminder about the defibrillator and the St. Margaret’s Hospice search for volunteers.

- 18. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – Mr Dennis raised the idea of a community owned biodigester following a meeting with Mr A Tait. There would be a meeting with farmers for an “in principle” conversation. Ms Smith mentioned a forthcoming powercut on 16th Sept. in Wrantage. Mr Cable mentioned asking village organisations to contribute to the website background info. e.g. the North Curry Society to work on the history element. He also mentioned a neighbour nearly being hit by a cyclist on exiting their property, use of a mirror on private land was suggested.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm