

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 12th December 2018**

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

Members of the Public: Mr D Tucker.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr M Dennis and Cllr. D Fothergill.
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2018** – Mr Akerman proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14th November were a true record, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes declared an interest re. item 13, Payment List.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – Policing matters** – Nothing to report. **Speed Watch Co-ordinator** – A co-ordinator was still sought. **Road Safety Improvements** News of when the new signage would be installed was still awaited, Cllr. Fothergill was due to investigate. **Village Litter Pick** – The turnout had been poor but 20 bags were collected and it was agreed another pick take place in spring. On a linked matter, the Clerk noted rubbish left at the top of the river bank left by high water and Mr Akerman raised concern at bags of dog waste not being placed in the bins provided. **Overland Trees – Corr. B6654 T. Patten re. tree at 21 Overlands** was noted, the matter was now with the Taunton Deane Tree Officer who had visited. **Speed Information Devices – Corr. B6657 Durston PC re. SID purchase and B6658 Stoke PC re. SID purchase** were noted. Stoke St Gregory PC were interested in combining resources and Durston PC were still investigating purchase of a SID. **Defibrillator Training** – There had been three expressions of interest in the training, Clerk to investigate if any other courses were being run in the area that these three people could attend. **Website** – The inputting of data onto the website was 90% complete. Correspondence **B6659 SALC re. accessibility regulations** had been passed to the website developer who was investigating the requirements for websites. **Hedges in Conservation Areas – Corr. B6666 D. Galley re. hedges in conservation areas** was noted. Only hedges that had become a line of trees were protected in conservation areas. Cllr. Stone to enquire whether the Old Rectory intended to replant a hedge. **A358 Improvement Proposals – Corr. A6642 A358 Taunton to Southfields newsletter & date update and A6643 R. Lander re. A358 Community Liaison group** referred. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that they would be grateful if Mr Lander could join the Community Liaison Group, the Parish Council would meet any necessary expenses. A response to the Creech Castle consultation had been submitted. **Church Rd. Lime Tree – Corr. B6663 P. Stone lime tree quote requests** was noted. To be an agenda item in January. **Lockyers Field Dog Bin - Corr. A6644 R. Alford re. Lockyers Field dog waste bin** referred, Strongvox agreed to install a dog waste bin, Clerk to clarify if the Management Committee would cover the emptying cost. Cllr. Stone mentioned he was keen for residents to become involved with the Management Committee. **Parish Clerk's Post** – Interviews were scheduled for 19th December. **Corr. B6664 SALC re. Clerk training** was noted. **County Cllr. Report** – Not submitted. **Corr. B6665 SCC re. provision of roadside grit 2018/19** – SCC would fill grit bins on request this winter. Grit to be precepted for 2019/20, Mr Akerman and Mrs Vaughan to check grit bins near them. **Corr. A6652 SCC re. Parish Path consultation and P. Stone draft response** – The Chairman proposed Cllr. Stone's draft response be submitted, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal which was passed, with a vote of thanks to Cllr. Stone. **Corr. A 6653 SALC re. AGM on 18th December** – Mr Jeanes would try to attend.
6. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**
24/18/0047 - ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY, TIMBER CLAD OFFICE BUILDING AT RICHMOND HOUSE, LILLESDON LANE, NORTH CURRY
Mr Turner explained the application and the business need for the building. After discussion Mr Turner proposed the Parish Council support the application with the comment that the PC would like

to see a planting scheme to soften the proposed development and additional planting around the car park to provide better screening. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed.

8.10 Mr Tucker left the meeting.

7. **TO CONSIDER USE OF UP TO £20,000 OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FOR A NEW OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AREA FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL – Corr. A6646 H. Morley request for CIL Funds, incl. quotes & FONCS accounts, Corr. A6647 R. Staddon re. use of CIL, Corr. A6648 L. Leader & A. Turner re. possible CIL plans and Corr. A6649 Clerk, Chairman, B. Jeanes re. use of CIL** referred. Concern was expressed that FONCS funds were to be used for the new library when it was considered this should be funded by the Richard Huish Trust. Concern was also expressed that TDBC could reclaim the CIL funds if they did not consider the grant to the school met CIL requirements but that they would not give assurance in advance as to whether or not it did, leaving all the risk with the PC. Mr Turner considered that with 12 children coming from Loscombe Meadow and more expected in Lockyers Field, it could be argued that the extra children were draining funds from other areas resulting in the need for the grant. Mrs Leader felt it was important that the Richard Huish Trust pay for what the library costs releasing FONCS funds for the extras it was intended for such as a contribution to the activity area. Queries were also raised as to whether the school had also sought additional grants from other sources. Cllr. Stone offer to set out the case for the grant to TDBC and ask them to confirm it was acceptable, Clerk to send her initial request to TDBC to Cllr. Stone. The Chairman proposed that, should the PC be assured the grant would qualify for CIL money, the PC approve in principle giving a significant contribution to the play equipment. Mr Akerman seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Turner noted that the Pavilion was making plans for the departure of Little Acorns to the school at which time funds would be required to upgrade the Pavilion, although there was no timescale. Mr Leader had confirmed that White St. Sport did note had a need for grant funds at this time.
8. **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DONATION TO CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU – Corr. A6650 Citizens Advice Taunton request for funds** referred. Mr Turner proposed a grant of £125 be given, Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, Mrs Burt proposed a grant of £150 be given, the Chairman seconded the latter proposal which was passed.
9. **TO CONSIDER HARMONIUM REPAIR INCLUDING COVERAGE OF REPAIR COST –** The Chairman noted that the harmonium was kept in the Parish Church and presumably belonged to the Church, Mr Akerman to make enquiries. Mr Jeanes proposed, as the only users of the harmonium, the PC fund repairs up to a cost of £100. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed.
10. **TO CONSIDER PREPARATION OF LEAFLET FOR OWNERS OF PROPERTIES IN CONSERVATION AREA –** Mrs Vaughan suggested an information sheet be prepared for people living in the Conservation Area so that they knew what was expected of them with regards to planning. It would make clear that the advice was not legal advice and would refer them to TDBC to check if permission was needed. Mrs Vaughan would bring a draft leaflet to the January meeting.
11. **TO CONSIDER WAY COURSE OF ACTION BEFORE RAISING AGENDA ITEMS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PARISHIONER MATTERS –** The Chairman was keen to have a procedure to ensure facts were correct and up to date before matters came to the Parish Council meeting for discussion. There was heated discussion of how this could best be achieved and summarised by Mr Turner stressing the need for Cllrs. to be considerate of matters raised for discussion and to double check their information is accurate and up to date.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE- Corr. A6642 – 6644, A6646 - 6650 and A6652** covered above.
Corr. A6645 P. Stone & B. Jeanes re. West Lane payment – Payment for the motorbike barriers had been agreed at a previous meeting and the Chairman agreed the invoice for £433.00 could be paid for without a further vote.
Corr. B 6670 SCC re. gritting of Church Rd. footpath was noted.
Corr. B6668 SCC road closures x 2 + footpath closure noted and to be mentioned in newsletter.

Corr. B6669 DeafPLUS request to visit – To be noted in newsletter.

Corr. B6671 D. Patten & SCC re. potholes – Noted.

Corr. B6672 R. Lander & D. Fothergill re. changes to traffic light intervals at J. 25 - Noted.

Corr. B6674 T. Walker & L. Leader re. licence of land @ 24 Stoke Road - Noted.

13. **FINANCE – Corr. A6651 B. Jeanes re. PC accounting systems** – Mr Jeanes explained his research into PC accounting systems and provided a comparison of three PC specific systems. Mr Akerman agreed the new system should be more accurate. After discussion Mr Turner proposed Mr Jeanes look further at the Edge and Scribe systems, ideally visiting current users accompanied by Mr Cable or Mr Turner. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed with thanks to Mr Jeanes.

Monthly Account - Mr Jeanes presented the monthly account noting a transfer of £28,000 to the Cambridge & Counties bank with £5,000 due to be transferred back to the Co-op bank on 17th December. In view of the possible donation for the School activity equipment Mr Jeanes proposed notice be given to transfer £20,000 from the C&C account to the Co-op so it was available for use if needed. Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed. Mr Jeanes proposed the account be accepted, Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal which was passed.

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

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
BACS Transfer	Parish Council Websites	£1069.00
BACS Transfer	NCVH Room Hire (November)	£31.02
BACS Transfer	B. Wellwood - Clerk Salary	£719.49
BACS Transfer	BA&KM Jeanes – grass cutting Sept. leaves & grass Nv	£58.33
BACS Transfer	NC Stable elec 85.01 gas 16.29	£101.30
Invoice awaited	Centrewire re. 5 x kissing gates (£252 to be repaid)	£1698.00
BACS Transfer	Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau	£150.00

Precept Update – There had been no further comments and the draft precept would come to the January meeting for approval subject to any comments in the meantime.

14. COMMITTEE/DELEGATES REPORTS

Footpaths – Covered above. **Playing Fields** – Mr Turner reported the installation of CCTV at the Pavilion and the new play equipment would be fitted in February with new MUGA floodlights being fitted in January. He also reported a successful Christmas in the Square. **Village Hall** – Mrs Burt reported a new online booking and cancelled meetings would have to be noted online otherwise payment would be due. She also reported that WiFi was to be installed and significant S106 funding had been allotted to the Village Hall. **Tree Warden** – Cllr. Stone had removed an ash branch at Solomon’s Hollow. Concern was expressed at a dangerous tree on Diocese land at risk of dropping a branch on the footpath from Moor Lane to the Church. Clerk to raise with Diocese. **Road Safety** – Mr Akerman reported new software for reporting speed watch data and that under Data Protection historic notes must be eliminated. **Allotments** – Nothing to report. **Stable** – Mr Jeanes reported the boiler fault was to be repaired at a cost of approx. £400. **Flood Warden** – Nothing to report. **SALC** – Nothing to report. **White St.** – Cllr. Stone reported on progress for the football teams. **Wildlife Group** – Cllr. Stone reported the pond had been lined as was filling up, a notice board was being prepared and there would be a Wassail on 25th Jan. 2 of 4 boxes nest boxes had barn owls in them.

15. **PUBLICITY INPUTS** – Input to cover New Year greetings and volunteer thanks, need for a Speedwatch co-ordinator, winter de-icing material, road and footpath closures, draft PC Tree Policy consultation, deafPLUS, and dog waste.

16. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – The Chairman raised the need for the purchase of new blinds for the Parish Office and a new Parish Office sign to indicate where the office was, these purchases were agreed. Cllr. Stone raised the issue of a housing proposal at Stoke St Gregory. He also commented that he would like to see a hedge at Loscombe Meadow, item to be raised at the January meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43 pm