

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 10 April 2019**

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

Members of the Public: Cllr. D Fothergill (SCC)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs J Leader
 2. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2019** – Mr Jeanes reported an error in the monthly service charge amount under the finance item, which was noted, and minutes amended. The Chairman proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13 March were a true record, Mrs Burt seconded the proposal, which was carried.
 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Jeanes declared an interest in item 18, Payment List.
 4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None.
 5. **MATTERS ARISING-**
 - Policing matters – Corr. A6744** regarding the new PSO Jake Edwards who has given us his contact details so parishioners can contact him directly if they wish to discuss an issue with him.
 - Litter pick 13 April – Corr. A6745** from Iverde Ltd who will collect the waste on Monday 15 April from the Pavilion car park. Mrs Vaughan asked if someone could be there on her behalf to get the volunteers started as she is unable to do so. The Chairman volunteered to hand out the equipment on the day and Mr Jeanes will see the volunteers off at 10.30am.
 - Welcome Booklet** – Mr Fugett was not in attendance to report on progress.
 - Conservation Leaflet** - Mrs Vaughan reported all leaflets have been delivered, and requested a copy of the leaflet be placed on the Parish Notice Board. Thanks were given to Mr Akerman and Mrs Vaughan for completing this.
 - Lockyer’s Field Footpath – Corr. A6748** The Chairman summarised the recent exchanges between the PC and Strongvox, explaining the most recent letter received from Mr G. Parsons, suggesting we do not proceed with the meeting with Somerset West and Taunton Council as the issues have now been resolved and works are expected to continue soon.
 - Highways England A358 Consultation Meeting – Corr. A6747** The Chairman explained that Mr Lander (our representative on this) said we need not register as an ‘interested party’ until the pre-examination stage of the works which he doesn’t anticipate happening for some time. He will keep the PC updated and continue providing a summary of the meetings attended until then.
 - Business Directory** – Mr Cable is in the process of finding the best way of capturing this data. There was some discussion around the importance of local business and effects that having this data may have on the parish.
 - Greenway Road Traffic Improvements – Corr. A6784.** Cllr. D. Fothergill, works have been scheduled for 20 May, for four weeks. Times of the closure will follow on the closure notification.
 - Traffic in Moor Lane/Shambles.** D. Fothergill, D Akerman and the Chairman will meet by the memorial on Tuesday 30 April to discuss traffic calming options.
 - Use of CIL monies – school update – Corr. A6749 H. Morley,** referring us to a website where it states CIL money can be used for schools and education as part of the infrastructure, however, is not explicit on play equipment– waiting further evidence from the school governors.
- ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING-**
- Parochial Church Charities Trustees** – Mr Jeanes asked if the current trustees were willing to remain in their positions, the Chairman confirmed she, and the two trustees were continuing their roles and had been re-elected.
 - County Council Report – County Council Report** – Cllr Fothergill reported that SCC welcomed nearly 2000 public health nursing staff into the County in April. It was also reported that Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) broadband programme has been announced and is now offering vouchers

through the BDUK Better Broadband Scheme; details can be found by visiting the website. Virtual Reality headsets are now available at libraries across Somerset as part of the Somerset Digital Skills Talent Academy. SCC are now able to work with a sponsor organisation to deliver a free school in South Somerset for children with Special needs. A countywide parking review is underway which may include Taunton town in the near future. Finding employment for those with learning difficulties can be challenging, Cllr. Fothergill was pleased to report that full time employment contracts with EDF Energy have now been secured for all six apprentices placed with them. D of E awards has seen an increase of 20% in the last year. 2018/19 saw more than 2,600 pupils from over 60 schools and youth organisations taking part. SCC are working to replace some of the existing in-house school minibus fleet operating around Somerset to full size, 53 seat buses or coaches in order to deliver cost savings and introduce competition to the marketplace. The Somerset Wellbeing Framework has 50 schools registered. To date 250 teaching staff have attended training in how to manage self-harm, 100 in bereavement and loss training and 100 staff have registered for the eating disorders training.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL

24/19/0014/T – NOTIFICATION TO CARRY OUT MANAGEMENT WORKS TO ONE ATLAS CEDAR TREE WITHIN NORTH CURRY CONSERVATION AREA AT 14 STOKE ROAD, NORTH CURRY.

Mr Turner explained the proposed works were taking place in order to ensure the tree was safe to remain in place. After discussion, he proposed we support the application, seconded by the Chairman, which was carried. Cllr. Stone abstained.

7. TO CONSIDER REVISION/UPDATE OF TREE POLICY.

Cllr. Stone introduced the document and explained the amendments. Ms Turney proposed we adopt the revised policy, seconded by Ms Smith, which was carried.

8. TO CONSIDER QUOTES AND AGREE PAYMENT FOR CONFIDENTIAL WASTE REMOVAL.

The Chairman explained that the previous clerk had looked into confidential waste removal from the office for old planning applications, and that three quotes had now been received. After discussion, it was agreed Cllrs would help review the applications, and as guidance on what to keep, it was decided that only applications involving a listed building, or those that related to more than one building, be held back in office for further review. The Chairman proposed we agree the cost for the service, Perrys Recycling had provided the cheapest quote at £93 for 30 sacks to be delivered, collected and destroyed, this was seconded by Mrs Burt, which was carried.

9. TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR A BENCH ALONG THE HEALTH CENTRE FOOTPATH

Cllr. Stone reported on the need for a bench on Nine Acre lane to provide a resting point along the footpath, which leads to Loscombe Meadow. It was discussed and Mr Jeanes proposed this be agreed, subject to the approval of the Loscombe Meadow Management committee, this was seconded by Mr Turner, which was carried. Further discussion on benches resulted in a request for Cllr. Stone to revise the current report and include a review of all benches within the Parish, and the need for an annual inspection of these, which will be discussed further at the meeting in May.

10. TO CONSIDER REPLACING LOSCOMBE MEADOWS ALLOTMENT GATES AND TO APPROVE THEIR COST.

Mr Jeanes explained the ongoing issues with the allotment gates at Loscombe Meadow. He reported that Mr Alford had passed our concerns to the customer care department, but the clerk had not had a response to the letter requesting a different gate and specification. After discussion, Mr Jeanes proposed that subject to the response from Strongvox, an amount of £350 be agreed to replace the posts and gates to a suitable standard, and if this was the action, that the management committee be informed of the plans, this was seconded by Mr Cable, which was carried.

11. TO CONSIDER TRIMMING AND CUTTING AROUND THE PARISH SIGNS AND APPROVE THEIR COST. Cllr. Stone had confirmed that Mr Musgrove was willing to do the trimming and cutting at the same rate as he did last year. The Chairman proposed we approve the cost; this was seconded by Mrs Vaughan, which was carried.

12. TO AGREE FINAL AGENDA FOR APM.

After discussion, the agenda was agreed with a request to shorten the reporting time from North Curry Sport Ltd to up to a maximum of 5 minutes, due to the length of the agenda.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A6744 - A6751 already covered in matters arising and previous agenda items.

B6752 - Road closure notification, Newport Road - noted.

B6753 - Road closure notification, Meare Green Lane – noted

B6754 - Contact information for Somerset West and Taunton Council (TDBC) – noted

B6755 - Public Consultation – Hinkley Point C Power Station – noted

C6756 – Newsletter April – noted

14. FINANCE

The Monthly Account was presented by Mr Jeanes, who proposed it be accepted, seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.

There was some discussion regarding the draft accounts, it was agreed an amendment to the expenditure item White St. Storage Shed, be changed to Machinery Store as it was a more accurate description. The Chairman presented the payment list and proposed it be accepted, this was seconded by Mr Cable, which was carried, Mr Jeanes abstained.

Payment list

Cheque No	Payee		Amount
BACS	B. Jeanes	Grass Cutting	21.00
BACS	Stable Committee	Electricity Change Charge	106.51
BACS	W. Baldwin	Salary April	674.05
BACS	NCVH	Rent	31.02
BACS	Somerset Woods	1 st payment to memorial woods	140.00
BACS	HMRC	NI & PAYE	304.59

COMMITTEE / DELEGATE REPORTS-

Footpaths – Cllr. Stone presented a photo of the footpath by Moredon, which has now been trimmed, the steps gravelled and now has a kissing gate at the end. He also requested permission to purchase more postcrete. The Chairman proposed this payment be reimbursed to Cllr. Stone when it is received, seconded by Mr Akerman, which was passed.

Playing Fields – Mr Turner reported the committee are considering installing a ‘Trim Trail’ as per the April newsletter and are waiting for views from parishioners before a decision is made.

Village Hall – Mrs Burt confirmed the Village Hall AGM was on 30 April 2019. A vacancy has arisen for a booking secretary. It was reported that the spin bus is no longer visiting the VH car park. The wifi is now working but still requires a password, once set up; the login details will be available in each room. The Julie Felix concert raised a profit of £600.

Tree Warden – Cllr. Stone reported some trees leaning on Windmill Hill. The leaning trees on Helland Hill were discussed and it was agreed Cllr. Stone would find out who the landowner is before we take further action.

Road Safety – Mr Akerman reported that there are two new sites agreed for speedwatch, Knapp Lane and Moore Lane. These are waiting to be signed off by highways.

Allotments – nothing to report

Stable – Mr Jeanes reported the boiler is not working effectively. Cllr Stone raised the issue of replacing this with an environmentally friendly option. Mr Akerman proposed we wait on ordering a new boiler, review the system, and consider an air source heat pump; this was seconded by Cllr. Stone, which was carried. Mr Turner abstained.

Flood Warden – nothing to report

White Street – Cllr. Stone reported there is now high mesh netting behind the main football pitch to prevent balls from going out of the field. He also reported he is still talking to Mr Leader regarding a bid on the 106 monies.

Wildlife Group – Cllr. Stone reported that there is a new wildlife spot in Haymoor, by Lawnmoor Farm, which has had a pond laid.

PUBLICITY - Reminder of APM. Notice of road closures. Somerset West and Taunton Council contact details. Volunteer for Wrantage Speedwatch. Parish Council vacancies. Welcome booklet entries and advertisers.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – Mr Jeanes said he would be proposing some rules for the public notice board in the May meeting. He also proposed we move the bench in Queens Square Gardens which is currently under a beech tree and is messed on by birds, he proposed we move this from under the tree; this was seconded by the Chairman, which was passed. Mr Jeanes also reported that he will, on behalf of the village hall, be canvassing the users to see what they think of the current facilities and if they have any suggestion for improvement that the hall could perhaps use 106 monies for, however, he noted that this would need to be a ‘capital item’. It was suggested the clerk contact the village hall committee suggesting soundproofing to be considered.

The Chairman gave thanks to David Akerman for all his input and work during his time with the Parish Council as he had informed the Chairman he is not standing again due to ongoing commitments.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm