

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held via email on
Wednesday 08th April 2020**

Present or comments received: Mrs C Stodgell (Chairman), Mr A Turner, Mr B Jeanes, Mr Cable, Mrs C Vaughan, Ms C Smith, Mrs H Griffiths, Mrs Leader, Mr Wilkins, Mr Dennis. Cllr. Stone.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Fothergill, Miss E Turney (belated)
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2020** – The Chairman invited any amendments or comments to the minutes via email. Mr Jeanes and Mr Turner pointed out on page 1938 item 6, Mr. Turner should read Miss Turney. Mr Jeanes requested to add likely cost to item 7 circa £15,000
Mr Turner requested an amendment to the Playing fields report on page 1940 to say, enquiries are being made regarding bow top railings between Play area and the road and the removal of low branches on the cherry tree. These changes were made. Mrs Vaughan proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were a true record; Mr Turner seconded the proposal, which was carried.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –Mr Jeanes for item 12, Grass Cutting Tender and 15, payment list.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – None received by email or phone prior to the meeting.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Policing matters – email correspondence regarding Covid- 19 scams circulated to Cllrs.
Village hall car park entrance – Mr Jeanes reported the Village Hall executive committee have decided to put on hold all their proposed projects and their application for S106 money for now.
Loscombe footpath update – No further update at this time.
Queens Square Garden flag – No volunteers have come forward yet, request to go back in the newsletter.
VE day update - Cancelled due to the Coronavirus.
Community asset registration –Mrs Stodgell is awaiting a reply from the owners of The Far Canal
Lockyer's allotment update – Item 8
County Cllr. Report – Due to an oversight Cllr. Fothergill was unaware of the meeting and sent his apologies. Updates on SCC business can be viewed on the website.
6. **TO REVIEW & APPROVE THE NEW WELCOME BOOKLET.** – No contact from Mr Fugett; therefore, the item was deferred until the next meeting.
7. **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE INVOICE OF £72.00 FROM SOLTECH IT LTD FOR REMOTE WORKING** - Due to the Coronavirus, the Chairman had given her approval for payment of the invoice as this is needed for working from home. The Clerk is still working in the office on Thursday mornings. Mr Jeanes proposed the payment be made, seconded by Mr Wilkins which was carried.
8. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE TRANSFER AGREEMENT OF LOCKYER'S FIELD ALLOTMENTS-** The draft transfer document has been received from Mr T Walker and had been forwarded to all of the councillors prior to the meeting. There had been no queries, only a request from Mr Jeanes that the transfer document is agreed in principle so when the final document is received it can be signed. The Chairman proposed we accept the transfer agreement and she will sign as the Chairman, and it was proposed that Cllr. Stone be the second signatory on the document as Vice – Chairman, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal which was carried. Once the document has been received the Clerk will arrange for this to be signed by both parties.
9. **RATIFICATION OF THE STABLE DECISIONS DUE TO COVID-19** - The Stable Committee has agreed to suspend the rent to its tenants, The Coffee Shop and Angela's Hairdressers due to Covid-

19 for an initial 3 months, although the service charge will continue at present. This will be re- visited if necessary after the 3 months. It was also agreed to retain the stables' cleaner on the payroll and apply for the Governments offer of reimbursement of 80% of her salary and the Stable will pay the remaining 20%, this was agreed by Parish Council, proposed by Mr Wilkins, seconded by Mrs Vaughan and carried.

- 10. TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRIC CAR CHARGE POINT** - on hold at present
- 11. TO REVIEW & APPROVE QUOTE FOR BUS SEAT & SHELTER AT BOROUGH POST** – unable to progress at this time due to Covid-19 and business closure.
- 12. TO DISCUSS & APPROVE NEW GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT** – The Chairman explained only two quotes had been received at present. Presumably due to the Coronavirus the 3rd quote has not arrived and with Mr Jeans having clarified his charges and this being the cheapest quote, to enable the up keep of the grass if and when he is able or allowed, the Chairman proposed we accept Mr Jeanes quote for the coming year, seconded by Mr Turner which was carried.
- 13. TO DISCUSS & AGREE RENEWAL OF ACCOUNTING SYSTEM & CONSIDER BACK UP OF ALL COMPUTER PROGRAMME** – Mr Jeanes has submitted a report which had been circulated to all with the general consensus that the spreadsheet would be the best option going forward, however, a decision will be deferred until May.
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE** – Most correspondence is related to Covid-19 and has already been forwarded to all Councillors.
D. Galley, SWTC - Tree Preservation Order issued at Highcroft House, Knapp and the order and details will be forwarded in due course.
- 16. FINANCE** – The Monthly Account was circulated to all Councillors, the Chairman proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by Mrs Vaughan and carried. The payment list has also been sent to Councillors by email, Cllr. Stone proposed the payment list be accepted, seconded by Mr Turner which was carried.

CHEQUE NO:	PAYEE	AMOUNT
BACS	Clerk	£674.05
BACS	NCVH	£15.51
DD	Plusnet (bill not issued as yet)	£20.00 plus
SO	Service Charge	£165.00
BACS	HMRC - NI & PAYE + Stable tax	£165.00
DD	Water2business	£77.23
DD	Water2business - Greenway allotment	£26.96
DD	Wessex Water - Loscombe allotment	£14.43

17. COMMITTEE / DELEGATE REPORTS-

Footpaths – Cllr. Stone reported a tree blocking a footpath at Knapp, too large to move by hand
Playing Fields – Mr Turner reported this has been shut down due to Covid-19, there is tape on the play equipment and signs are up asking people not to enter.
Village Hall – Executive report circulated to all Councillors.

Tree Warden – Nothing to report.

Allotments – Nothing to report outside of item 8.

Stable – Mr Jeanes explained the Stable is awaiting Bob Perry to redecorate the corridor and toilet as and when Covid-19 restrictions ease sufficiently for him to do so

Flood Warden – Nothing to report.

White Street – Nothing to report.

Wildlife Group – Nothing to report.

SALC: - Nothing to report.

Road Safety – Nothing to report.

Speed Policy Group – Nothing to report.

18. **PUBLICITY** – A big thank you to all for respecting the guidelines and helping the community during Covid-19. Flag volunteer, waste collection possible delays, no Speedwatch sessions, using public footpaths.

19. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION-** Mr Wilkins raised a discussion point to follow up on emails regarding engaging the community, social media or website updates. The Chairman is not wanting to engage in Facebook but believes connection is possible through the Parish Council website. Mr Jeanes will to investigate virtual meetings for the future. Mrs Vaughan noted that one of the flood gates on Lyng side of Moor Lane has been damaged, knocked off its hinges and placed on the side of the road. Mrs Leader expressed thanks to Cllr. Stone for his work on keeping the footpaths up to an excellent standard.

There being no comments via email, the meeting closed at 19.45