

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced our new Clerk Maria to Cllr Fothergill having met the council at the planning meeting.

She also made an apology ref item 8 on the agenda. She had made an error in the content and should be deleted and replaced with... TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE LOSCOMBE FOOTPATH TO NINE ACRE LANE when a decision can be made in principle

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs C Vaughan and Miss E Turney
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th June 2020** – The Chairman informed the Council of an error on page 1947 there bring 2 references to item 8 and the first one should be deleted. She invited any other amendments or comments to the minutes. Mr Jeanes proposed these were a true record of the meeting, seconded by Mr Cable which was carried.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –Mr Jeanes declared an interest in item 12. Mr Dennis, item 5 matters arising Shepherds Hut
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – Mr & Mrs Jones were present reference their planning application 24/20/0026T – see item 6.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Policing matters – Mr Dennis reported a continued spate of break-ins locally, especially within the farming community, note to be put in the village newsletter. .
IONOS CLOUD storage set up - this enables the Parish Council to extend the back up of all files on the computer-it was discussed that we need to check the monthly fee and what we are paying for is correct to our requirements. Parish Clerk [Mrs M Perry] to investigate and report back.
To consider Electric Car Charge Point – to leave on hold for now
Allotment complaint – The Chairman informed the committee the complaint regarding a Bonfire lit on a neighbouring allotment needs no action required from the Parish Council.
Shepherds Hut at Helland – Mr M Dennis reported that an enforcement officer has been to visit him and they are working together.
SALC Training for Clerks – There are new courses available in September Clerk [Mrs M Perry] to register as soon as possible.
County Cllr. Report – Cllr. Fothergill updated the SCC reports.
6. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**
24/20/0026/T – Notification to carry out management works to one birch tree within North Curry Conservation Area at 12 Church Road, North Curry. - Mr & Mrs Jones were present for the discussion. The plan is to shape the tree and to allow more light in to the garden and to keep and preserve it. Mr Turner proposed to support the application and it was seconded by Mrs Leader, which was carried.
7. **TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR SLCC – a gesture of good will has been given because of Covid 19 the membership renewal date has been extended by 2 months to 1st October 2020** – See correspondence A 6927 The Chairman expressed the importance of being a member especially with regards to information and Training. A discussion was raised to the cost of the membership renewal which was not clear therefore, The Chairman proposed that the Clerk made further queries confirming the annual fee for the next meeting, it was seconded by Mr A Turner which was carried.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE TRANSFER AGREEMENT OF LOCKYER'S FIELD ALLOTMENTS –

NOW AMENDED TO: -TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE LOSCOMBE FOOTPATH – Following on from last months meeting a discussion took place regarding legal fees £500 for the transfer of the Loscombe footpath. Helen De Silva has requested we pay her legal costs for the transfer. In a previous meeting and after much discussion, it was proposed by Mrs Leader that we put things on hold and request Strongvox to meet this payment due to being part of the planning agreement, which should have been passed to them. However, after lengthy communications with Strongbox it has become clear that they will not cover this legal cost. Therefore, the chairman proposed, in principal, that the Parish Council will cover the legal cost of approx. £500 and this item be put on the next Parish Council Agenda next month to be approved. This was seconded by Ms C Smith and carried. Mr Jeanes informed the committee there was some changes needed in the accuracy of the map plans and needed to be rectified. The Council agreed the Chairman signing the Transfer.

9. TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RODWELL LANE CLEARANCE – Cllr P Stone had forwarded an email with photos and requested support for him to continue discussions with the land owners for future clearance, this was agreed, proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Mrs Leader with Mr Jeanes abstaining.

10. TO DISCUSS TRANSFORMING SOMERSET & DORSET RAIL LINKS – SURVEY CYCLING LINKS – See corr. B 6930 After a discussion it was agreed that Mr B Jeanes would complete the survey on the behalf of the council.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

Items A6926/27 already covered.

A 6928 - S106 FUNDS – routine note to inform the Parish Council on funds still available for the village hall and White Street Sports ground.

EMAIL from A Meehan re NEXT DOOR – a discussion was held regarding The Parish Council using social media as a way of communicating to a wider audience within the parish. Mrs Leader offered to obtain more details on how this could be carried out and it was agreed to be an item for next months agenda.

ROAD CLOSURES – to note

B 6931 Road Closure - West Sedgemoor Road starting 16th July 2020 3 days - BT Works

B 6932 Road Closure - Helland Hill starting 21st July 2020 1 day - replacement telegraph pole

B 6933 Road Closure - Knapp Road starting 23rd July 2020 7 days - replace telegraph pole and carry out tree cutting

B 6934 Road Closure – Lilesdon Lane carry out poling works 20th July 2020 for 5 days

12. FINANCE

- **Monthly Account* payment list**

Monthly Payment List -July	Cheque No.	Total
Clerk-Maria Perry June/July	BACS	754.38
Plusnet (bill not issued as yet)	DD	20.00
Service Charge	SO	165.00
HMRC - NI & PAYE inc Stable tax	BACS	78.00
BA & KM Jeanes - grass cutting June Inv	BACS	30.00
IONOS renewal	DD	12.00
FCN Farming - Donation for Liz Hembrow Auditor	BACS	50.00
W Baldwin	BACS	402.03

Mr Jeanes declared an interest, The Chairman proposed and Mr Turner seconded the payment list all in favour.

- **To approve and sign the Annual Governance statement 2019/20 in Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year to 31st March 2020** - Mr Jeanes stated that the Asset Register had to be updated and that the values on the list should be quoted as their original value a note of this has to be sent. Mr Jeanes proposed the approval and Mr Cable seconded, all in favour.
- **To approve the Accounting statements 2019/20 in Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year to 31st March 2020** – Mr Jeanes proposed the approval and Mr Dennis seconded, all in favour
- **To permit Maria Perry to have ‘View-only’ access to the Lloyds Bank Current Account (Stable)** – to allow Mrs M Perry to view transactions only for accounting purposes this was proposed by Mr Jeanes and seconded by the Chairman, all in favour
- **To agree a transfer of funds from the Cambridge & Counties (60 day notice) account to the Coop current account.** – This was proposed by Mr Jeanes and seconded by the Chairman, all in favour. The Chairman thanked Mr Jeanes for all his input.

13. COMMITTEE / DELEGATE REPORTS-

Footpaths – Cllr. Stone reported that he was working on the footpaths that has been agreed next to the Orchid field and that the Loscombe footpath has now been cut.

Playing Fields – Mr Turner reported that the Little Herons have now moved out of the Pavilion and unfortunately it is not being used. It was suggested to highlight this in the Pink Sheet Mrs M Perry to do this. The committee have decided to tidy up the venue with new chairs etc. but it is required to create a structure for finding more funds to carry out more intensive work. It was discuss that perhaps the Village Hall 106 monies could be used to help. This has been investigated and we were notified it does not met the criteria.

Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Tree Warden – Cllr. Stone reported the 5 of the dead elms by the cricket field have been removed after a 2 years delay. They were dead and causing a danger to overhead cables and the road.

Allotments – Nothing to report outside of correspondence.

Stable – Angela has now reopened her salon therefore the cleaner is now off furlough cleaning and sanitising extra to meet the Covid 19 guidelines.

Flood Warden – Mrs Vaughan reported that the flood gate on the far end of Moor Lane had still not been repaired. Cllr Fothergill informed us it was in hand.

White Street – Cllr. Stone reported the pitches are still being mown and looking very nice and the junior cricket teams are beginning to restart practice and hold small scale events. The main funding event for White Street Pavilion, The Big Bash has unfortunately been cancelled so the committee are looking for funding elsewhere.

Wildlife Group – Cllr. Stone reported a lot of people have been interested in the group and have enjoyed the butterfly section. The group are now looking for volunteers to grow wild seeds and then plant them.

SALC: - Nothing to report.

Speed Watch - No action at present.

Speed Policy Group –Cllr. Stone reported on the progress of the new speed signage and where this would be placed. The Chairman said she had received many phone calls and e mails when the roundels and 30mph road markings had been replaced after road resurfacing. She has explained that unfortunately, due to Covid 19, there has been a delay, and it is premature for the 20mph on the road and contractors are to replace as found. She did mention that if it had been left blank in readiness it would possibly give the impression of no speed limit. Following the agreement earlier in the year when the Parish Council had agreed to finance the works to the maximum of £15,000. Cllr Fothergill informed us the design work needs to be completed and still has to be agreed this is approximately

£500 of the costs. The Chairman proposed, Mr Dennis seconded to go ahead, everyone agreed. And to be an agenda item next month when final figures etc. should be available.

14. **PUBLICITY** –no Speed watch sessions. The new speed limit of 20 is still work in progress unfortunately, the repainting of the speed signs on the highway have to be repainted to 30mph. As things are relaxed, please people take care and obey rules.
15. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION-** Cllr Stone mentioned we could consider the Parish Magazine as well as the village newsletter for sending out information. Mrs Griffiths mentioned the opening up of the church. It was suggested to revisit outstanding agreements such as the bus stop seat and shelter at Borough Post, held back due to Covid 19 virus. Mr Turner mentioned our annual tree survey is overdue Cllr Stone to revisit the tree survey from last year to look at any trees that may need attention. Mr Jeanes informed the committee Mr & Mrs T Walker had loaned him their zoom to be used for our meeting tonight. He asked for a letter of thanks to be sent. The Clerk to action. Mrs Leader was asked if she is willing to continue to do the quarterly check up on reconciliations for all of the Parish Council bank accounts that we hold. She is happy to do so. Cllr Stone mentioned that some parishioners like the metal Kissing Gates as opposed to the timber styles, the metal gates create easier access for the less able and are far more durable than the timber styles. Mrs J Leader suggested that people could sponsor the gates/stiles in the future, maybe in the same way they do benches.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 09.10pm

Clerk to North Curry Parish Council