Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of North Curry Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr Turner (Chairman), Mrs Stodgell, Mrs Vaughan, Ms C Smith, Mr Cable, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Jeanes.

Members of the Public: Mr & Mrs Octon.

- 1 **APOLOGIES** Mrs Leader
- 2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 2019 Mrs Stodgell proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting; Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was carried.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.
- **4 MATTERS ARISING** The Chairman informed the committee that the application regarding the bungalow to the rear of Town Farm had been deferred. The Highways team were satisfied with the entrance and access; however, it lacks the relevant visual splay etc. When asked to produce reasons why it was able to pass this element of planning, the meeting had to be deferred in order for Highways to produce the reasons in writing.
- APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL 24/19/0050 Replacement of dwelling and outbuildings with the erection of 1 No. Chalet styled dwelling with integral garage at Applegarth, Stoke Road, North Curry. The Chairman explained the application following a site visit with Mr Cable. There was some discussion about the proposed height and materials to be used. The applicant plans to make this an environmentally friendly building and has previously achieved awards for designing sustainable housing. There were no negative comments logged from neighbours and it was proposed by the Chairman that the application be supported, with the request for a condition that a planting scheme be put in place should the application be approved, this was seconded by Mr Cable, which was carried.
- 6 PERMISSIONS / REFUSALS RECEIVED None
- PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE Corr 1 Mrs Kemp. Regarding comments made about the residential status of her property. Mrs Kemp had written to the PC following the news that comments had been passed to the SWT Council Planning Department regarding her property. Mrs Kemp had requested that these comments either be substantiated with evidence, or removed from SWT Council Planning Website. After discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman that a letter be written to Mrs Kemp by way of apology, and confirmation that a request would be made to have these comments removed; this was seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried. Corr 2a Mr Meehan, 2b- Mrs Phillips and 2c Mr Deacon. Regarding Knapp Lane footpath, the Chairman explained he had received emails regarding proposed plans and objections to the footpath from residents, however, it is now believed following a phone call between the Clerk and Strongvox that they are resubmitting the plans for the site with the footpath removed.
 - **Corr 3 Somerset West and Taunton Council** regarding the Local Plan; the Chairman made the committee aware that consultation dates will be in February and encouraged attendance. This will also be an item on the PC agenda in February.
 - **Corr 4 Mrs Nester, wall at rear of Stoneleigh –** The Clerk had received an email regarding a collapsed wall at the rear of the property which had fallen onto the public footpath and land belonging to Mr T Jeanes. Mrs Nester had cleared the path and was looking for advice on the next steps. The Chairman asked that the Clerk respond thanking Mrs Nester for her

correspondence, and asking that she liaise directly with Mr T Jeanes regarding access to rebuild the wall.

8 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – Mrs Griffiths had been approached about management of the local school hedge. Mrs Stodgell stated that this hedge belongs to the school, not the Parish Council. Mr Jeanes raised the email correspondence, which had been sent to Councillors regarding the Climate Emergency Consultation, and encouraged attendance. The Chairman mentioned replacing the fence between the car park and the playing field at a rough cost of £1,250 and that he would put this forward for the PC agenda.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.40pm