

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 9th June 2021 at North Curry Village Hall (Main Hall)**

Present or comments received: Mrs C Stodgell (Chairman), Mr G Cable, Mr M Dennis, Mr B Jeanes, Mrs J Leader, Mrs C Smith, Cllr. P Stone, Mr A Turner, Miss E Turney, Cllr D Fothergill, Cllr S Buller.
3 Members of the public.

1. PRELIMINARIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Mrs H Griffiths, Mr M Wilkins and Mrs C Vaughan.

To Approve and sign minutes for the Parish Council AGM and Parish Council meeting 5th May 2021. Mr Jeanes proposed the Annual General Meeting minutes were a true record of the meeting.

This was seconded by Mr Dennis, which was carried. Mr Turner proposed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting were a true record. This was seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried.

Declarations of interest: (Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary interests they have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct): Mr B Jeanes declared an interest in Item 8, Payment List.

2. Matters Arising:

Policing Matters: None

Flooding Matters: Corr: A7046. The Chairman explained this was an email from Mr Meehan who stated he had contacted the Highways regarding the broken Flood Gates on Moor Lane. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council have been chasing the repair for the floodgate for many months as well as asking for an extra mobile sign to be placed in the road by Queens Square Garden to prevent cars accessing the road while it was flooded.

Fingerpost signs: The Chairman explained that work has commenced on the Fingerposts signs by West County Blacksmiths.

Bus Shelter update: The Chairman confirmed that we had placed an order for the Bus Shelter with Autocross Euroshel Limited which is due to be fitted 17th July 2021. They recommended that we should fit a disabled access alongside the base. She explained arrangements are made to mark out the base with the disabled pathway and once measurements are confirmed would ask for a quote for the extra. Miss Turney proposed for the cost to be capped at £2,000 + VAT, this was seconded by Mr Dennis. Mr Turner proposed to set contingency of £500 to this amount, this was seconded by Mr Dennis, which was carried.

Allotments – Update: Cllr Stone explained that work is yet to be started on the Ash Trees and the hedge at the Greenway Allotments and this to be started in the near future. The Clerk explained that in light of the new contracts some plots have been vacated and now available. Two new contracts have already been set up for the Greenway site and she awaits replies from others on the waiting list. The Clerk and Mrs Leader are due to meet to survey the Allotments to see which plots were overgrown and not being attended to with the view to contacting the owners or rehiring if available. The Clerk explained that one allotment on Loscombe Meadows had become vacant Mrs Jeanes proposed as this plot was very overgrown that we should offer it free of charge until 1st April 2022, this was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried. It was agreed that we should review the prices of our allotment fees for next year, the Clerk to investigate current Parishes rates of hire and bring to the next meeting.

IONOS – clarification of backup systems: The Clerk explained that this is yet to be done.

20mph Scheme update: The Chairman explained we had received some complaints regarding the positioning of the 20mph speed limit signs in White Street and Knapp Lane, however the locations are set by Somerset County Highways and the Local Police Authority regulations. Mr Meehan explained that they are currently unable to operate Speedwatch due to the Highways works not being completed. However, he explained he had been in contact with Highways who explained work was to commence this week subject to weather permitting. Mr Meehan also explained that he was unhappy with the location of the Knapp 20pmh and highlighted that Speedwatch were in need of volunteers. Cllr Fothergill explained that 20mph Scheme map had clearly stated where the signs and road markings were to be placed and the work on the white lines outside the cottages at the White Street junction, would start this week too, removing the centre line and parking lines.

Update on SID: Mr Meehan reported that Kate from Highways had agreed the locations of all the posts for the SID but clarification of the positioning of the 20mph sign at Knapp before signing off all the location. He suggested that Wrantage was in need of a permanent flashing speed sign to inform drivers of their speed to slow vehicles down. Cllr Stone supported Mr Meehan suggestion. Cllr Fothergill advised that it was possible to apply for a permanent SID via Somerset County Council. After much discussion it was agreed to obtain updated quotes for the SID and to ask for a one off quote for a permanent unit at Wrantage. The Chairman agreed this should be an Agenda item for September. She thanked Mr Meehan for all his hard work on the project.

Defibrillator update. (North Curry Sports & Post Office) The Chairman explained that North Curry Sports informed us they have now have their Defibrillator installed. Mrs Vaughan, in her absence, reported to the Parish Council the company Zoll, who bought out Cardiac Science has been in contact to say our Defibrillator G3 model is now obsolete and no replacement parts are available. Mr Turner proposed that we look at this again when it is no longer serviceable or not working, this was seconded by Cllr. Stone, which was carried.

County Cllr. Report – weekly updates being forwarded by email.

3. Planning Applications for comment by North Curry Parish Council

24/21/0028 Demolition of rear extensions and erection of single storey extension to the rear of Snellgroves, Combe Lane, Knapp, North Curry.

24/21/0029/LB Demolition of rear extensions and erection of single storey extension to the rear of Snellgroves, Combe Lane, Knapp, North Curry. Mr Turner explained the planning applications together, as the second application covered the Listed Building aspect of the planning. The removal of the existing extension would be replaced with a single storey, brick built extension to form a kitchen and small kitchen room. The materials used would be in keeping with the property using red brick and slate for the roof. Mrs Smith the owner of the property explained that the roof would now be a sloping roof as opposed to a gable roof, as before, the new roof would be cut off at the corner near the neighbouring roof. She explained that new drawings were in the process of being drawn up. After a discussion Mr Turner proposed that we support the application, but the Parish Council would like to see the slate used on the roof to be reclaimed, this was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.

24/21/0027/LB Replacement of 4 No. windows to the rear kitchen and utility rooms at 9 Stoke Road, North Curry – Mr Turner explained the application and the location of the property, the last house in a row of old fashioned terrace houses on Stoke Road. Behind the property is a utility, where the replacement windows are required. The windows would be all the same size the only difference is that they would have modern double glazing. Mr Turner proposed that we support the application, this was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.

4. Conformation of the Parish Council Committees etc. (to be proposed, seconded and agreed)

Planning Committee: Mr Turner, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Leader, Mr Jeanes, Mr Cable, Mrs Stodgell, Ms Smith and Mrs H Griffiths all offered to remain on the Planning Committee. Mr Turner proposed the Committee be accepted en bloc, Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was carried.

Financial Advisory Panel: Mr Jeanes, Ms Turney, Mrs Stodgell, Mr Turner and Mr Dennis offered to stay on the Finance Panel. Mr Cable proposed the Committee be accepted en bloc, Ms Smith seconded the proposal, which was carried.

Road Safety Committee: Mr Turner proposed not to reform the committee for now, this was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.

Community Stable Committee: Mr Jeanes, Mrs Stodgell and Mr Turner offered to remain on the Committee, Miss Turney requested could she sit in a meeting to see if she wanted to join the committee, all agreed. Cllr. Stone proposed the Committee be accepted en bloc, Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was carried.

Representatives of other bodies. The following volunteers all agreed to remain as representatives for the following bodies: Footpaths (Cllr. Stone) Playing Field (Mr Turner) Village Hall (Mr Jeanes) Tree Warden (Cllr. Stone) Allotments (Mrs Leader) Stable (Mr Jeanes) Flood Warden (Mrs Vaughan) North Curry Sports. (Cllr. Stone) Wildlife Group (Cllr. Stone) Speedwatch (Mr Meehan) Speed Policy Group (Cllr. Stone) Facebook (Mr Wilkins)

Mr Turner proposed the representatives be accepted en bloc, Miss Turney seconded the proposal, which was carried.

5. To discuss Footpaths updates and any other queries. Cllr Stone explained that the Drove now has a bridle gate next to the existing Footpath gate. He explained that he is currently investigating the footpath which runs along from Frog Lane to Moredon to become a more permissive route, it may mean that the Parish Council will need to be involved with the agreement between us and the Landowner. On Broadland footpath the gate and post are broken.

6. To approve rescheduling of the Annual Parish Council meeting, to 21st July 2021. The Chairman explained the Annual Parish Meeting had to be reschedule this year from May, due to COVID and a provisional date of 21st July is to be agreed. Mr Turner proposed that the Annual Parish meeting should take place on the 21st July 2021, this was seconded by Miss L Turney, which was carried. The following subjects for discussion were suggested 20mph Scheme, Cllr Stone was asked to provide pictures, Footpaths to recognise the hard work that Cllr. Stone does, Floodgate to provide more information, Facebook to highlight its success and invite North Curry Sports, the Headmistress of North Curry School and the PCC the Vicar Rev Dr Simon Bale to say something.

7. **Recognition of ongoing Volunteer Litter Pickers throughout the Parish.** The Chairman explained that we should publically recognise the Volunteers working tirelessly Litter Picking throughout the Parish not only for the Spring and Autumn arranged picks but for the work all year round clearing up our Parish and road verges in the area. The Clerk to place the acknowledgement in the Pink Sheet.

8. **Finance: Monthly Bank Report, Payment List:**

The Clerk presented the monthly report explaining May was a quiet month with the usual transaction paid. The Clerk Salary was higher than normal £894.93, due to additional hours worked. The Town Farm running costs £387.05 consisted of the service charge £104.75 and the cost of the Air Cleansing Unit £282.30. She explained on the income side we had received the allotment hire fees of £313.33 and that she was still chasing a small amount of unpaid fees. Mr Jeanes added that the Co-op Bank Deposit Account balance was quite high at present, but awaiting some large invoices needing payment, this money will be transferred to the Current account when necessary. The Chairman proposed that this was a true record of the report, this was seconded by Mr Turner, which was carried.

Payment List:

Monthly Payment List - JUNE 2021	Cheque No.	Total	VAT
Clerk-Maria Perry - June 2021	BACS	647.28	0.00
Plusnet (bill not issued as yet)	DD	20.00	0.00
Service Charge	SO	104.75	0.00
IONOS monthly Hi Drive Storage fee	DD	3.00	0.60
Zoom pmt to Maria Perry March 2021	S/O	11.99	2.40
North Curry V.Hall - Hire 26/05	BACS	15.54	0.00
B & K Jeanes - Grass cutting April 2021 Inv 21008	BACS	60.00	0.00
B Jeanes reimbursement - B&Q Cable Pug & socket	BACS	14.40	0.00

The Clerk read out the payment list Mr Turner proposed to approve the payment list, this was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.

- a) **To approve the final end of year accounts for the period ended 31st March 2021:** Mr Jeanes explained that a small amendment had to be made to the previously agree accounts relating to Petty Cash which was corrected. All the Councillors had seen the amended accounts. Mr Jeanes proposed the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.
- b) **To approve and sign the Annual governance statement 2020/21 in section 1 of the Annual Return for the year to 31st March 2021.** Mr Jeanes explained and proposed that we had gone through the Annual Governance Statement thoroughly at the last meeting and nothing had changed we had said yes to all questions but number 9 was not applicable, this was seconded by Cllr. Stone, which was carried.
- c) **To approve the accounting statements 2020/21 in section 2 of the Annual Return for the year to 31st March 2021.** Mr Jeanes explained that the amendment in the accounts had changed the figure in section 7 of the Accounting Statement for 2020/21 again relating to the Petty Cash adjustment. Mr Jeanes proposed this was a true record, this was seconded by Mr Turner, which was carried.

9. **Correspondence.**

Correspondence A7046-A7049 covered above.

A7050 – Covered important changes to Home Finder Somerset

A7051 – North Curry Sports defibrillator - Covered above.

A7052 – An email was received from Burrowbridge Parish Council regarding a new Motor Cross venue set up in a field at Burrow Wall, he explained the planning had been send in but not yet validated. Some local Parishioners of Burrowbridge and surrounding areas were complaining of the noise levels and the council asked for our support. After a discussion it was agreed we would support Burrowbridge Parish Council if we received any complaints regarding the matter.

A7053 – Mr Meehan various road issues covered above.

A7054 – Traffic Management – Road Lining covered above.

A7055 – Mr Jeanes explained that he had spoken to Mr Dave Burt who was interested in buying a cupboard and chair in the shed at the Greenway allotments and give a donation to whom the Council nominate. It was agreed we should determine from all the allotment holders if anyone is using the shed and if any of its contents are owned by them.

A7056 - Amy shepherd sent an email regarding the flooding at Oldway Lane, Wrantage, explaining that she had been in touch with highways about the problem but had not had a reply. It was agreed we

would reply to her to say we will also write to Highways with her concerns to help get answers. The Clerk to prepare the email to SCC Highways.

A7057 – An email was received by Mrs White regarding the speed of traffic in North Curry it was agreed to write back explaining the 20pmh Scheme is not yet completed the road marking will be updated in due course and all signs and road markings are guided by Highways.

Planning Correspondence - Mr Turner said we had received a letter from South West & Taunton Planning regarding Ludwells Barn which explained an appeal had been made against an enforcement made. He asked could the Clerk check the date regarding expressing our views as it is quoted as 7th June which is the same date the letter was sent.

10. **Committee /Delegate reports** – (Please send written reports prior to the meeting and these will be included on the minutes.)

Village Hall (LT): Mr Jeanes explained that the S106 grant application had been approved this was monies to help with improvements in the Village Hall. This included fixed overhead projector, modern power efficient LED based lighting system and an under sink water heater in the Games Room.

Tree Warden (PS): Cllr Stone informed the parish Council that a project had been completed where he and several volunteers over 3 days planted 1200 trees and shrubs, this was situated on the North Curry Ridge just off the footpath by Frog Lane Farm.

Stable (BJ): Mr Jeanes explained that the rent for the Coffee Shop and Angela's hairdresser will continue at 50% until the end of present COVID regulations. The Veranda guttering has been put on and is now finished, the feedback about regarding Veranda has been very good.

North Curry Sports. (PS): Cllr. Stone reported that North Curry Sports had been looking at CIL money looking at useful projects that may be eligible or not and if not considering working with the Parish Council to make projects more affordable.

Wildlife Group (PS): Cllr. Stone explained that they are currently working with Stoke ST Gregory Primary School using the Wildlife area as part of Forest School.

Facebook (MW): In his absence Mr Wilkins had sent a report showing the usage of Facebook and explained it continues to grow in popularity and usage.

11. **Publicity Inputs.**

Volunteers required for the Speedwatch Group.

Confirmation of the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Send a general thank you to all the Litter Pickers for Spring and Autumn Litter Pick as well as the team of all year round Litter Pickers.

12. **Matters for Discussion.**

The Chairman explained next year June 2022 is the Queens Platinum Jubilee and thought it a good idea if we start to think of ways to celebrate the event within the Parish. She asked the Councillors if they had any ideas and if so highlight them to the Clerk or herself so that it can be discussed at the August or September meeting. Mr Jeanes explained that we still had mugs left over from the Queens Diamond Jubilee, Mr Turner proposed if anyone was interested in one that a donation of £5 be made in aid of the Church Bells Appeal, this was seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried.

A meeting of some Councillors took place at Stoneyhead Caravan Park to take note for themselves of the area. Mr Dennis explained that he had received a letter from Natural England regarding the Phosphate contamination and how it effects a lot of things especially farming and planning. It was agreed that he would send the letter to all Councillors for their information.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 21.40pm