

Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at North Curry Village Hall (Meeting Room)

Present or comments received: Mrs Tina Stodgell (Chairman) Mr Phil Stone (Vice Chairman), Mr Mike Dennis, Mrs Jeanne Leader, Ms Cecilia Smith, Mr Tony Turner, Mr Paul Deacon, Mr Adam Hardwick Cllr Norman Cavill, (County Councillor), Mr Brian Jeanes, Mr Ian Fugett, Cllr David Fothergill (County Councillor)

3 Members of the public.

1. PRELIMINARIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from Mr Graham Cable, Mrs Helen Griffiths, Mr Maurice Wilkins and Cllr Mrs Sue Buller

To approve and sign the minutes for the previous Parish Council meeting dated: June 8th. An amendment had been proposed and circulated by Mr Phil Stone. The amended minutes were proposed by Cecilia Smith and seconded by Phil Stone, and this 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.): None declared

2. Matters Arising

Richard Lander has managed the Stable on behalf of the Parish Council for over 10 years. He was thanked by Mrs Stodgell and presented with a small gift.

Policing Matters there were none reported

Update on the A358 – Mr Lander has written letters to NH and it has been clarified that the closures will be night-time only – approx. 8/10 pm to 6 am.

Update on the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – Thanks were again given to Mr Mike Dennis, and he handed over £1587.10p for the Church Bells fund. The £265.85 spent on expenses for the Sunday event is to be paid from PC funds as already agreed. Mrs Stodgell proposed that the amount from Mr Dennis be rounded up to £1600. This was seconded by Ian Fugett and carried.

Corr from Colin Trim – his Parish Portrait of North Curry is now finished, and heartfelt thanks were expressed for his hard work. It was agreed to post the item on the Website and Facebook.

The plaque that is being donated by Lady Mary has been given permission to be inset in the road side wall of the Stable. A question was raised about the cost of the fitting.

Update on SID – The installation places had been identified and we are just awaiting installation.

Bus Shelter – The permission has now been obtained and it has been confirmed that the land is owned by Highways and not by a Mr Vile who has an unsuccessful history of claiming ownership. It was proposed by Mrs Stodgell that she sign the Licence. This was seconded by Mr Jeanes and carried. Mr Fothergill will sign as the independent witness. The motion was carried. The installation has still not been finished with the contractor (Mr R Case) who is unhappy to provide the tarmac as per the specification. Mr Stone will investigate the cost of the tarmac installation and potentially deduct from the fee owed to Mr Case. A point was raised about insurance, and cover is included now but advised that our costs will increase in the order of £60 upon renewal, for both the shelter and the SIDs.

Update on Lime Trees Church Road – Mr Stone informed us that the employee of the contractor that was due to do the work has tragically died. We await confirmation of what is to happen next.

County Cllr Report – this is enclosed with the reports A question was raised by Mr Fugett about the surface dressing of Broad Lane. Cllr Fothergill will investigate.

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- a. **To discuss Footpaths, update and purchase of seat for Loscombe Meadows footpath.** Mr Stone has sourced some seats and the cost is approx. £320 for the seat which will need some surface work for the installation. Mrs Stodgell proposed that a sum of up to £500 be allocated to include both seat and installation. This was seconded by Mr Stone and carried. It was also confirmed that the footpath diversion at Priory Farm has now been approved.
- b. **To discuss further and agree revised costs for the purchase of hedge cutter** – The purchase has already been approved but the cost is likely to be higher to ensure that the item is both light weight, yet sturdy enough for the work and includes adequate battery power and life. It was proposed by Mrs Stodgell that a sum of up to £600 be agreed. This was seconded by Mr Jeanes and Carried.
4. **Electric Vehicle Charging Points** – Mr Jeanes has sent in a report detailing the choices and costs. It was explained that the Village Hall Wi-Fi connection was no good, but that BT say it is possible to use the old landline and use it for Internet only. The router will be installed at a point that is close enough to operate the charging stations. (£10 for the router and £29 a month). The 2 options are the ICS at £8033 and the Rolec at £8041. The ICS has approx. running costs of £120 pa and a £1 fee per session. The Rolec takes 7% of revenue. The price will be controlled by the PC and Village Hall will be reimbursed for the cost of the electricity. Questions were raised about how long it may take until costs are recovered but it was agreed that the points are a service provided by the PC and we may not recover all the costs. In order to reach a final decision next month, it was agreed that the following information is obtained – Insurance Costs, Fire Risk mitigation costs and the average spend per week for the ICS. The ICS is the preferred option.
5. **Allotments progress** – It was agreed that Mr Stone, Mr Deacon, Mr Jeanes and Mrs Leader meet at 4pm on July 16 to discuss and agree a date for the demolition of the sheds. Mrs Stodgell will find the allotment file and pass to Mrs Leader so that she can inform all the allotment holders.
6. **To consider and agree wording to go on the Jubilee Bell in the Church.** Mrs Stodgell read it out and proposed that it be send to the PCC for approval. This was seconded by Mr Dennis and carried.
7. **Finance.**

Monthly Account & Payment List.

Monthly Payment List July 2022.	Cheque no.	Nett.	VAT
Clerk Maria Perry July 2022 (incl overtime)	BACS	TBC	
Plusnet (bill not yet issued)	DD	20.00	
Service Charge	SO	115.25	
IONOS Monthly Drive, storage fee.	DD	3.00	0.60
North Curry VH. Room. Hire & Table hire (Jubilee)	BACS	53.44	
IONOS.Website Builder Inv 203031169376	DD	4.00	0.80
HMRC-Clerk and Stable cleaner.NI & PAYE Apr-June	BACS	152.43	
J Williams. Church Road grass cutting	BACS	140.00	
SWT Dog bin emptying April-June	BACS	346.32	69.26
SALC-Councillor training invoice 1064	BACS	25.00	

Mr Jeanes presented the monthly Bank Report, The Chairman proposed this as a true record, and this was seconded by Mr Turner and carried. The Payment list was also presented. The money owing to the previous clerk was confirmed as £249.32 and a cheque for £40 to Stan Case for money was also added as a late invoice. Mr Jeanes proposed that the list be approved, this was seconded by the Chairman and carried. Mr Jeanes confirmed that a request has been made to transfer £16000 from Cambridge and Counties bank acct (to decrease total to £85000). We now need to find a suitable alternative account for the money.

8. **Correspondence** – The correspondence in A have all been covered .Regarding B 7316 Adam Hardwick is happy to investigate both Airband and any other internet options.

9. **Committee/Delegate reports** – Those received will be added as an appendix. Speedwatch – Mr Meehan now has 4 groups, and 4 locations and gratitude was expressed. Playing Fields – it was confirmed that the tree survey is up to date.

10. **Publicity Inputs** –

- a. Think Travel poster – website and Facebook and Parish Noticeboard
- b. Reminder about fire risk with dry weather – especially disposable BBQs
- c. Another plea for residents to trim their hedges where they impinge on pavements/ roads.

11. **Matters for discussion**

- a. Paul Deacon asked if Queen Sq. Garden was used very much as it seems a little obscured and difficult to access. It was agreed that the vegetation is a little overgrown and Mr Jeanes will contact Liz Gibbs
- b. Ian Fugett has observed dirty water leaking down Moor Lane. He will report to the CC website. Mr Fugett and Mrs Leader also brought up about the number of weeds growing on the edges of pavements etc and how untidy it makes the village look.
- c. Tony Turner – a suggestion to install fitness stations on the PF will be investigated. It is possible what CIL/106 money could be used.

The meeting was closed at 9.35