

MINUTES OF NORTH CURRY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th May 2022 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillors, Cllr.D Fothergill Cllr S Buller, and 13 members of the public.

1. **WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** The Chairman welcomed everybody.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr S Sutton Chairman Youth Football, PCSO Tony Wearmouth, PCSO Steve Chapman, Mrs H Morley North curry primary School, Mr L Leader North Curry Sport Ltd, Mr R Perry Chairman, Tim Odey Chairman of Cricket, Mr M Wilkins, Mrs A Webb Village Agent, Mr D Cruikshank Chairman of North Curry Village Hall,
3. **TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 21st July 2021:** Copies of the minutes were distributed to attendees, there were no comments. Mr B Jeanes proposed the Minutes were a true record of the meeting. Mr Jones seconded the proposal, which was carried.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** Mr A Meehan raised the minutes from the last APM 21st July 2022 were not on the website, the Chairman apologised and explained we will investigate and ensure they are posted to the site as soon as possible.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman read her report. (See report attached).
6. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE**
 - i) **Parish Council Accounts**

Copies of the full unaudited accounts ending 31st March 2022 and pages 3-7 were circulated. Mr Jeanes introduce himself to all and presented the accounts firstly explaining pg., 7 showed a summary of the Community Stable Accounts. He highlighted to note the rent received was £4k for the year as opposed to £1k the previous year, this was due to the closure of the Stable during the pandemic and the recovery. Usually the income from rent is £5K. On payment side the payment to the Parish Council main account increased this year to £4k rather than £1k which was paid in the previous year, again due to the effects of the pandemic. He then explained the summary of the receipts and payments accounts for the Parish Council on receipts CIL Community Infrastructure Levy a grant of £5k was received and other grants were totalled £6500 which was made available from a general recovery grant from the pandemic, these funds will be used towards the cost of the Bus Shelter at Oxen Lane and for some of the restoration of costs of the Fingerposts signs around the Parish. VAT receipts show a claim for two financial years explaining why the previous year showed Nil. This year a VAT claim will be submitted for £1200. The expenditure on dog bins has increased this year is due to the fact we have taken on another bin bringing the total of Dog Bins to 4. He explained the legal fees in this year's accounts related to the transfer fee for Loscombe meadows footpath. CIL monies spent in the year totalled £1157 this was costs towards refurbish of the signpost around the parish. He highlighted the CIL money on the balance sheet shows al balance of £58kn can be used for infrastructure projects and monies have to be spent within 5 years of their receipt £26500 has to be used by October next year money goes back to SW&T to spend on projects they decide. He asked if anyone knew of any projects around the Parish which would fit the criteria of the CIL money to let the Parish Council know. A question was raised if the CIL money could help the school and Mr Jeanes explained it has in past purchasing play equipment. Cllr S Buller said she would send links to explain the criteria need to use the CIL monies. Mr Meehan ask if the CIL monies could be used to update the Website it was agreed that we possibly could after much discussion the Chairman asked to make the Website an Agenda item in June 2022.
 - ii) **Parochial Charities Accounts:**

Rev Simon Bale presented and explained the background to the Parochial Charities, Mr Akerman presented the accounts. The Clerk passed the accounts to the Chairman for her signature.
7. **CHURCH BELLS APPEAL:** Mr G Dart presented the report for the Church bells appeal he thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to sponsor a bell (to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee). He explained the fund had raised £85k up to the end of April this made up of sponsorship, personal donations and from the fundraising events arranged up until the end of

the year. In May a relaunch of the appeal will go out to generate more donations to climb closer to the £150k target. He explained planning permission had been applied for to carry out the necessary work hoping to obtain the approval in May 2022. The aim is to have the bells ringing in 2023.

8. VILLAGE HALL REPORT:

The Chairman, Mr D Cruikshank sent his apologies explaining he will send his report to add to the minutes.

INTERVAL TEA AND COFFEE SERVED

9. GREENWAY PLAYING FIELD'S REPORT:

Mr A Turner presented the Playing Field report explaining they endeavour to keep the playing fields clean and tidy. The covid period caused some problems but at last things are getting back to normal and bookings to hire the Pavilion are slowly coming in. The main income came from Little Acorns which has now moved to the school. The Pavilion has been decorated and tidy although the acoustics are poor and something we are looking in to. The lack of members on the committee has been a problem but some people have shown interest and hopefully fundraising events can commence again such as Christmas in the Square and the May fair. On the Playing Fields the Old Fort needs replacing and this will be done in the near future.

10. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT FOR NORTH CURRY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Chairman explained that the Headmistress of the School, Mrs Morley sends her apologies for not attending and the Clerk read out her report for the school. (See report attached)

11. NORTH CURRY SPORT LTD (WHITE STREET SPORTS GROUND) REPORTS:

i) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman explained Mr Leader had sent his apologies, the Clerk read out his report. (See report attached)

ii) **Football:** The Chairman of the Adult Football and Youth Football sent their apologies the Chairman read out the Youth Football report (See report attached)

iii) **Cricket:** no report received.

12. NORTH CURRY COFFEE SHOP REPORT:

Mrs J Dingle the Chairman of the Coffee Shop sent her apologies Mr B Jeanes read out her report. (See report attached)

13. PARISH AFFAIRS – OPEN FORUM:

Mr G Jones raised issues concerning the Greenway Allotments and expressed how untidy they look, in particular the two sheds which have been vandalised and not being used he asked if they could be refurbish or replaced. He also explained there is a lot of old rubbish around and could a skip be assembled there to tidy up. There are some overgrown allotments and a hole in the hedge at the back of the allotments and the grass need to be mown in communal areas. The Chairman explained we are already looking into the issued raised we have already agreed for the sheds to be pulled down. We had contacted all allotment holders to see if any property in the shed belongs to anyone and she explained the communal area is mown by Stan Case a couple of times a year. The Chairman explained this is why we are looking at updating the rent agreements to prevent allotments being left unkept and we have liaised with Mr J Boddy to become the Allotment Liaison Officer.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm