

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at North Curry Village Hall (Meeting Room)**

**Present or comments received:** 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) Mr Maurice Wilkins, Mr Graham Cable, Mrs Helen Griffiths and Cllr Mrs Sue Buller

**3 Members of the public including Lisa Williams – our prospective new Clerk.**

**1. Preliminaries:**

**To receive and approve apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Mrs Tina Stodgell.  
> Lisa Williams was introduced as the proposed new Clerk, proposed by Tony Turner to be offered the job and seconded by Mike Dennis and unanimously voted to be appointed, subject to references. Lisa was invited to join the table.

**To approve and sign the minutes for the previous Parish Council meeting dated: July 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
Proposed as a true record by Brian Jeanes and seconded by Paul Deacon and all agreed.

**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:**

**Policing Matters** there were none reported

**Update on the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations** – The Village Hall has waived the charge for the table hire from Jubilee picnic. No updates on the plaque. Brian Jeanes will follow up.

**Update on SIDs** – County Highways going to do another site visit – hopefully we will see poles erected soon.

**Allotments Progress** – The Sheds were demolished – Thanks to Paul Deacon, Brian Jeanes and Phil Stone (plus other volunteers). The skip is being delivered on August 19<sup>th</sup> and will be collected on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. A start has been made by Phil Stone on clearing the overgrown allotments.

**Bus Shelter Oxen Lane** – contractor now agreed to provide tarmac, still waiting for the work to be finished.

**Update on Lime Trees Church Road** – another two trees very low so now we must start over again to get conservation approval. Contractor happy to add this to the work when approved.

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

Seat for Loscombe path has been purchased and awaiting installation. Also the hedge cutter. Finger posts now completed.

**3. Planning Applications for comment by North Curry Parish Council:**

**24/22/0025/CQ** *Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building into 2 no. dwellings (USE Class C3) and associated building operations at Higher Knapp, North Curry (Resubmission 24/22/0005CQ).*

A re-submission of previous proposal: it is for converting the structure only. No mention made of any garden in addition.

Tony Turner proposed that North Curry Parish Council objects to this application but appreciates that if the proposal meets all of the criteria for this type of permitted development it will be approved, whilst the council appreciates that the development red line shown on the plan fits class Q requirements, they fail to understand why parking and amenity/gardens can't be included. If this development is approved can the Parish Council be assured that a subsequent application will be submitted to include parking and gardens. Seconded by Ian Fugett, 9 for, 2 abstentions.

**24/22/0029/T** *Application to carry out management works to one Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (North Curry 1) Tree Preservation Order 197 at Manor End, The Fosse, North Curry (TD724).*

Application to re-pollard, seen by Phil Stone, Tony Turner proposed we support the application if the Tree Officer is in favour. Seconded by Phil Stone and carried

**24/22/0030** *Change of Use of adjoining farmhouse structures to residential, demolition of farmhouse and demolition of adjoining structures, erection of replacement farmhouse with self-contained annex for dependant relative and demolition of adjacent car port structure with the erection of garages and removal of concrete wall to entrance at Bowldish Farm, West Sedgemoor Road, North Curry (resubmission of 24/20/0056).*

After a little discussion Tony Turner proposed that we support the application as we supported last time. North Curry Parish Council supports this application and are pleased as with the previous application that the applicant is making every effort to ensure that the new building's appearance reflects the building it is replacing.

Seconded by Ian Fugett, 11 for 1 against – the proposal was carried.

**24/22/0032** *Erection of two storey extension to front and single storey extensions to the rear of 5 Lodwells orchard, North Curry.*

Tony Turner proposed we support the application with no comments, seconded by Adam Hardwick. All in favour.

**4. Electric Vehicle Charging Points:**

Brian Jeanes submitted his report – Insurance an extra £60 from October, covered for 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability. If any claim is due to equipment failure their insurance will be liable initially. (Whilst under warranty)

Discussion took place on whether it is the right time, the right decision or whether we should go ahead.

Brian Jeanes proposed that the PC should instruct T & C Electrical of Taunton to install a pair of 22kW ICS Electric Vehicle Chargers in the car park to the rear of the Village Hall together with all necessary signage and bay markings and that the PC should have the redundant telephone line in the building reconnected to provide the necessary internet connection for users of the EV chargers.

He also proposed that the Hall should be reimbursed for all electricity used by the system and that the PC should be responsible for the management of the chargers and any costs relating to them and the reconnected telephone line.

Phil Stone seconded – The proposal was carried with 8 for, 2 against and 2 abstained.

**5. Request for funding by North Curry Pavilion and Playing Fields for the Installation of Acoustic Panels in the pavilion:**

Correspondence number 7327 – asking PC to match fund the grant obtained. £837 needed – Phil Stone proposed we agree to the request, Graham Cable seconded, carried – 2 abstentions.

**6. Request from Coffee Shop re extra signage:**

After some discussion it was suggested that the Parish Office sign on the Post on the opposite side of the road, could be replaced with a combination sign with both Parish Office and Coffee Shop on it. Need permission from County. Tony Turner proposed that the PC should support the Coffee Shop in this request; seconded by Ian Fugett, the proposal was carried with 1 abstention.

7. **Finance Mr Jeanes presented the monthly Bank Report:**

Monthly bank Report – proposed that the report be accepted by Brian Jeanes, seconded by Tony Turner and carried.

<b>Monthly Payment List - August 2022</b>	<b>Cheque/ BACS/DD</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>
R Perry--Loscombe path strimming and hedge trimming	BACS	195.00	
B Jeanes--refund--NBB recycled plastic bench, Loscombe path	BACS	320.00	64.00
J Williams--Church Road grass cutting	BACS	70.00	
North Curry PCC--Bells Fund (From Beacon event)	BACS	1600.00	
Somerset forge Ltd--fingerposts, Boro' Post, Knapp & Helland	BACS	2045.00	409.00
Somerset forge Ltd--fingerpost, Thornfalcon	BACS	545.00	109.00
North Curry V.Hall - Room Hire Inv 3757	BACS	23.27	
Winchester Garden Machinery--Hedge trimmer	BACS	320.00	64.00
Plusnet (bill not issued as yet)	DD	32.25	6.45
Stable Service Charge	SO	115.25	
IONOS monthly Hi Drive Storage fee	DD	3.00	0.60
IONOS website builder	DD	4.00	0.80

Payment list – proposed by Brian Jeanes, seconded by Maurice Wilkins and carried  
 Brian Jeanes proposed that, if Lisa Williams is appointed, that she be given view-only access to Lloyds acct. seconded by Graham Cable. Carried

8. **Correspondence:**

Bus Shelter – the legal side has now been sorted.

Hot Air Balloon launching from the Playing Fields– Tony Turner was not aware of the launching and will investigate. There are strict regulations.

9. **Committee/Delegate reports** – Those received will be added as an appendix. **Playing Fields** – fort being replaced – use of CIL? **Tree Warden** – an ash tree needs looking at. **Speedwatch** – Wrantage an issue. **Facebook** usage is growing – Adam Hardwick to be added to admin team.

10. **Publicity Inputs –**

- a. Reminder about fire risk with dry weather – especially disposable BBQs
- b. An article supplied by Cllr Fothergill

11. **Matters for discussion**

Ian Fugett– What is happening to the site where the EA were working, site possibly still needs to be used for a further project along the drove. Phil Stone to investigate.

**The meeting was closed at 10:05pm.**