

Minutes 1 February 2021

CORNWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cornworthy Parish Council Meeting

Held by video conferencing (Zoom)

on Monday 1st February 2021 at 8.00 pm

Draft Minutes subject to change at next meeting

Present: Cllr Kirkland (Chairman); Cllr Bradley (Vice Chairman); Cllr Fry; Cllr Worthington; Cllr Carver

In Attendance: County Cllr Hawkins ; District Cllr McKay

Mrs L Maby (Clerk); Mrs J Ronson

1. Preambles

1.1 Apologies: Cllr Hunt

2.0 Election of New Councillor

2.1 Election of Councillor to Cornworthy Parish Council

To the proposal that Mrs Janet Ronson be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy for parish councillor . All were in agreement by a show of hands.

2.2 Signing of Acceptance of Offer Form by elected Councillor: Mrs Ronson signed the Acceptance of Offer form as witnessed by all attending the Zoom meeting and Cllr Kirkland welcomed her as Councillor to Cornworthy Parish Council.

3.0 Declarations of Interest : none

4.0 Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held 11th January 2021

The minutes of the PC Meeting held on 1st February were agreed by all and duly signed by Cllr Kirkland.

5.0 Matters Arising from Minutes

5.1 (Item Nov Minutes 4.1) Mr Gitsham invoices

One is being prepared to cover the outside socket for the Village Hall. The socket on the mast for the Sports field has not been installed as yet

5.2 (Item Nov minutes 4.2) Finger post damage at the Washbourne turning

Steve Hunt awaiting more large rocks to put against the post as per the Kerswell sign.

5.3 (Item Nov Minutes 5.2a) Two Traffic signs purchased saying 'PLEASE SLOW DOWN'.

Cllr Kirkland is to purchase two stakes to fix the signs as soon as possible. Cllr Hawkins thought this would be fine

5.4 (Item Nov Minutes 5.3) Locality Grant of £325 for Grit Bin and Replacement Bench

Clerk advised that the grant has been applied for to cover one grit bin and a replacement bench for the Village Green. This has been accepted.

6.0 Local Issues

6.1 Enforcement cases : an ongoing case was discussed

6.2 Parishioners Letters

6.2.a Parking at the junction of Alexandria Place impeding access to this road by emergency vehicles as was the case for a recent chimney fire attended by the Fire Service who could not turn into the lane because of a parked vehicle and had to service the fire from the junction. Two letters had been received regarding this issue. Cllr Kirkland commented that this has been raised in the past and has not been resolved. Cllr Kirkland asked for suggestions. This was discussed and it was decided to send a letter to the resident. Clerk to contact Fire Service with regard to this incident and any initiatives they may have regarding responsible parking in villages. Clerk will also prepare a general letter to go to residents in the village.

6.2. b. Arrangements for Gritting given the loss of the gritter service through the village (covered later)

6.3 Parking In The Village: covered under 6.2 (a)

6.4 Dog Waste in the Village : Cllr Kirkland commented that without knowing who is responsible for the unwelcome dog waste, action can not be taken and this is especially a problem given some owners allow their dogs to roam the village. Cllr Hawkins advised that there is to be a new Dog Warden coming into South Hams Council in the next couple of months. Cllr McKay advised that Dittisham PC are conducting an experiment to try and tackle this problem there. The outcomes of this experiment will be useful to other parishes to try and find a solution that works which may guide this. Cllr Hawkins suggested laminated signs around the village might help. Cllr Carver suggested signs on the grit bin to say this is not a poo bin. Cllr McKay suggested that the mobile localities officer could come to Cornworthy and he will instigate the process. Cllr Hawkins suggested we could ask Dog Warden to come to Cornworthy.

6.5 Gritting in the Village : Cllr Kirkland advised that there is a new gritting bin at the bottom of Priory View and the second will go on private land outside Mr Geatches gate half way up Abbey Road. This will be a self help arrangement .

7.0 Highways

7.1 Cllr Bradley commented that the potholes she'd reported at Broadridge and Tideford bend pothole hadn't been addressed. Cllr Hawkins advised that Highways were working

with the landowner at Tideford to resolve problems there and the potholes at Broadridge would be attended to if they were deep enough. Cllr Bradley assured him that she had measured the potholes and they were deep and wide enough to qualify.

8.0 Planning

Decisions

8.1 Lower Washbourne Farm, Washbourne TQ9 7UE 3905/20/PDM Application to determine whether prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q a&b) **PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED & GIVEN**

9.0 Finance and Records

9.1 Receipts

(a) 7p bank interest -as at 11th January 2021

9.2 Payments

(a) £276.90- Mrs L Maby– Clerk's Salary for January 2021

(b) £14.87 -Mrs L Maby for 2 x road signs from Amazon Proposed by Cllr Fry and seconded by Cllr Carver

(c) £30.00 – Cornworthy Village Hall for use of electricity to light Christmas Tree Proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Fry

(d) £370.85 – Grit Bins.net for grit bins and shovels Proposed by Cllr Kirkland and seconded by Cllr Bradley

(e) 530.00 – Stephen Hunt for repairs to parish Footpaths (cheque) Proposed by Cllr Fry and seconded by Cllr Carver

(f) £35.00 – ICO for renewal (direct debit)

9.3 Bank Balance at 11/01/2021

Total : £22,945.78 Current Account :£14,882.09

Savings Account £8,063.69

Allocated: Cornworthy PC: £ 21,980.89

Charlecombe Wood: £108.01

P3: £856.88

10. Reports

10.1 Clerk : Clerk asked that councillors confirm that their .gov e mails are operating properly. Cllr Kirkland reassured that help would be given to those with issues. Clerk advised that NALC is to issue new guidelines regarding Code of Conduct policies. Clerk will advise when this happens so Parish council can decide how to review its own.

10.2 Tree Warden : Clerk advised that SHDC had sent a communication regarding links and information about queries on trees including Tree Preservation Orders, Ash Dieback etc. Cllr Kirkland asked that Bill Petheram be contacted to ensure he is willing to be Tree Warden for the parish and have his contact details displayed on information we can put on our website for residents.

10.3 Defibrillator : Cllr Kirkland advised that the Defibrillator has been checked and is good working order

10.4 Village Hall : Cllr Carver advised that the hall is not in use at the moment

10.5 Climate Change Emergency : Cllr Fry advised about Dart Estuary Forum online event regarding the 'Re-wilding of Sharpham'. South Hams is also hosting another event regarding sustainability . Devon Carbon Plan is also still available for comments until the 15th February. Cllr Hawkins advised that Emily Reid is giving presentations to parish councils about the Plan.

10.6 District Councillor : Cllr Kay said he was very disappointed that the Amphibian Crossing signs which had recently been erected on the Tuckenhay road have been stolen. He mentioned that businesses and village halls can still apply for Covid grants.

10.7 County Councillor : Cllr Hawkins encouraged application from the village hall for the current Covid grant available. He discussed transport arrangements which can be made if people need assistance to get to Buckfastleigh for their Covid jobs.

11.0 Correspondence/Invitations & Matters for March Agenda : none

12.0 100 Club February Draw

1st: Mrs Sue Stephenson; 2nd: Mr P Bradley; 3rd: Mr R Evans

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is on **Monday 1st March 2021 at 8.00 pm**