

Minutes 4 April 2022

CORNWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of **Cornworthy Parish Council** at St Peter's Church

on **Monday 4th April 2022 at 8.00 pm**

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Present: Cllr Kirkland (Chair); Cllr Bradley; (Vice Chair), Cllrs Ronson; Hunt; Fry, Carver; Worthington

In Attendance: County Councillor Hawkins; District Councillor McKay, Mrs L Maby (Clerk)

1.0 Preambles

1.1 Emergency Exits

1.2 Apologies : none received

2.0 Declarations of Interest : Cllr Kirkland: Items 8.2 (a), (d) and (g)

3.0 Minutes

3.1 **The Minutes** from the Parish Council Meeting held 7th February 2022 were approved by all and duly signed by Chairman, Cllr Kirkland

4.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Dog fouling in Village: Cllr Kirkland commented that this situation is not improving even though we have had contact from a Tracey Weaver from from South West Devon localities who is supposed to be dealing with this but no visit has been made to the village. Cllr Kirkland asked could a bye law be passed that made it an offence not to have dogs on a lead in the village. Cllr Mc Kay commented that there was a quite a process involved in progressing this. A discussion was held about progressing this. Cllr McKay to follow up. Cllr Hawkins asked Cllr McKay to copy him in on the correspondence.

5.0 Local Issues

5.1 Current enforcement cases : no new cases

5.2 Parishioners Letters

5.2 i Inadequate Electrical Supply in village. This concerns the needs of a parishioner to install a 10KW Air Source heat pump system and electrical car charging units on his property. Western Power have advised that the current main electricity supply in Cornworthy is inadequate to service this and approval denied to connect to the

existing system. However, Western Power have indicated that should a new high capacity cable be laid down the hill from the church to Jaspers at a cost of some £5K plus with a household connection fee of £700 to £900. The householder is happy to pay the connection fee but feels it is unfair he should be liable for the cost of the new cable which could effectively serve many properties at this end of the village as well as enable the village to be compliant with the Government's Green Agenda.

He has requested help from the council to put pressure on Western Power to meet the government's Green Agenda and our village needs. Cllr Hawkins commented that Devon County Council would have no jurisdiction in this matter. It was agreed that a representative from Western Powers should be invited to attend a parish council meeting to outline what could be done with regards to cabling we may have available and offer guidance for our rural area. Clerk to progress.

5.2 ii. Flood Damage at Furze Cross: Cllr Kirkland commented that this has been ongoing for some time and has been previously directed to DCC Highways who have visited the site.

5.3 Use for £750 Locality Budget (Cllr Hawkins) : Cllr Hawkins commented that the new signpost at Abbey Cross looked very good and the grant could go towards this. Cllr Hawkins has advised that there will be a further £750 grant for 2022 to 2023. Cllr Kirkland suggested that this could go towards further village improvements such as replacing other damaged signposts e.g. at Cornworthy Cross.

5.4 VETS scheme for defibrillator : Cllr Ronson outlined this scheme, Volunteer Emergency Telephone System. Its a voluntary system. She has been liaising with Ashprington Parish Council and specifically the Ashprington Defibrillator Support group. The VETS system runs alongside defibrillator use. She highlighted a recent local incident where the defibrillator was needed in the middle of the night in Cornworthy but no-one was available to stay with the patient whilst the machine was collected. VETS would be appropriate here in that a volunteer would be raised to fetch the defibrillator and stay and assist if needed until Emergency Services arrived especially ambulances are taking an inordinate amount of time to reach patients. Training is available which Ashprington are happy for Cornworthy to be involved in . This is likely to be early May in Ashprington Village Hall, with a small cost to the parish council which is much more reasonable than the council have been quoted from other sources. Cllr Ronson outlined the logistics involved in setting the VETS system up and emphasised how important awareness would be. Cllr Ronson to investigate the cost of setting up the VETS system for Cornworthy. Cllr Fry commented that one defibrillator may not be enough for the whole parish. Cllr Kirkland commented that if we were installing others, one would be needed in both East Cornworthy and Allaleigh. Power is not necessarily needed as the defibrillator runs off a battery. Clerk to investigate a suitable location in Allaleigh and Cllr Kirkland to investigate the cost of more defibrillators. Comment was made about having the units adaptable for use on children. Cllr Kirkland to investigate. Clerk commented that there had been a very good response to the Emergency Plan questionnaire circulated to all parish householders with volunteers covering the whole parish. This would help in setting up a local VETS system.

5.5 CPR Training : This has been covered in 5.4

5.6 Advertising for replacement Clerk: Clerk to prepare advert and circulate to councillors for approval before putting this on Facebook, noticeboards, local press and so on. Clerk will progress applications.

5.7 Code of Conduct (signature) : this had been approved by all at the February meeting and Councillor Kirkland duly signed.

6.0 Highways

6.1 Furze Cross: tractor damage has been caused to the side of the road at the top end of the triangle of grass. Clerk to report.

6.2 Potholes: a discussion was had about the condition of the roads. Cllr Hawkins advised that the quickest way to get attention for these is to report the individual potholes on the Devon County Council website.

7.0 Planning

7.1 Washbourne Reservoir, Washbourne 0660/22/CLE: Certificate of lawfulness for existing building operation including partial demolition of structure (removal of roof and part wall) comprising materials pursuant to 4269/17/FUL (granted March 2019)

Evidence is required to support/refute claim that the above building has been in situ for in excess of the last 4 years. **(Comment by 12/4/22) Councillors had NO COMMENT**

Appeals

7.2 The Old Bakehouse, Tuckenhay, TQ9 7EQ 1664/21/FUL Conversion and extension of a barn into a one-bed dwelling house, including integral garage, parking and garden amenity space (resubmission of 1992/20/FUL : **Representations can be made re this Appeal by 12/4/2022**

8.0 Finance and Records

8.1 Receipts

(a) 6p bank interest – 9th March 2022

(b) £750 Locality Budget Payment (received 30 /3)

8.2 Payments

The following payments from March 2022 still need to be authorised

(a) March 8.2 (d) £234.33: Mr T Kirkland for 72 Jubilee mugs

April payments

(b) £287.30 – Mrs L Maby – Clerk’s Salary for March

Payment

(NB. £114.40 Increase in Pay Scale and annual increase (paid in March)

(c) £1,673.76 : Sign of The Times Ltd for new fingerpost sign

(d) £51.95– Mrs P Kirkland (Party Pieces) Jubilee bunting

(g) £23.28 – Mr T Kirkland for post crete to erect new signpost

(h) £120.00 – SHDC Payroll Service

(i) £87.12 Mrs L Maby : Stamps for Emergency Plan QQ/Save the Day Jubilee

mailer

Payments (a), (d) and (g) were proposed by Cllr Carver and seconded by Cllr

Hunt

Payments (b) and (i) proposed by Cllr Ronson and seconded by Cllr Carver

Payments (c) and (h) proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Kirkland

8.3 Completion of Annual Governance statement of the Annual Return 21/22 : this was agreed by all and signed by Chairman, Councillor Kirkland.

8.4 Bank Balance at 14/3/2022

Total: £23,441.84 Current account: £15,377.21 Savings account: £8,064.63

Allocated: Cornworthy PC: £23,006.95

Charlecombe Wood: £108.01 P3: £326.88

8.5 End of Financial Year Accounts 2021/22 & Accounting Statements on Annual Return

these were agreed by all and signed by Chairman, Councillor Kirkland.

8.6 Internal Auditor : Clerk has had some problems contacting the internal auditor the council had used previously. She will persevere.

9.0 Reports

9.1 Clerk : Clerk reported an excellent response on the Emergency Plan survey and said that about 50 people had volunteered and she'll discuss the collated results with Cllr Ronson.

She suggested the old laptop could now be written off and taken off the asset list. All agreed.

9.2 Tree Warden

9.3 Defibrillator : covered in Annual Parish Meeting

9.4 Village Hall : covered in Annual Parish Meeting

9.5 Climate Change : covered in Annual Parish Meeting

9.5 District Councillor : Cllr McKay highlighted recent events at SHDC. He also raised the issue of signposting residents to hardship funds covering help with recent energy rises. He outlined that Sustainable South Hams has now received funding (£50k). He commented on the garden waste system collection which has been resumed. Cllr Kirkland asked that pressure is applied for our outlying areas which are still not receiving a proper service. He has asked the Ambulance Service to present the reasons why the system is underperforming.

9.6 County Councillor: Cllr Hawkins commented that the Health and Well being Centre coming on well and should be handed over in September. SHDC have offered funding to Fusion Leisure Centres. DCC agreed to give £10k to the Ukraine Fund and if anyone is considering offering accommodation both DCC and SHDC officers can help and assist.

There is a new composting project with £5k of funding available. Cllr Hawkins outlined the scheme. Cllr Kirkland the problem of where to put this in the village. Cllr Kirkland asked the clerk to approach the Allotment Society to investigate whether composting could take place here.

He also mentioned that there is a fund of money available for 'Green Projects' from SHDC if there are any ideas on projects which could be undertaken in the village.

10.0 Correspondence/Invitations and Items For May Agenda

10.1 Request for Visit from new TQ6 coordinator, Sarah Dorsett

10.2 Request for Visit from Friends, Helping at Home (Caron)

10.3 Request for visit from Neighbourhood Sergeant for Dartmouth (Ollie Abercrombie)

It was agreed that all of the above could be invited but priority should be given to a visit from Western Power.

10.4 NCI thank you letter

11.0 100 Club Draw NB. This is postponed until May

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is on **Monday 9th May 2022** at 8.00 pm including AGM