

Minutes 7 June 2021

CORNWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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

on **Monday 7th June 2021 at 8.00 pm**

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

In Attendance: Cllr John McKay; Mrs L Maby (Clerk)

1.0 Preambles

1.1 Emergency Exits

1.2 Apologies received from County Councillor Hawkins

2.0 Declarations of Interest : none received

3.0 Minutes

3.1 **Minutes** from the Cornworthy Parish Council Meeting held 10th May 2021 including the Annual General Meeting were approved and signed by Chairman Cllr Kirkland

4.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 (Item 5.2 May Minutes) Neighbourhood Plan : Cllr Kirkland raised concerns that the contact advised by Cllr McKay to help the council formulate its Neighbourhood Plan was only able to meet via zoom and in any case lives in Wales. He asked if Cllr McKay could advise a contact who is more local. In the meantime, clerk was asked to contact neighbouring parishes who are involved with Neighbourhood Planning for advice on how to go about the process. Clerk to action.

4.2 (Item 5.3 May Minutes) Bench : this is available to be erected on the village green and Cllrs Kirkland and Hunt will attend to this as soon as possible.

5.0 Local Issues

5.1 Current enforcement cases : No new cases. Cllr McKay agreed to pursue action on outstanding cases within the village.

5.2 Parishioners Letters : none received

5.3 Village Photograph : Cllr Kirkland to raise the possibility of organising another photograph with the photographer who took the previous photograph in 2011. All agreed

it was a good idea and that it could be advertised via leaflets and social media once the details were finalised.

5.4 Introductory Meeting with New Neighbourhood and Rural Sergeant : Clerk to contact the sergeant regarding a visit to the village to discuss various issues.

5.5 Local donations : the issue has been raised about supporting individuals within the village who are fundraising for worthy causes. Clerk reminded councillors about statute 137 (s137) and summarised this thus, 'Provided that there is no alternative power whether limited or conditional or not, and no statutory prohibition, a council may incur expenditure under s.137. The council must first be satisfied that there is a direct benefit to the area or part of the area, or to some or all of the inhabitants. The council is the body to determine whether or not such benefit will accrue, and a decision by the council could only be challenged on the ground that it was wholly unreasonable. The use of "some" in relation to the inhabitants means that the council cannot use the power to benefit a single individual. It may be possible for the council to help an organisation to which the individual belongs, thus releasing funds for the organisation to help individuals. For example, a council could make a donation to a local organisation which provides grants to needy persons or to pay for individual's first aid courses where a council believes there would be demonstrable benefit to the area or its inhabitants'. Therefore the council are unable to provide a donation to an individual as such.

5.6 Road sign: Clerk confirmed that a new right hand bend sign has been received and can be erected with the remaining 'Slow Down' sign we already have at the bend after the Abbey on approaching the village. Cllr Kirkland and Hunt to action.

5.7 Emergency Plan : the council had been contacted by Martin Rich Of Devon Communities regarding progress on formulating a plan after his earlier presentation to us. It was agreed that action should be taken on trying to determine the appropriate issues which should be covered by such a plan. Clerk to contact neighbouring parishes for advice with a view to subsequently setting up a sub-committee to the parish council to formulate this.

5.8 Charleycombe Wood : Mrs Hunt has advised on grass cutting within the woods and is keeping the council informed of maintenance aspects here. Cllrs welcomed this input.

5.9 BT Phone Box : the phone box in Cornworthy has been recently painted. However, a notice has been displayed in the box advising that 'Lifeworks' charity (based in Dartington) wish to adopt the box and to contact SHDC planning with any queries. Clerk has followed this up with planning who had no initial details available regarding this and is going to investigate. BT customer services has also been contacted as the council has expressed an objection to this adoption having previously advised BT that the phone box should remain as a working payphone given the lack of mobile phone reception here. Clerk to pursue. Cllr Hunt agreed to investigate why the door to the payphone does not now open following the painting.

5.10 Gunfire in Bow Wood : Cllr Kirkland reported that gunfire had been heard in Bow Wood, a conservation area, the previous weekend and was able to collect photographic evidence of the offending party. This has been reported to the landowner and the police have been notified.

6.0 Highways:

6.1 Clerk mentioned that there are to be roadworks from Bow Bridge Cross to Tuckenhay Bridge Cross from 12th to 16th July to provide a new water service. Notices will be posted.

6.2 Clerk to query with DCC Highways. when the road from the church to Furze Hill Cross is to be repaired

7.0 Planning

7.1 **Spring Barn, Blackdown Farm, Blackawton TQ9 7DN** Replacement of existing barn with new dwelling 1723/21/FUL (Reply by 24th June). As this is an agricultural building, Cllrs believe it should remain so and thus, **OBJECT** to this proposal.

7.2 **Woolcombe Farm, Cornworthy TQ9 7HL** Erection of general purpose agricultural building (reply by 1st July) 1573/21/FUL : **SUPPORT**

8.0 Finance and Records

8.1 Receipts

(a) 7p bank interest – 10th May 2021

8.2 Payments

(a) £276.90 – Mrs L Maby – Clerk’s Salary for May

(b) £14.39-Reimbursement to Mrs L Maby for Monthly Zoom subscription

Payments (a) and (b) proposed by Cllr Carver and seconded by Cllr Hunt.

(c) £20.00 – Cornworthy PCC for use of church to hold meeting

Payment (c) proposed by Cllr Kirkland and seconded by Cllr Bradley.

(d) £335.92 – Community First Insurance Premium

Payments (d) proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Hunt.

9.4 Bank Balance at 10/5/2021

Total: £24,192.08 Current account: £16,128.13 Savings account: £8,063.95

Allocated: Cornworthy PC: £23,757.19

Charlecombe Wood: £108.01 P3: £326.88

10.0 Reports

9.1 Clerk : Clerk raised the issue of updating the Assets list and Cllrs discussed this in relation to the council's insurance. Clerk to advise on insurance coverage and any new items which need to be covered in the July meeting. Clerk has put out for circulation the new councillors Code of Conduct for discussion at July's meeting.

9.2 Tree Warden : none received

9.3 Defibrillator : this has been used recently and highlighted the issue of keeping a spare set of pads ion standby. Cllr Kirkland has ordered new pads and reported that the defibrillator should be back in action by mid week. Cllr Fry said that there was a defibrillator that could be made available at Blackness Marina in the meantime.

9.4 Village Hall : Cllr Carver advised that discussions are ongoing regarding the refurbishment of the village hall.

9.5 Climate Change: Cllr Fry highlighted the new Wild About Devon initiative.

9.5 District Councillor: Cllr McKay discussed issues regarding waste collection. Cllr Carver highlighted that he and his neighbours are still having problems despite contacting waste services.

9.6 County Councillor : not present

11.0 Correspondence/Invitations and Items For July Agenda

11.1 Celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It was suggested that this could be an appropriate time to have another Village photograph taken.

12.0 100 June Club Draw

1st : Mr A Hawkes

2nd: Mr K Gitsham

3rd: Mr J Shipperley

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is on **Monday 5th July 2021** at **8.00 pm**