

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of an Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 April 2021

(Meeting held via zoom)

Present: N Britten (NB) Chair
M Butler (MB) Vice Chair
N Carpenter (NC)
Mrs J Helliar (JH)
Mrs G Parkinson (GP)
J White (JW)

In attendance J Willcox Clerk

1 x member of the public

21/38 Introduction

The Chair welcomed the member of the public to the meeting and explained the procedures and protocol that would be followed for the meeting.

An agenda was displayed.

21/39 Apologies

Apologies were tendered by S Jasper and accepted by the meeting.

21/40 Declarations of Interest

GP declared an interest due to the proximity of the fence that was the subject of Planning Application No 21/02057/FUL to her residence. It was agreed that GP could contribute to the discussion when the matter was considered.

21/41 Minutes of the Previous meeting – 8 March 2021

The minutes were agreed as a true record and ‘signed off’ by the Chair.

21/42 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting not covered on the Agenda

21/27 Replacement of the Bus Shelter The Chair advised that there was budgetary provision up to approx. £6,000.00 for the replacement.

A schedule of the costs of removing the existing structure and replacing it with different options had previously been distributed. A photograph of the existing

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shelter was shown along with examples of different options, including ready-made and custom built.

The concensus, following discussion was that the shelter should be ‘in keeping’; stone and timber construction with a pitched tile roof. It was agreed that NC and GP should liaise with JW re the availability of materials and come back to the meeting with a costed proposal.

Action: NC & GP

21/35 Local Elections The Clerk reported that the completed nomination forms that had been passed to him had been handed in to the Local Authority’.

21/36 Hedge at Mill Lane It is not known whether this has been dealt with.

21/43 Planning

21/02027/FUL Proposed subdivision of dwelling into two dwellings, extensions and associated works

At: Rose Cottage, Lyes Green, Corsley BA12 7PB

Following discussion which largely centred on the safety and highway issues relating to entry and egress from the site due to the narrowness of the road and the poor visibility to the north it was agreed that the Parish Council have **No Objection** to this application. However significant concerns would be registered about the road safety issues, particularly the incorrect assertion in the application that the house was situated on a “quiet country lane”. In reality the road is a C Class road and forms the main artery between Corsley and Chapmanslade (site of local Village school), access to the Village pre-school and Corsley Church. There is a 30mph speed limit, but this is not always obeyed. The proposal must be “signed off” by Highways with conditions applied to ensure that the access is made as safe as possible.

21/02057/FUL Provision of timber fence on southern boundary for sound reduction purposes with landscape screening.

At: Corsley House, Deep Lane, Corsley, Ba12 7QH

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have **No Objection** to this application but that they would remind the Planning Authority of the comments made when the application for the earth bund was put in, namely:

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‘that no residential properties should be affected by any increased noise resulting from the presence of the fence because of the potential for noise reflection south across the A362. To this end the PC’s “no objection” is conditional on the presentation, before the fence is constructed, of a comparison between existing noise levels along the proposed fence and predictions, based on a credible modelling exercise, of the post fence situation, particularly the extent to which properties on the south of the A362 will be affected.’

21/44 OSPF

The Chair proposed that expenditure on the Orchard and the Wild Flower meadow should be treated as PC expenditure and should be budgeted for accordingly. This was agreed.

21/45 Bay Tree Development

The Chair reported on the discussions held between the Reading Rooms Chair and Christine Brown (Residential Development Project Manager – Wiltshire Council) on the number of car park spaces that were required if a village hall were to be built on the site. Apart from this there was nothing additional to report.

21/45 Reading Rooms/Village Hall – Village Consultation

The Chair reported that it was proposed that a questionnaire would be going into The Bridge to try and gauge the level of support there is for a village hall.

21/46 Show Field Development

Nothing to report.

21/47 Annual Parish Meeting

The issue of the date of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is still unclear and the rules opaque. Nominally the meeting should take place, by law been the 1st March and 1st June each year. However, some guidance suggests that the deadline is 30th June and some that a village “assembly” could take place at any point in the year and could take the place of an APM if other circumstances make it impossible to stage an effective meeting by the deadline.

An on-line APM could only legally take place up until 7th May, but would be impractical to manage, unlikely to attract a wide audience and thus unsatisfactory, particularly noting also the two key current Village issues. The Reading Room future and the proposed Hares development on the show field, are both likely to stimulate serious and wide interest and an APM is the ideal

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forum from which the PC can gauge Village feelings on both these issues. If the APM is to be held face to face, then, of necessity it can only take place when a suitable venue is available, ie one which can seat sufficient numbers. The Reading Room could be fully available after 21st June (50% capacity 17th May to 21st June), although the published availability is 1st July. St Margaret's is another potential venue, but its availability has yet to be confirmed.

It was concluded that a final decision on the APM date should therefore be delayed until the new PC is in place, when there should be more clarity of the issues at stake.

21/48 Correspondence

The Clerk/Chair reported that a number of communications had been received about the possible development on the show field. The authors had been advised that at this stage there was nothing substantive to report on and that when there was the village would be consulted.

An e-mail had been received asking whether the Parish Council were in any way responsible for the behaviour of animals in fields across which footpaths ran. It was confirmed that this was not a PC responsibility.

21/49 AOB

JW thanked NC for the comments made about the daffodils around the village that had been reported in The Bridge.

21/50 Date of next meeting(s)

Occasional Meeting	-	26 April 2021
Annual Parish Meeting	-	Date to be confirmed
Annual Parish Council Meeting		10th May 2021, (Election of Chair and Vice Chair)
Quarterly Meeting	-	7th June 2021
Quarterly Meeting	-	6 September 2021
Quarterly Meeting	-	6 December 2021

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