

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 September 2013 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: Neil Britten (NB) Chair
Mike Bird (MBi)
Mike Butler (MBu)
Robin Chapman (RC)
Olly Hares (OH)
Judith Helliar (JH)
Simon Jasper (SJ)
Gill Parkinson (GP)
John White (JW)

In attendance: John Willcox (JDW) Clerk
1 x Member of the Public

13/85 Apologies

None

13/86 Declaration of Interests

None

13/87 Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of 22 July 2013

The minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

13/88 Matters Arising from the Quarterly Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

13/75 (13/51) Royal Oak Green – It was agreed to defer this item.

13/89 Planning Applications

02302/FUL Retention of stable block and change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use. (Amendment to approved scheme W/12/01492/FUL).
At Gloworm Cottage Corsley Heath

Concern was expressed at the visual impact of this building, it has not been constructed in accordance with the original application which would have had a lesser visual impact.

It was unanimously agreed that the PC would **Object** to this application on the grounds that it is ‘detrimental to the high quality of the local landscape’.

02303/FUL Change of use from Agricultural to equestrian and creation of a ménage

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at land north west of Gloworm Cottage, Corsley Heath

There was some concern expressed at the potential traffic access this would generate. However, with one abstention the PC agreed to **support** this application.

13/90 Correspondence

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| E Mail correspondence with Malcolm HOLLEY | Noted |
| Letter from Corsley Memorial Playing Field under Item 14 | It was agreed this would be taken |
| E Mail correspondence with Steiner School | To be taken under agenda item 7 |
| E Mail correspondence from Viv THOMAS | To be taken under agenda item 10 |
| Letter from Wiltshire Council: Wiltshire Core Strategy – Consultation on Schedule of Proposed Modifications | It was agreed that Parish |
| Councillors would study the documents available either on-line or at the council offices or libraries, and make appropriate representation. | |
| Letter from Grant Thornton | To be taken under agenda item 13. |
| Letter from Wiltshire Council: Roundabout advertising. Enquiry from WC about advertising on the A362 Picket Post Rbt. | Following discussion it was agreed |
| that the Clerk should reply, advising that the PC has no agreements, formal or otherwise, regarding advertising on the Picket Post roundabout but would view with some disquiet advertising being placed on the roundabout that would add to the multitude of signs already adjacent to the roundabout. | |
| Letter from Community First: Notification of AGM – 25 September, Devizes | Noted |
| Letter from Whitbourne Baptist Chapel: Thank you letter for donation | Noted |
| Invoice from WALC for Councillor Training | It was agreed this should be paid. |

13/91 Steiner School

A copy of the revised lease had been circulated. The revisions were noted and approved.

13/92 Little Cuckoos

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13/93 Highways & Street Scene

Longleat The Chair reported that a meeting had been set for September 19. It was agreed the attendees should be Robin, Judith, and Simon from the PC and Mr M Taylor, a

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Lane End resident.

A362 Works The notes from Simon’s meeting with officers of WC and the contractor and the Road Closure notice had previously been circulated. It was noted that the drainage work had started and Simon reiterated that whilst the work would improve the current situation there was no guarantee that it would resolve the issue completely.

Gill clarified the position of the ‘layby’ at the junction of Deep Lane with the A362. It is not a layby it is a bus stop. Simon will establish the status of this area and pursue its proper marking with the Council. A question was asked regarding tree lopping along the stretch. Simon advised that it was not within the scope of what is proposed. He has informally asked the question (some months ago) and had the response that the official limit is 5.1m and that Wiltshire rely on the passage of vehicles to enforce that limit which is pretty impractical to even check unless it is grossly out of limits.

A question was asked about the water across the road at Lane End and the potential danger if this froze later in the year. Simon agreed to take this up with our Community liaison officer.

13/94 Public Footpath(s)

Gill reported that the footpaths in the parish were not in good condition.

With reference to the particular query that had been raised she had discussed it with the parisioner who had raised it.

Gill also advised that the section responsible for footpaths at Wiltshire Council have a huge work load with the resultant deleterious effect on maintenance work on footpaths throughout the county. She suggested that it would be possible to establish a ‘Footpath support group’ within the parish, along the lines of the Litter pickers, that could effect some improvement locally. There are monies available for the establishing and equipping of such groups. After discussion, during which concern was expressed at the possible effects if such a group took on some of the existing WC responsibilities but then at some point in the future was unable to fulfil them, would the council then refuse to ‘take it back’, it was agreed that Gill should investigate the establishing of such a group and come back to the PC with some suggestions as to how it might work, funding options and how to mitigate the concerns expressed.

13/95 Training

Councillors were recommended to read the newsletters from WALC that were circulated to appraise themselves of what training opportunities were available.

13/96 Village Web Site

The Chair reported that he had met with the Chair of Chapmanslade to discuss the concerns that had been expressed and the Editor of the Bridge agreed to alter the home page title to read simply “The Bridge” and remove “Corsley” This could alleviate the reported major concerns of Chapmanslade.

13/97 Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return for Corsley Parish Council Accounts had been

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returned with no comments and that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been displayed in the Notice Boards at the Cross Keys and the Reading Rooms.

13/98 Budget

There was some discussion about the letter from the Playing Field Committee. It was agreed that the Chair, Olly and the Clerk should meet with representatives of the Playing Field Committee to go through their accounts in more detail and to explain the current constraints on the PC's budget.

Following further discussion about the setting of the precept for the next financial year, due to be done at the December Quarterly meeting, it was agreed that Councillors should give some thought to the process that should be adopted regarding the allocation of grants to Parish organisations and come prepared to discuss these at the December meeting.

13/99 Community Development

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk should attend the NALC conference in Bristol on 19 September

13/100 Standing Orders

Revised Standing orders had previously been circulated. It was agreed to adopt these.

13/101 Any Other Business

CATG The next CATG is on 24 September; it was agreed that Simon and Neil would attend.

Neighbourhood Watch Mike Bird reported on a meeting he had attended regarding the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Database. It was not clear what was to be included in this database or how it was significantly different from some already in existence. Watch this space.

Centenary of the Start of the First World War There have been reports both locally and nationally of organisations wishing to commemorate the Start of the First World War. The PC was uncertain that this was something they should be involved in and agreed they would take no action pending any expression of interest within the Parish.

Care of Trees Planted on the Old School Playing Field Judith reported that weeds appeared to be smothering the trees planted on the Old School Playing Field and asked what plans were in place to ensure that the investment made in the planting should not be wasted. It was agreed that this form part of the budget setting discussions in December.

Care of the Millenium Stones It was reported that the lettering on the Millenium stones about the parish was becoming unreadable. It was agreed that this also should be considered as part of the budgetary discussions.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.37

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