

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of an Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January 2016 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: M Bird (MBi)
N Britten (NB) Chair
M Butler (MB)
R Chapman (RC)
O Hares (OH)
Mrs J Helliar (JH)
S Jasper (SJ)
Mrs G Parkinson (GP)
J White (JW)

In attendance: J Willcox Clerk

16/01 Apologies

None.

16/02 Declarations of Interest

None

16/03 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December 2015

The minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated.

Following discussion the minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair

16/04 Matters Arising

It was reported that the fault with the defibrillator has been repaired .

16/05 Planning Application

15/12379/FUL Two storey extension.
At: Deerleap Cottage, 112 The Hollow, Corsley

(It was noted that the original application had been revised following advice from the planning authority – an access onto The Hollow had been shown on the application that was incorrect.)

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that the PC would have no objection to the application. However, it was agreed that the PC should make the point in its response to the planning authority that the land adjacent to the site, believed to be agricultural land, appeared to be used as a garden and that there was evidence of use being made of an access from The Hollow onto the site. Appropriate planning consent should be sought if this is to continue.

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16/06 Procedure for Agreeing Correspondence

A proposal to amend Standing Orders had been circulated.

Following discussion the amendment was altered to read:

*Where there is a requirement for the PC to respond in writing to requests for decisions or information and the reply-by date does not allow for a formal meeting to agree the wording then the wording of any response must be positively agreed by **the** majority of Parish Councillors. The maximum possible time should be given to allow Parish Councillors to respond. This rule does not apply to responses where there is no additional content to what is agreed in a formal meeting'*

It was proposed by OH and seconded by MB that the revised amendment should be accepted and be part of Standing Orders. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

16/07 Finance

A draft application form to be used by those applying for a grant/donation had been circulated for review and approval. The form was agreed.

It was reported that thus far there had been 4 applications:

Litter Pickers

Reading Rooms

PCC

Memorial playing Field

A decision on what grants/donations would be made will take place at the next meeting of the PC

Queens Birthday Following discussion it was agreed that the PC would 'support' any parish initiatives to celebrate this event. It is not known at this stage whether there are any events being planned although the PC is aware of individuals who would be willing to assist/get involved in same. It was agreed that a notice would be put in The Bridge seeking expressions of interest/plans. (**Action:** Chair)

(It was observed that the 12 June is also the date of the Elton John concert at Longleat, previous experience would indicate that there will be significant traffic issues in the area which could impact on any plans.)

16/08 Street Scene

SJ reported.

C275 30 MPH Limit. A request was made for the details of the speed limit area to be sent out again (CM09702 series). There was a single objection and the Council Cabinet subsequently decided in favour of the proposal. The work will take place after 1 Apr when the new contract is in place. A request has been made that the work to be done as sympathetically as possible, but in the end this is in the hands of the qualified traffic officers who do the design work.

Court Lane Drainage. The landowner of the field the water is originating from has placed silage bales to reduce the flow of water onto Court Lane. The Council Drainage Office is reviewing how successful the measure is before taking any further action. The complementary work on the kerb at the

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entrance to Court Lane has been turned down by the Council after initial support. The reasons given for this decision:

*Such works were explored and costed locally with the recognition that fairly extensive kerbing would be needed to restore the previous verge edge as well as retaining the amount and level of ground behind; these works were found not to offer a beneficial likely return on the cost involved in this, particularly when it was obvious that in addition to private causation in terms of land management, the proposed kerbing would simply transfer the water and hence any problem to the highway and any private property down the road, one of the latter already clearly having had preventative works in relation to drainage, carried out on their frontage previously. Accordingly the Highway Authority have now decided **not** to proceed with these works.*

The Chair reported on a request by a parishioner to put a mounting block adjacent to the road at Longhedge. It was agreed that the Chair and SJ would further study the location and the 'problem'. (**Action:** Chair & SJ)

There was some discussion about the hedge at the bend on Geys Hill opposite RC's drive. If the hedge could be cut back, or reduced in height it would considerably improve the visibility of traffic coming up and going down the hill and thus make that bend safer. It is known that the field, and hedge are Longleat owned and that there could be 'heritage' issues about cutting the hedge. It was agreed that the Chair should contact Michael Birnie, the Longleat Land Agent, seeking his views. (**Action:** Chair)

It was noted that the Millennium Stones have been cleaned and that the bus shelters are now clear of leaves. Thanks were expressed to those responsible.

AOB.

16/09 Old School Playing Field (OSPF)

Following the PC meeting of 7 December and a subsequent letter to the Little Cuckoos a communication had been received answering the points raised at the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that OH and MBu should conduct further negotiations with Little Cuckoos on behalf of the Parish Council. (**Action:** OH & MBu)

MBi advised that the additional land sought by Little Cuckoos included some of the memorial trees, what would/should happen to these. It was agreed this should be part of the discussions referred to above. In addition it was reported that, based on previous discussions/decisions by the PC there were about 20 trees that need moving and either replanting or disposing. It was agreed that MBI should liaise with OH to decide the most effective way of doing this and then expedite the work. (**Action:** MBI & OH)

It was agreed that the grass cutting rota should be established forthwith. (**Action:** MBI & Chair)

16/10 Broadband

The Chair reported on a meeting held with a resident of the Deverills, where they had been successful in getting superfast broad band installed. Whilst their circumstances were not

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exactly comparable he had been able to offer some valuable advice as to how Corsley might proceed. The next stage was a meeting with Wiltshire On Line and BT Openreach which was scheduled for 1 February 2016

16/11 Bay Tree Close

A copy of the feedback from Wiltshire Council on the presentation at the Reading Rooms had been circulated.

It was reported that a number of parisioners had expressed concern, as had the PC, about the pedestrian and vehicular access to the proposed development. Whilst the PC would have the opportunity to comment at the planning application stage on this aspect it was felt it would be better to resolve the matter before it gets to that stage. There was further discussion about the ‘Birchtree Close access’. It was agreed the Chair would follow up on both issues. (**Action:** Chair)

16/12 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

It was confirmed that Broadband was to be the main topic of the meeting. It was also agreed that the newly elected Chair of the Reading Rooms Committee could present on the future of the Reading Rooms.

16/13 Footpaths

GP reported. ‘They are very wet!’ There are several fingerposts that are in need of repair, GP will liaise with Wiltshire Council. (**Action:** GP)

16/14 Correspondence/Communications

The Clerk reported on the various communications that had been received and/or circulated. Notably:

- ≡ Letter from WALC seeking nominations to attend a Royal Garden party. It was agreed John White should be nominated. (**Action:** Clerk)
- ≡ Letter from Victim Support – Noted
- ≡ Requests for donations/grants – See Item 16/07 above
- ≡ Letter from Warminster Town Council re Speed Indicator Devices
SJ commented on this - Currently, the Corsley Heath 40 mph limit does not qualify for the deployment of SIDs. An average speed of more than 45mph is required to trigger the deployment of SID (assuming they are available) and the metro count the Parish Council requested a year ago registered a speed of 42.7 mph . SJ undertook to raise again at CATG.
- ≡ Wiltshire Council – date of budget setting meeting. Noted
- Gas & Oil activity in Wiltshire Noted

16/15 Any Other Business

There was some discussion about the enforcement of the weight limit on the lorries on the A362. It was noted that there is a CCTV camera at the Picket Post roundabout; could this be used to identify offenders? Equally would it be possible to install a camera on top of the Reading Rooms? MBu offerd to speak to a contactor used by his company. (**Action:** MBu)

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16/16 Dates of the Next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting	7 March 2016 – See Item 16/12 Above
Annual Meeting	16 May 2016, 19.30
Quarterly Meeting	06 June 2016, 19.30
Quarterly Meeting	05 September 2016, 19.30
Quarterly Meeting	05 December 2016, 19.30

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.30

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