

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 July 2013 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: Neil Britten (NB) Chair
Robin Chapman (RC)
Olly Hares (OH)
Simon Jasper (SJ)
Gill Parkinson (GP)

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

13/72 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Mike Bird, Mike Butler and Judith Helliar. None had been received from John White

13/73 Declaration of Interests

None

13/74 Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of 10 June 2013

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

13/75 Matters Arising from the Quarterly Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

13/43 The Clerk confirmed that the thank you letter to Michael Clark had been despatched.

13/49 (13/39) Gloworm Cottage. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Planning Authority and while they had not formally responded to the PC they had investigated the matter. The building had not been constructed as per the plans and a revised Planning Application would be put in. When this was received the PC would be advised as per the usual procedure

13/51 Olly reported that he had advised the Playing Field Committee that in the PCs view the benches on the playing field were their responsibility. There was no dispute with this.

13/51 Royal Oak Green – Olly reported that it was his father’s recollection that there was an ‘informal ‘agreement that the land in question would not be claimed by the Royal Oak. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting and that in the interim further investigation should be made.

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13/63 Accounts The Clerk reported that the question regarding what constituted assets had been answered and councillors had been advised, following which the signed accounts had been forwarded to the external auditors.

13/71 Neighbourhood Watch AGM Robin reported on his attendance at the Neighbourhood Watch AGM which had been addressed by the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner. See attached for Robin's report. His recommendation following the meeting was to wait and see if either of the two gentlemen followed up on their reports and approached local councils for information, at which point the PC could take a view on how best to respond. Robin's recommendation was agreed.

13/76 Planning Applications

W/13/00824/FUL Reeves Barn, Whitbourne Springs – Change of use of studio accommodation to an annexe for the main residential barn.

Following discussion it was agreed to raise no objection to this application as there was no impact on the village. (The Chair reported that none of the neighbours had expressed any objection.) However, it was agreed to point out to the Planning Authority that the permission previously given included a number of conditions which the applicant has made no case for overturning.

**W/13/00918/FUL Little Cuckoos Preschool – Renewal of Temporary Permission
W/08/01247/FUL**

It was agreed to support this application.

13/77 Steiner School

The Chair reported on recent meetings/correspondence with the Steiner school:

- ≡ The school had received planning permission for the site in Frome and had confirmed that they would be leaving Corsley in July 2014.
- ≡ The lease had been signed and payment made.
- ≡ A review date had been agreed – 25 July 2013.
- ≡ The e-mail to Cooper and Tanner relating to the access and egress arrangements was tabled.

It was reported that a part of the fencing had been taken down and it appeared that further work was taking place. The Chair undertook to take the matter up with the school management at the meeting referred to above.

13/78 Little Cuckoos

The Chair reported that discussions with Little Cuckoos re the Licence were ongoing.

See item 13/76 above for progress on their planning Application.

There was some discussion about the arrangements that may have to be put in place regarding keeping the field cut once the Steiner School vacated the site. The budget meeting in December should consider identifying the potential costs of this.

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13/79 Highways & Street Scene

Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Simon, Robin and the Chair reported on the CATG meeting of the 18 June 2013 – Simon’s notes are attached. The formal minutes of the meeting are not yet available, but they will be circulated to Councillors when received. Concern was expressed at the lack of information regarding the planned works on the A362. Consultation had been promised but the notice period for the advising on any diversions is fast running out and nothing has been heard. The next CATG meeting is on September 24th, at which it is anticipated/hoped that a lot more information will be made available.

Area Board Also see Simon’s notes. It has been confirmed that a meeting with officers from Longleat has been agreed, albeit no date has been fixed. The Chair advised that in the next edition of The Bridge he would be referring to the planned meeting with Longleat and asking for input from villagers.

Street Scene A meeting has been arranged with Tracy Myers, our Community Street Scene Co-ordinator, for the 24 July 2013. The Chair tabled a suggested list of topics for discussion at the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the number and location of Grit Bins and the situation regarding verges should also be discussed.

13/80 Public Footpath(s)

Gill reported that the FP officer will have to look at the sign and gate at the top of the Hollow to determine whether they will have to be replaced. He has been provided with the relevant information.

Footpath at Cley Hill A copy of a letter from the Footpath Secretary to the West Wiltshire Ramblers relating to a proposal for a footpath at Cley Hill Farm to Mr B Burroughs along with copies of subsequent e-mail correspondence had been circulated.

Following discussion it was agreed that the PC would not get involved in this matter until such time it was resolved between the two parties. In the interim it was agreed the Clerk should consult with the FP office of Wiltshire Council to determine what the process would be if the two came to some agreement and funding could be sought.

13/81 Training

Gill reported on the Parish Councillor training that she had attended with Mike Bird. It was found to be interesting and useful. Further training opportunities had been advertised in the WALC July Newsletter and following discussion it was agreed that Simon, Robin, Gill and the Clerk (in the absence of any specific Clerks training in the near future) should apply to attend. Simon agreed to contact WALC with reference to booking additional places on the 5 Oct Course. (Afternote: no additional places were available.)

13/82 Village Web Site

The Chair reported on the most recent events relating to this. There had been a further meeting of the group looking at it and it was planned to ‘advertise’ the fact that an embryo site was in existence and available for viewing and comment by villagers and interested parties. He also commented that it appeared that there was a certain amount of angst from some residents of Chapmanslade over the naming of the site and he had been in contact with

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the Chair of Chapmanslade to try and understand the issues.

13/83 Correspondence

Invoice from WALC re Training Agreed to be paid
E-mail from WALC re Pitches and Playing Field Maintenance Agree this to be passed to Playing Field Comm.
From NALC, Putting Communities First, a conference in Bristol to be addressed by a Gov Minister Clerk to find out what agenda is and advise PCs accordingly
WALC Conclusion of Audit
WALC, July Newsletter Circulated to all PCs
Little Cuckoos, Use of Field for overnight camp Subsequently did not happen.
Jacqui Abbott, re Speed limit review Noted

13/84 Any Other Business

Longleat Simon commented that it was important that the PC get its act together regarding the upcoming meeting with Longleat. Robin suggested that the PC involve the County Councillor in future discussions with them.

Gate on the Hollow Olly advised that a new gate had appeared on the Hollow, opposite the footpath sign. There has been no application for Planning permission for this. It was agreed the Clerk should consult with the planning department to confirm that permission was required and to ascertain what procedures should be followed.

Allotments Gill sought confirmation that there were no allotments that the PC was responsible for. This was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.00

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