

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of an Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th June 2014 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: Neil Britten (NB) Chair
Robin Chapman (RC)
Mike Butler (MB)
Gill Parkinson (GP)
Judith Helliard (JH)
John White (JW)
Simon Jasper (SJ)

In Attendance John Willcox Clerk
2 x members of the public.

14/53 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Bird, and Fleur de Rhe Philippe.

14/54 Declarations of Interest

None

14/55 Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of 9 June 2014

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

14/56 Matters Arising from the Quarterly Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

14/41 Plan of Jubilee Tree Planting The Chair reported that he had contacted the previous Chair asking if a plan was available but thus far had not received a reply. GP had also spoken to the previous Chair about it.

14/43 The Chair had circulated an e-mail from the Chair of Governors of SAF advising that the builders had now confirmed that they would be in the old Hospital in Frome by September.

14/49 Parish Accounts The Clerk reported that the discrepancy had been resolved with the assistance of MB.

14/57 Planning Application -14/050391/LBC

This was one application covering three separate aspects; new gates, extension to a dry stone wall and changes to an existing hedge along Sturford Lane. However it had been submitted as one application and was treated as such.

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A communication had been received from a parishioner regarding this application, specifically the hedge, this was read out.

Following discussion, during which it was acknowledged that whilst the new fencing did look stark and different from what was there previously once the new hedge planting was established it would grow through the fencing and render it 'invisible', it was proposed by RC and seconded by MB that the PC have No Objection to this application. This was unanimously agreed.

14/58 Streetscene

SJ reported:

- ≡ Hedge gap in The Hollow, this was being followed up by the Local Authority.
- ≡ Hedge gap on Fuzzy Lane. The field owner believed that approval had previously been given. In the absence of same it has been suggested that he re-apply.
- ≡ Various 'small' works have been carried out around the Parish.; outside St Margarets Church, verges cut back, Sturford lane, Temple, drainage at Lyes Green, drainage at High House Farm.
- ≡ The works in Deep Lane appear to be complete.
- ≡ **CATG Longleat Caravan Site Access:** Martin Rose reviewed the position (accurately) and I updated on our meeting with the Caravan Club and the aim of that meeting. Explained in the end resolution had to come from Longleat allowing one way access through their estate. Made the point we accepted the pain of exiting or entering (either/or) through Lane End, but having explored all the alternatives exhaustively and with significant effort it was time for Longleat to recognise their business was impinging unreasonably on the lives of those at Lane End. The Caravan Club meeting identified it was very much "their business" as the Landlord of the operation causing the difficulty, who lay down the routes to be used. **Way Forward:** another meeting with Longleat plus Council Officer attendance and Fleur De Rhe. Ball in their court. If no resolution comes from the meeting we should consider lobbying for an RTO to make Lane End/Geys Hill one way except for access (I detect there is increasing support for this). Perhaps that will concentrate the Longleat business mind.
Geys Hill Passing Place: topo survey looks to be OK, final version not yet complete, so design and costing has not happened yet. Expected to be about £3k; road will probably need closing when Highways come to do it. There was a throw away remark about the Parish helping with funding; I directed them to Longleat and the Caravan Club (it's not an issue).
C Route Review. This has been completed for the C274 and C275 and Traffic are awaiting the results. (Note: it sounds as if these will not be funded in future)

There was a request that the PC contact Chapmanslade PC re the overgrown hedges along Huntenhull Lane between the Old Rectory and the corner by the BT plant.

14/59 Longleat and Caravan Park Traffic

There has not been any movement since the last PC meeting. As referred to above the matter was raised at CATG and the Highways Authority may be going to take a more proactive stance. In the meantime the PC are still trying to engage with representatives of the Longleat Estate

14/60 Affordable Housing

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The Chair reported on a meeting he and OH had with an officer from Wiltshire Council. Notes of the meeting and other documents had previously been circulated. Essentially there is an opportunity for Wiltshire Council to take advantage of the freeing up of government monies to promote the building of a mixture of housing. There is land available in Corsley where such development could take place. The first step, should the PC be interested, would be a housing survey, carried out at no cost to the PC. Following discussion it was proposed by JH and seconded by MB that the PC should proceed to the next stage and that the Chair and OH be authorised to liaise with Wiltshire Council to effect this. This was agreed unanimously

14/61 Correspondence/Communications

- ≡ Wiltshire Council Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment 2014. It was agreed the Clerk should complete on behalf of the PC.
- ≡ A parishioner Re the Planning Application Item 5 above Noted
- ≡ A parishioner Re the Royal Oak bus stop bench and Millennium Stone. It was noted that the grass verge at the bus stop had been cut as part of the programme. JW and SJ agreed to look at the condition of this stone and others in the Parish and clean as appropriate
- ≡ Frome Town Council Frome Community Hub Noted
- ≡ Grant Thornton Acknowledgement of receipt of Annual Return Noted
- ≡ Wilts Council Warminster Mobile Library timetable Noted
- ≡ Wilts Council Temporary Closure of Dertford Noted
- ≡ Wilts Council Marlborough Downs Survey Noted
- ≡ Wilts Council Wilts Community Infrastructure Levy Noted
- ≡ Wilts council Minutes of W Area planning Committee Noted
- ≡ Local Uncovered experiences. Local Website showing local produce, products and Noted

14/62 AOB

The chair reported on a communication received from a parishioner re a situation that had occurred at the Heathway involving a vehicle and a wall. There is some question as to whether the wall is encroaching on the highway. Some of the PCs recalled that the same matter had been discussed previously and the Clerk was charged with establishing whether this was actually the case. SJ was asked to investigate the current incident.

The Chair reported on a meeting he had attended in Frome where the subject was EU Funding for Rural Economic Development. Whilst perhaps not a subject for the PC he

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felt it might be of interest to organisations/small businesses in the Parish and had passed the information on. There was some discussion as to whether the Reading Rooms might be able to take advantage of such an initiative to fund the provision of WIFI. GP agreed to raise the subject with the Reading Rooms committee.

14/63 Date of Next meeting.

Quarterly Meeting – 1st September, 19.30 at the Reading Rooms

Quarterly Meeting – 8th December, 19.30 at the Reading Rooms

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