

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of an Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 April 2016 in the Reading Rooms

Present: N Britten (NB) Chair
R Chapman (RC)
Mrs J Helliar (JH)
S Jasper (SJ)
Mrs G Parkinson (GP)
J White (JW)

In attendance: J Willcox Clerk

16/36 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from M Butler and O Hares.

16/37 Declarations of Interest

None

16/38 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016

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

16/39 Matters Arising

16/34 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) The Chair reported that whilst it was not thought that the Neighbour hood Watch representative had to be a Parish Councillor he had consulted with the Community Policing Team but thus far had not received a response. GP advised that if the Council was looking for a volunteer then Guy Parkinson might be interested. It was agreed that the Chair would speak with Guy once the situation had been clarified. (**Action:** Chair)

16/34 Agricultural vehicles; Weight/Speed restrictions SJ reported that he had been advised that agricultural vehicles are exempt from regulations regarding weight restrictions.

16/40 Planning Applications

Following discussion it was agreed that the PC should consider a further application that had arrived after the agenda had been circulated. This was agreed because the application was ‘associated ‘with one that had already been received and was not deemed to be contentious.

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16/02116/FUL Two storey extension to provide living and dining rooms with bedrooms above
At: Whitbourne Gate, 25 Whitbourne Springs, Corsley,

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that no objections be raised with this application.

16/02558/LBC Render external wall with lime and lime wash.
At: The Old Chapel, Lane End, Corsley

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that no objections be raised with this application.

16/02992/LBC Installation of flue and wood burning stove.
At: Whitbourne Manor, Whitbourne Springs, Corsley

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that no objections be raised with this application.

16/03123/LBC Installation of an oil fired central heating system.
At: Whitbourne Manor, Whitbourne Springs, Corsley

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that no objections be raised with this application.

16/41 Street Scene

SJ reported on a WC Highways meeting he had attended on the 12 April 2016:

The meeting was an update on the state of contracts and provision of services.

Contractors. There will be 3, one dealing with major projects (Taurus I think, didn't catch name), another for patching and highway repair (Ringway) and the in-house Landscape organisation for Parish and Town Council level action. The 2 new contractors will not be fully operational until Oct, they need to buy equipment, recruit and train/re-train employees. As a result the services provided will be reaction based until then, (My Wilts App/Clarence are therefore key to getting work done) after which work will be scheduled and Parish and Town Councils will be informed.

Parish Stewards. There will be Parish Stewards, 22 for the County, but still recruiting the final 8. They will take-over the Parish contact role and will liaise directly with the nominated Parish representative. Their capability is at the "man and a van" level, but their retention is positive; how often they will be out in Corsley remains to be seen, 22 is not many for the whole of Wiltshire. Parish Councils have been asked to fill out a priority list of jobs they wish to be completed by the Stewards; I will review when it is forwarded to the Clerk. The old Community Coordinators have been pulled back and will be responsible for assurance on the work carried out by the contractors.

Litter. £2.5m to be spent on A road and town litter picking. Indicated there would be also be some attempt on B roads.

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Gully Emptying. There are 89000 gullies in the County, the contract is for the clearance of 59400. The Council is trying to develop a database of those which need clearing regularly to target the resource more efficiently.

Rural Verge Cutting. This will take place once a year. Additional cutting will take place to maintain highway visibility when reported.

Road Sweeping. Rural roads will be swept once a year; a new provision.

Signs. There is a very limited budget and replacement will be limited to where there is a statutory requirement. Intent is to have an allocation in 2017 to catch up.

SJ emphasised that problems on the ground must be reported on CLARENCE and the MYWILTS app. If a problem is not reported it does not exist! SJ will continue to monitor the reporting.

JW reported that the surface of the A362 by Acres was showing cracks. SJ agreed to mention this at the CATG meeting.

16/42 Broadband

The Chair reported that there was a planned closure of Deep Lane which is believed to be due to the installation of the fibre 'box' that will hopefully provide high speed broadband to at least part of the Parish. The Chair has been in contact with BT to establish whether this is in fact the case and to determine whether the additional 'modelling' that was spoken about has taken place and what progress is possible for the future. As yet there has been no response. It was agreed the Chair should follow this up. (**Action** ; Chair)

JH reported that she had been made aware of a possible 'scam' relating to the provision of broadband in the village. The Chair agreed to mention this in his report for The Bridge. (**Action**: Chair)

16/43 Old School

Access across the Car park The Chair reported that he had contacted the new owners of the Old School and they had accepted a revised charging arrangement for the access - £50 per week. The new charge would be effective from 1st April.

Little Cuckoos Lease Negotiations The Chair reported that he and OH had met with representatives of Little Cuckoos to discuss a revised lease and the associated matters. The representatives of Little Cuckoos were going to consider the proposed revisions and come back to the PC.

The Clerk reported on a conversation held with an officer of Wiltshire Council on the technicalities of revising the lease.

(JH reported that she had become aware that there was some disquiet with what the PC had proposed. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chair should meet direct with those concerned and clarify what the PC was suggesting. (**Action**: Chair))

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Jubilee Trees The Chair reported that he and Andy Eggleton had thinned and replanted twenty trees on the OSPF. The question of a mowing rota was raised and it was agreed that those willing should advise the Chair and that those who had previously volunteered should be contacted to confirm their willingness and availability. (**Action:** All)

It was agreed a letter be sent to Mr Eggleton thanking him for his assistance.
(**Action:** Clerk)

16/44 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the correspondence/communications received:

Wiltshire Council Notice advising parishioners of a vacancy on the PC and the procedure to be followed if an election was wanted. – notice was displayed on the Parish noticeboards.

Wiltshire Council Advice that no request for an election had been received. The PC was therefore free to co-opt a Councillor for the remainder of the term.

(Councillors were asked to consider whether they knew of any candidates and advise the Chair accordingly. (**Action:** All))

Grant Thornton	Notice of Audit
Lloyds Bank	Notice of AGM
Andrew Murrison	Copy of a response to a WC Councillor re the A350/A303 uncton and the weight restrictions issue.
Cranbourne Chase	Annual update report
Planning Applications	See above – Item 16/40
PCC	Thank you for donation.
Reading Rooms	Thank you for donation.
Memorial Playing Field	Thank you for donation
Wiltshire Council	Road closure notice, Deep Lane

Various e-mails from WALC, WC, Rural services forwarded to Parish Councillors
Letter to Chair from a Parishioner re a matter previously discussed. It was agreed to forward the letter to Wiltshire Council and seek their comments.

16/45 Any Other Business

None

16/46 Dates of the Next meetings

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

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