

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT CORFE VILLAGE HALL, TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2018.

Present: Cllr J Harrison, Cllr B Lenthall, Cllr K Brown, Cllr C Brown, Cllr J Jackson,
Cllr D Bradbeer, Cllr W O'Brien. Eight members of the public.

Chairman Cllr Harrison opened the meeting at 7pm, welcoming all.

3353: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received.

3354: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harrison: Almshouse Trust. Cllr C Brown: Village Hall Committee.

3355: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25th SEPTEMBER 2018.

The Minutes having been circulated and published and were duly approved and then signed as an accurate record.

3356: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- A358 CONSULTATION: Nothing factual to report at present. Rumours have indicated that Highways England proposed orange route will become the eventual preferred route. This will greatly impact on Corfe if this becomes factual and concerns were raised over traffic volumes and future housing and associated industrial developments.

- VILLAGE HALL: Works now almost complete some outstanding exterior decorating remains with future replacement doors for kitchen and cupboard being placed on order.

- PLAY AREA: **ACTION** : Cllr Harrison and David Royle to discuss and inspect points raised from annual inspection.

- CLERK: vacancy remains unfilled despite adverts and enquiries. Cllr C Brown is currently volunteering to take PC Minutes and arrange agenda for future meetings while Cllr Jackson is covering correspondence with Cllr Harrison dealing with the finances with kind offers of help from members of the public.

- GOALMOUTH: Parsons yet to commence resurfacing work. Cllr Harrison has been promised that works will be commencing shortly.

- **3352** - ALMSHOUSES: Cllr Harrison reported that the heating for the houses has now been sorted.

- **3352** - LOCAL GOV'T BOUNDARY COMMISSION: - Cllr K Brown reported that new local government boundary commission names had been established with Corfe now being combined with Trull and Pitminster. Corfe however is now actually mentioned within this title this being Pitminster, Trull and Corfe as previously it had been omitted.

- Cllr K. Brown highlighted the poor service currently being offered to Corfe and Pitminster areas by Gigaclear and applauded Cllr Thorne efforts to highlight this at SCC. Cllr Bradbeer reported that Churchinford now has Gigaclear cable established.

3357: REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Williams, TDBC and Cllr Thorne, SCC were not present and no reports were submitted for discussion at this meeting.

3358: REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

- **Planning:**

Cllr K Brown (1) Application to replace the dwelling at Hurley Farm has been granted permission. No objections from Corfe or the statutory agencies. Cllr Bradbeer had previously expressed concern that heavy site traffic would use Adcombe Lane for access, Cllr K Brown had anticipated the planning permission could be subject to certain constraints on access however he now reports that no constraints were applied to either the planning or demolition. Reassurances on the recycling of demolition stone and other materials was however given by Cllr Lenthall as well as further reassurances on the subject from members of the public present.

Blackdown Hills AONB consultation draft is now available for viewing by the general public on their web site. Comments need to be made by 7th December and can only be made via the web site feedback button.

- **Highways:**

Cllr Lenthall reported that Hurley farm stone will probably be reused with surplus being used for hard standing for cars so potential heavy traffic would therefore be minimal.

The village hall car park approach road area has now been resurfaced by highways who had completed a good job which should be commended by the PC.

Corfe Hill improvements had been proposed.

- **Rights of Way:**

Cllr Bradbeer had nothing to report.

Cllr K.Brown commented that the diagonal right of way across the field at the rear of the

village hall was yet to be rolled after ploughing had taken place. Cllr Bradbeer said he would inform farmer in due course.

ACTION: Cllr Bradbeer.

• **Website:**

Cllr Jackson reported that the web site went down in October following an update issue and apologised to any users. The site now has improved performance a big thank you goes out to Andrew Mahoney for all his help. Cllr Jackson also reported that November and December had many social events taking place and encouraged participation and support.

• **Village Hall:**

Cllr C Brown reported that the minutes of the VH committee meeting held on 11th October would be made available on the village web site shortly.

Highlights from these included Daren Oram being seconded onto the committee in a maintenance position role a big thank you went out to him for his efforts in his exterior decorating of the hall. A three year maintenance plan has now been proposed. Fund raising events to be arranged such as Christmas party on 14th December and quiz in February and BBQ after flower show in August. The youth club have made some new volunteer recruits and will continue its good work.

Refurbishment works had totaled £9,665 an overspend of £655 this was due to better quality cubicles, a hand drier for the ladies and some remedial plumbing and decorating.

The PC are to be approached for some further funding as the VH paid out a further £2000 for new fascia, guttering and drainpipes as well as damp proof materials in the course of doing the improvements.

Finally a reminder that the Christmas party and the lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on Friday 14th December please make every effort to be there it will be a fun event.

3359: FINANCES.

CURRENT BALANCE = £7444.36

CHEQUES TO BE CLEARED =

£3379.57 = T .Dewhurst

£ 330.00 = T.Dewhurst

CAR PARK COSTINGS INCURED =

£1020.00 = B. Lenthall

£ 11.59 = Reflectors

£ 4708.54 = Materials/Labour

£ 330.00 = T.Dewhurst

Total Cost = £ 6070.53 (Gross)

£ 5113.77 (Net)

HALL = £3375.48 (T.Dewhurst)

VILLAGE HALL to PARISH COUNCIL = £2116.45

VAT refund pending = £1729.15

WHEN VAT IS CLAIMED BACK BALANCE = £10577.76

NOTE: Final contribution from PC to hall works to be discussed with councillors and Village Hall Committee.

S106 funds still available to spend = £4231.

NOTE : £500 has already been agreed for goal mouth resurfacing.

3360: CORRESPONDENCE

- Cllr Harrison reminded Councillors that the Parish precept for 2019 needed to be set soon and sent off by Friday 11th January for action. Set at £3000 last year he reminded those present that extra costs were now being placed upon the PC (gritting bin costs for this winter and expected local election expenses in May. Play park maintenance will also need to be considered as will any SID hiring or sharing possibilities with Pitminster who have now purchased their own SID as none will be available for hire from SCC due to negative take up on hiring costs from other PC in Somerset.). A promise to minimise the increases as much as was possible was made.

ACTION - Cllr Harrison to seek election costing's information from authorities.

- A Community Thinking Day took place on Saturday 13th October at Churchinford Village Hall with the aim of bringing together community leaders to discuss areas of concern and promote working together. Ann Jeffery commented on how good it was as She had attended and was impressed by what was going on in our area and the need to advertise and share event information better to ensure success.

3361: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- Cllr Harrison reported that the works on the Queens Acre and Village Hall car park has almost been completed. Tony Dewhurst still needs to spread clippings in the car park and roll which is in hand.

- The S106 remaining funds will need spending ideas or remaining funds will be withdrawn if nothing can be found. Cllr Harrison can supply financial guidance on what S106 funds can be used for should any ideas be forthcoming.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was concluded and closed at approx 8.15pm. All present were wished a Happy Christmas and New Year due to this being the last

meeting of 2018.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2019 at 7pm.