

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CORFE VILLAGE HALL, TUESDAY 12th March 2019.**

Present: Cllr J Harrison, Cllr B Lenthall, Cllr K Brown, Cllr C Brown,
Cllr D Bradbeer, Cllr J Jackson.
Six members of the public.

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

3371: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Councillor W O'Brien.

3372: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr Harrison: Almshouse Trust. Cllr C Brown: Village Hall Committee.

3373: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19th January 2019.
The Minutes having been circulated and published and were duly approved and then signed as an accurate record.

3374: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- A358 CONSULTATION:

A decision will be made after the local elections between May and June according to email information received. Cllr K Brown confirmed that Highways England had stated a decision would be made in early spring previously. The Community Forum has suggested that the proposed works could be delayed by up to 2 years or even postponed in the event of a General Election.

- GRITTING BINS - Cllr Harrison thanked Cllr Lenthall for obtaining grit for the bins.

- GOALMOUTH - The Astroturf within the goalmouth area has now been laid by Parsons Landscapers.

- CLERK - The vacancy still remains unfilled. Cllr C Brown continuing to volunteer to take PC Minutes and arrange agenda with other duties being taken on by volunteer support. Cllr Harrison reported that SALC would contact every acting Clerk to see if anyone could take on the extra duty.

- NOTICEBOARD - This will be placed back in its original position when it returns shortly from being refurbished.

ACTION - Parish Council/Village Hall Committee to erect noticeboard when labour can be arranged.

3375: **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.**

- Cllr Williams, TDBC and Cllr Thorne, SCC were not present due to excess workloads at present and no reports were submitted for discussion.

3376: **REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.**

- **Planning:** Cllr K Brown highlighted three applications since the last meeting.
(1) Application for extension to property in Mill Lane. No objections have been raised regarding this so no objection from PC was agreed.
(2) Application for extension to property at Chapel Cottage. No objections have been raised regarding this. Residents meeting had eased concerns over contractors causing obstruction when works commence so no objection from PC.
(3) Application to fell two ash trees at Corfe House entrance as within the conversation area. Considered to be hazardous if allowed to grow further. No objections have been raised regarding this so no objection from PC

- **Highways:** Cllr Lenthall reported that the gritting bins had been filled and that hedges had been cut.

- **Rights of Way:** Cllr Bradbeer had nothing to report.

- **Website:** Cllr Jackson reported all social media are running well. The village email account has been monitored and necessary responses made. Monthly newsletters have been sent out to the distribution list of 95 people.

- **Village Hall:** Cllr C Brown reported that a village hall meeting was scheduled for the following week to discuss hall matters and that he had nothing further to report. Cllr Bradbeer requested that the Queens Acre contact telephone number sign at the entrance be amended as it was out of date concerning the contact. David Royle reported that this would be done.

3377: **FINANCES.**

Cllr Harrison reported:

CURRENT BALANCE = £10,707.75 (GATEWAY £3,327.00 is included within this total)

CHEQUES TO BE CLEARED = Parsons Landscapers £500

VAT refund pending = Nothing expected.

S 106 funds still available to spend = £4,320.

NOTE : £730-£750 now agreed for new football goal as replacement due to health and safety concerns. £500 agreed for the now finished goalmouth astro turf resurfacing.

3378: CORRESPONDENCE

- Cllr Harrison informed those present of a letter and donation from the Charity of Allotments for £300 towards village amenities.

We have received a Somerset Playing Fields subscription reminder for £15 annual subscription.

ACTION - Cllr Harrison to investigate what we get for our money and report back as to the need to subscribe.

Parsons Landscapers have informed us of an increase in Queens Acre cutting costs, basically increasing it by £4 a cut. Agreed that we would stay with them as they provide a good service that is appreciative to those living close to the park.

3379: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- **Fete** meetings have begun. Please help if you can; it is a vital fundraiser for the village.
- Cllr C Brown has been in contact with the Somerset **Speed Watch** coordinator and the police, and has begun to put together a new team of volunteers in Corfe. We will shortly be issued with some new equipment, which includes a new speed gun. Those wishing to be part of this scheme will need to complete some simple online training, full details of which will be available on the Corfe Village website shortly or by contacting Cllr C Brown direct. Please consider registering as the more volunteers we have the better the message we can send to the police and to those who speed through our village.
- An agenda item for the new Parish Council that should be formed in May was agreed upon to help address what we should do with the remaining funds of the S 106 that need to be used by 6th April 2021.

Adult exercise equipment has been discussed previously as a possible purchase with a suggestion that we purchase two pieces of equipment that could be located within the current children's play area for adult use by health conscious parents or teenagers.

The need to purchase quality equipment was emphasised as the PC would be responsible for maintaining and servicing it. A concern that we now had an overcrowding of equipment within the park was also aired, so this would be a good time to seek public opinion on the next steps.

- The outstanding road surfacing at Newton court has now been completed.

- Email detailing the need for two new internal doors to be considered for the Village Hall was discussed. Corfe Parish Council are the owners of the Hall and the Village Hall Committee run activities within it, so it was agreed to fund 50% of the £750 cost involved.

- And finally, a reminder to all residents that the local **Parish Council elections** will shortly be taking place in Corfe. On the 18th March posters detailing how to become a Parish Councilor and how you apply will be going up. Please consider helping your village by being part of this. We want to have a voice in local affairs and if we have no councilors or a Parish Council then we will lose that voice and our identity. Feel free to contact any local Councilor for further advice and to understand better what is involved if you become a new council member.

The next meeting, being the AGM of village societies as well as the Parish Council AGM, will be held on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7pm.