

MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN DINDER VILLAGE HALL, SHARCOMBE LANE, DINDER BA5 3PE ON MONDAY 24th APRIL 2017, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Baker; D Ball; H Carey; E Danson; M Gilson; M Gaunt; E Handford; M Hayden; J Henderson; V Hill; J Reeves; J Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Simon Davies (RFO); Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk); Cllr M Pullin; 3 Members of the Public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllrs M Lunnon; M Mitchell; J Zorab.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Emergency Item 22.

04. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman congratulated Horrington Cricket Club and residents for their efforts in securing the funds to purchase Chapel Piece. He announced that the Club would be holding a celebration event on Sunday 3rd September at the grounds.
- The Vice Chairman has stood down and the Chairman suggested that the Vice Chairmanship should remain vacant until the Parish Council's AGM on 18th May. The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for the support he had given.
- Parish Meetings have been held in each Ward throughout the last year. Some meetings had been well attended. Cllrs were asked to feedback to the Clerk on their thoughts about continuing Ward Parish Meetings over the coming year.

05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Brian Laitt spoke of the increasing danger caused by the increased volume and size of vehicles using Burcott Lane.
- Cllr Reeves had received a question to ask from a resident: Are farmers obliged to reinstate footpaths after ploughing fields – the answer is yes.

06. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

To receive reports either in person or in writing from:

- Avon & Somerset Police – The Chairman read out the report for Wells Rural Area (Beat AE022) for March 2017.
- Somerset County Councillors – Apologies from Cllr G Noel; H Siggs.
Cllr Noel asked for the meeting to be informed that he has been working towards the County Plan.
- Mendip District Councillors – Apologies from Cllr N Taylor.
Cllr Pullin advised the meeting of the importance of identifying all Parish requirements for S106 monies early in the planning process. Parish requests must be specific, necessary and linked to the particular development.

07. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT OUT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Council held on Wednesday 15th March 2017.

08. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER

The Council reviewed and considered the recommendation of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee to Full Council to approve the updated asset register.

RESOLVED: To approved the updated (with amendments) asset register.

09. MAINTENANCE QUOTES 2017/2018

The meeting considered maintenance quotes for 2017/2018 and the recommendation of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee that the quote from ID Verde (subject to play area inspection due diligence checks) is approved. ID Verde had sent the Clerk Play Area Inspection Certificates for their operators. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for minor works and Cllrs would assess the quality of the works over the next year as also recommended by the Finance & Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: To approve the maintenance quote for 2017/2018 from ID Verde.

10. BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE AND WWI BEACONS OF LIGHT

The Chairman emphasised that this commemoration event to mark the end of World War I to be held on 11th November 2018 is an event for the whole Parish. Cllr Reeves updated the meeting on progress. He is organising various aspects of this event using the experience he gained from organising the Council's celebration event for the Queen's birthday in 2016. The Clerk has confirmed the Council's participation to the Queen's Pageantmaster. Wells City Band has accepted the Council's invitation to perform at the event.

11. FUNDING OF REPLACEMENT 67 BUS SERVICE BY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS AFTER 21ST JULY 2017

Cllr Gaunt updated the meeting on the progress of the replacement 67 bus service. The current timetable is working well and the service is being used. The service is being monitored and data collected so that the service can be assessed. The Clerk had written to David Wilson Homes to ask them to contribute towards this service but was informed that as part of their S106 obligations, David Wilson Homes were already contributing to the County Council and that a proportion of these contributions are for travel, transport and highways expenses. The Clerk is to investigate how much of the S106 contributions go to which local bus services including the 67 bus service.

12. BURCOTT LANE SUMMIT ACCIDENT HOTSPOT

Cllr Reeves expressed his concern about the accident black spot at the blind summit on Burcott Lane. He described how the situation is dangerous and deteriorating with the increasing volume of traffic and size of vehicles caused by the Lane being used as a rat run to avoid road blocking works on the A39. This traffic is widening the Lane from a single vehicle width to 2 vehicle width below the summit resulting in faster driving speeds, dangerous deep ruts and trenches on either side of the Lane and an increase in pot holes. Road warning signs are only visible if you know where to look and are often obscured by overgrown vegetation. Parked vehicles are adding to the dangers. The Clerk informed the meeting that a County Highways Engineer is due to inspect the location to see if any improvements can be made. The Clerk is to request that a formal site meeting with Cllrs is made with the Engineer.

RESOLVED: The Council consider Burcott Lane to be dangerous and deplore the condition of the road.

13. PARISH KNOWLEDGE/HOW TO GUIDES

The Chairman suggested that the Council could produce one page guides to assist the community. Several Cllrs volunteered to produce guides.

14. PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Walker has started work to create an emergency plan for the Parish. She told the meeting that communication is the biggest issue in emergency situations. She suggested that a designated emergency contact person should be identified in each Ward.

15. STORAGE OF COUNCIL PAPERS

Cllr Reeves updated the meeting on the archiving of Council papers which are being sorted into what is relevant and what can be archived. This is a long process. Cllr Hayden volunteered to assist.

16. LITTER BINS

The purchase of new litter bins was considered.

RESOLVED: To purchase the Mendip District Council approved "Derby Standard" litter bin when purchasing new bins.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote to purchase and install 2 new replacement litter bins – one for Dulcote Recreation Ground and the other for Easton Jubilee Playing Field.

17. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A CARPARK AT WOOKEY HOLE ALLOTMENTS

Options for pre-application advice and submission of a full application were discussed.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to obtain quotes for pre-application advice from 2 Planning Consultants.

18. INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Council considered the recommendation of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee that Pro-Business are the Council's Internal Auditor for 2016/2017.

RESOLVED: To approve Pro-Business as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2016/2017.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: To approve a schedule of items of expenditure and issuing of payment.

20. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18th May 2017, Coxley Memorial Hall, Coxley at 7pm.

21. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 20th September 2017, Wells Cricket Club at 7pm.

22. EMERGENCY ITEM – LAND AT WOOKEY HOLE

Cllrs discussed the disposal of the land at Wookey Hole.