

CURRY RIVEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th JANUARY 2012 @ 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Peter Goodenough (Chairman), Stephen Beney, Janet Calder, Peter Crosland, Kathleen Gardner, Steve James, Madelaine King-Oakley and Derek Yeomans.

681). **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

682). **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

683). **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DECEMBER 2011**

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated and posted on the Community Website, were unanimously approved on the proposition of Cllr Janet Calder, seconded by Cllr Peter Crosland and signed by the Chairman.

684). **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

a). **Grit Bins**

The Chairman advised that he had received an email from Frances Hunt saying that she was delighted that the Council had decided to order green and not yellow grit bins.

The Chairman also wished to express his thanks to Cllr Stephen Beney who, at extremely short notice, had taken delivery of the grit bins and had arranged for them to be placed at the agreed sites in order that they could be filled by County Highways. At the present time they had not all been filled and the Clerk was endeavouring to ascertain from the Highways Department when the remaining bins would be filled.

Cllr Stephen Beney pointed out that, further to the report contained in the December minutes, two further sites had been agreed for grit bins at Stoneyhurst and St Andrews Close.

b). **Christmas tree on Village Green**

Cllr Stephen Beney reported that the Christmas tree had been taken down and removed.

c). **Industrial material stored on the driveway of the property adjacent to Terry Harris**

Cllr Stephen Beney said that he had recently spoken to Terry Harris concerning the removal of the industrial material. Mr Harris said that he was very pleased because the injunction appeared to be working and the industrial material had not re-appeared.

d). **IT Training at Parsonage Place**

Cllr Stephen Beney reported that the IT Centre at Parsonage Place was going ahead and would be up and running by the Spring.

685). **FINANCIAL REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were unanimously approved for payment, on the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Kathleen Gardner.

Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd – 11 No. Grit/Salt Bins	£1,692.60
Clerk's monthly net wage	£ 229.27
P.A.Y.E. months 7/8/9	£ 172.00
British Legion – Wreath for Remembrance Day	£ 17.00

b). **To set the Precept for the year 2012/2013**

The Clerk had prepared a schedule showing Income & Expenditure todate against the Budget for the year 2011/2012 and this had previously been emailed to the members for information. A detailed discussion took place on the various elements relevant to the Precept for 2012/2013. Taking into account the views expressed by the members the following schedule contains the recommended figure for each element of expenditure.

When discussing the Handyman Duties at present carried out by Taunton Deane DLO, although it was considered that the standard of work carried out was excellent, it was agreed that it was necessary to seek at least three quotations for this work as had been done previously.

	Precept 2011/2012	Expenditure Todate	Balance of Budget remaining	Budget 2012/2013
Running Costs				
Taunton Deane DLO	£ 7,500.00	£ -	£ 7,500.00	£ 8,000.00
Grass Cutting (Ex-Rugby Field)	£ 2,000.00	£ -	£ 2,000.00	Nil
Legal & Planning Fees	£ 175.00	£ -	£ 175.00	Nil
Westfield/Eastfield Maintenance	£ 1,500.00	£ 593.42	£ 906.58	£1,500.00
Playground Inspections	£ 1,000.00	£ 529.23	£ 470.77	£1,000.00
Changing Room Costs/Container	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,505.19	-£ 505.19	£1,000.00
Cemetery	£ 400.00	£ -	£ 400.00	£1,000.00
War Memorial and land opposite	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	Nil
Seats, verges, signs, etc	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	£50.00
Bus Shelters	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	£200.00
Car Park Rates & Lighting	£ 1,300.00	£ 120.85	£ 1,179.15	£900.00
Administration				
Clerk's Gross Pay (incl.PAYE £458.40 deducted)	£ 3,440.00	£ 2,292.69	£ 1,147.31	£3,600.00
Clerk's Expenses	£ 700.00	£ -	£ 700.00	£700.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	£ 350.00	£ 191.95	£ 158.05	Nil
Insurance	£ 2,000.00	£ 312.50	£ 1,687.50	£1,250.00
Audit & Accountancy	£ 600.00	£ 415.00	£ 185.00	£650.00
Bank Charges	£ 40.00	£ 36.00	£ 4.00	£40.00
Subscriptions	£ 150.00	£ 83.00	£ 67.00	£300.00
Hire of room for meetings	£ 350.00	£ 260.00	£ 90.00	£350.00
Section 137 Grants				
Curry Rivel News Group	£ -		£ -	Nil
Community Website	£ 125.00	£ 115.00	£ 10.00	£125.00
Other Grants	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,955.00	£ 45.00	£2,000.00
Capital Projects				
Dog Ban Signs	£ 300.00	£ 1,210.00	-£ 910.00	Nil
Emergency Planning	£ 300.00	£ -	£ 300.00	Nil
Marquee		£ 295.68	-£ 295.68	Nil
Access Barrier - Westfield		£ 820.00	-£ 820.00	Nil
Contingencies				
Play Day Climbing Wall	£ -	£ 390.00	-£ 390.00	Nil
Remembrance Ceremony - Wreath	£ -		£ -	£20.00
S.A.L.C. Training Sessions	£ -	£ 75.00	-£ 75.00	
Total (Excl vat)	£25,530.00	£ 11,125.51	£ 14,329.49	£ 22,685.00

Receipts to date			
Precept			£ 25,530.00
Rates Refunds			£ 298.17
Proceeds from Royal Wedding			£ 922.23
EDF Energy Refund			£ 83.60
Burial Fees			£ 205.00
Bank Interest on Deposit Account			£ 5.88
VAT Refund			£ 1,603.40
		Total Income to date	£ 28,648.28

Having allocated the proposed expenditure to be included in the Budget for 2012/2013, a detailed discussion followed on the Precept to be set for the year.

Cllr Stephen Beney proposed that the Precept for 2012/2013 should remain the same as last year in the sum of £25,530 and this was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans.

Cllr Peter Crosland was of the opinion that the reserves were high and that the Parish Council had considerably increased the Precept last year. He proposed that the Precept should be set at £20,000 with the balance of the budget being taken from reserves.

Cllr Peter Crosland's proposal was voted on first because it was an amendment to the original proposal put forward by Cllr Stephen Beney. Cllr Steve James seconded Cllr Peter Crosland's proposal.

A vote taken on the proposal put forward by Cllr Peter Crosland resulted in three votes for (Cllrs Peter Crosland, Steve James and Janet Calder) and four votes against (Cllrs Stephen Beney, Kathleen Gardner, Madelaine King-Oakley and Derek Yeomans) with Cllr Peter Goodenough abstaining).

A vote taken on the proposal put forward by Cllr Stephen Beney and seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans resulted in four votes for (Cllrs Stephen Beney, Kathleen Gardner, Madelaine King-Oakley and Derek Yeomans) and three votes against (Cllrs Peter Crosland, Steve James and Janet Calder) with Cllr Peter Goodenough abstaining,

ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr Dennis Pywell was in attendance and wished to speak concerning planning application No. 11/04930/COU. Change of use of part of distribution depot (use ClassB8) to garage workshop (use Class B2). Stanchester Nurseries, Currywoods Way, Curry Rivel. He enquired what information the Parish Council had received and was advised that the details received would be the same as those appearing on the District Council's website and included the design document. At a meeting with Claire Alers-Hankey it was pointed out that due to the increased sale of flowers and plants by Supermarkets this had affected their nursery sales quite considerably. This was why this planning application had been submitted. Previously they had utilised seven delivery vehicles and this was now down to five with a possible reduction to four. With reference to the impact of vehicles in and out of the site, this would not be increased and had, in fact, decreased considerably over the last few years.

686). REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

In the absence of County Cllr Derek Nelson and District Cllr Terry Mounter, there were no reports.

687). **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- a). It was agreed that the Community Emergency Plan was a very thorough document and thanks were expressed to Dan Crilley who had undertaken a great deal of work in its creation. Following further discussion:-

It was resolved to adopt the Community Emergency Plan on the proposition of Cllr Peter Crosland, seconded by Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley and unanimously agreed.

b). **Police Report**

Crime Report for the month of December

Good News! There has been no recorded ASB in your area. The Police take calls of anti social behaviour seriously. If you are caught committing such an offence, you can expect to be dealt with robustly!

- 1 x Criminal Damage to a Vehicle
- 1 x Robbery
- 1 x Theft
- 1 x Violence against a Person

688). **PLANNING REPORT**

a). **Applications Received**

No. 11/04930/COU

Change of use of part of distribution depot (use ClassB8) to garage workshop (use Class B2). (GR: 339863/125571). Stanchester Nurseries, Currywoods Way, Curry Rivel.

Following discussion it was proposed by Derek Yeomans and seconded by Cllr Kathleen Gardner that we had no objections to raise in respect of this planning application. A vote taken resulted in five in favour (Cllrs Janet Calder, Peter Crosland, Kathleen Gardner, Steve James and Derek Yeomans) with two abstentions (Cllrs Stephen Beney and Peter Goodenough)

Cllr Peter Goodenough referred to the fact that the Highways Department had not yet submitted its comments.

No. 11/04248/FUL

Erection of 4 No. raw material silos and intake (GR: 341524/126490). Feed Mills, Westover Trading Estate, Langport

Parish: **Huish Episcopi**

The Parish Council had no comments to make in respect of this planning application.

b). **Tree Preservation Order – For Information only**

No. 11/05043/TPO

Application to fell 2 No. Thuja trees within the SSDC (Curry Rivel No. 1 Tree Preservation Order (GR: 339014/125329). Yew Tree Cottage, Water Street, Curry Rivel.

c). **Planning Inspectorate Appeal Reference – APP/R3325/A/11/2166326/NWF**

Appeal in respect of Application Decision Reference: 11/03221/FUL

Appeal Starting Date – 14th December 2011-12-24

Appeal Type – Written Representation

Appeal by Mr G Edmunds

Proposal: Conservation of existing building to B1 light industrial use on the ground floor and residential use on the first floor (GR: 341647/126630).

Location: Land adjacent New House, Baulkes Yard, Bow Street, Langport

d). **Applications Approved With Conditions**

No. 11/04536/FUL

The erection of an extension and carrying out alterations. The Cross, Stoney Lane, Curry Rivel.

No.11/ 03683/FUL

Erection of three dwelling houses and formation of associated new access. Land at read of Westfield House, Townsend, Curry Rivel.

No. 11/03950/FUL

Construction of a roof over feeding area. Lake House and land OS 1210 Wick, Langport.

No. 11/04125/FUL

Installation of two flues. The Cider Barn, Dyers Road, Curry Rivel

No. 11/04381/FUL

Single storey extension to rear of garage forming workshop (Retrospective). Westcroft, St Andrews Close, Curry Rivel.

689). **WESTFIELD/EASTFIELD**

a). **SSDC Inspection Reports**

The Clerk advised that the Inspection Reports were still referring in large red letters to the fact that both posts on the Junior Goal Posts are unstable/loose rear cross bars – need to be secured to the ground. Damaged nets should be removed – very high risk. It would appear that the Goal Posts are being moved around and that is creating the problem.

Cllr Kathleen Gardner said that after reading the latest Inspection Report, she had contacted Steve Boarder and arranged to meet him at the Playing Fields. They discussed the many problems that required attention and he had subsequently phoned Cllr Gardner suggesting that the Parish Council should contact Richard Thorne of R.T. Services, who was based at Odcombe. He could undertake work and repairs required in the Play Area and could give the Parish Council an estimate.

She also referred to the old goal posts laying down at Westfield which were in a disgusting state and she proposed that they should be disposed of as scrap. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans and unanimously agreed.

b). **Report on formation of advisory committee**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that a suitable Constitution had been found and this item would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

690). **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence circulated or emailed

a). Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011 – NHS Somerset

b). Avon & Somerset Police Authority 2012/2013 Budget Consultation Survey

This document had been received by some of the councillors and it could be completed on line.

c). Somerset County Council consultation on Bus subsidy reductions 7.00p.m.Wednesday 11th January 2012. The Council Chamber, SSDC Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT – document emailed to councillors.

- d). Local Markets Data – SSDC – document emailed to councillors
- e). The Clerk had received an email from Pat Sollis of the Somerset Association of Local in which she said that as the Parish Council had rejoined the Association this year, it had been suggested that we might like to host the next area meeting on the evening of Monday 12th March. We would need to provide accommodation for approximately 30 people with drinks being made available on arrival. As all members would be welcome to attend it would give them a chance to see what we do and encourage them to take part in Association activities and at the same time meet other Councillors from across the District. The Clerk had advised that we would be pleased to host the Area Meeting on that date and had made a booking with the Village Hall Management Committee.

691). **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

a). **Car Park Survey**

Cllr. Peter Goodenough said he would take responses from the councillors as to what they saw as the priorities for the changes to the Car Park. A discussion could then take place with a view to reaching a decision to enable a Tender Document to be prepared and put out for three estimates to carry out the work.

b). **Follow-up from Youth Survey and proposal of work**

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____