

**MINUTES OF MEETING
in the Village Hall
Thursday, 5TH December 2019**

**Curry
Rivel
Parish
Council**



Above the levels

PRESENT:- Cllrs Andy Anderson (Chairman), Peter Goodenough, Les Hood, Edward Rosa, Simon Scarborough, Derek Yeomans and County Cllr Clare Paul.

.720). DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

721). APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Tony Greenaway and Cllr. Terry Mounter.

722). MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH NOVEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated to the members, were unanimously approved on the proposal of Cllr. Simon Scarborough, seconded by Cllr Peter Goodenough. .

723). MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

- a). Cllr Andy Anderson said that an email received this afternoon from Kelly Burns of Tozers co.uk., advising that she had been instructed to act in the preparation and negotiation of a Section 106 Agreement at Land East of Linton House in connection with planning application No. 17/01063/OUT. She had prepared a first draft of the Section 106 Agreement which had today been sent to the applicant's solicitor for their comments and if the Parish Council intends to instruct solicitors in this matter. If so, she requested their contact details so that she could provide them with a copy of the draft document for their comments. Alternatively, if the Parish Council does not intend to instruct solicitors in this matter, could they please advise to whom a copy of the draft Section 106 Agreement and plans should be sent.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that because of the complexity of this matter, we would need to instruct a solicitor. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that he had asked Wellers, the solicitors, on advice from SALC, if they would be willing to act on our behalf and to provide a quotation. They were already working with him on the Preservation Trust. Cllr Derek Yeomans expressed concern about the cost involved and said that we were doing this in principal because we have accepted it as a potential acceptance, subject to the fact that it is actually incorporated in the Section 106 agreement. He was concerned that we were going into the expensive business of instructing a solicitor for a really valid quote. Cllr Andy Anderson questioned whether he was suggesting that the Parish Council should examine the Section 106 Agreement and Cllr Derek Yeomans said that we should look at it first and if we are concerned with what it says, we should then consult a solicitor. Following further discussion, the Clerk was instructed to contact Kelly Burns of tozers.co.uk to request a copy of the draft Section 106 Agreement which would be forwarded to the councillors. Hopefully, this would be received in time for discussion at the January meeting.

Adjournment for public comment

724). **HAMBRIDGE MILL HOUSING CORE**

Cllr Andy Anderson reported that he had received an email from Steve Howell in which he had advised that he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. They are still waiting to hear if their offer for the purchase of the site has been accepted. If the proposed scheme looks like it may be proceeding, he would still like to present their proposal to the council at a later date. We would advise him of the date of our January meeting and if it goes through by then, it would be our February meeting.

725). **EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON DYERS ROAD UP TO WATER STREET - update**

Cllr Andy Anderson advised that there was no update to report at the moment.

726). **PLANNING REPORT**

No. 19/03005/OUT

Outline application with some matters reserved except for access, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 8 No. self-build single storey dwellings.

Land OS 1861, Portfield, Curry Rivel, Langport, TA10 0NJ

Having taken into consideration the report given by the applicant, Cllr Derek Yeomans proposed approval of the application subject to the Saxon Village archaeological report carried out in respect of the 2003 application. This was seconded by Cllr Edward Rosa. A vote taken resulted in Cllr Peter Goodenough voting against, one abstention and four councillors in favour.

No. 19/03034/LBC

The carrying out of internal alterations to form wc, cloakroom, kitchen and utility room, including changing of internal doors (implemented). Heale Wold, Heale Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport, TA10 0PG.

Cllr Derek Yeomans proposed approval of this application. This was seconded by Cllr Les Hood and unanimously agreed. . .

No. 19/03124/HOU & No. 19/031125/LBC

Erection of a small lean-to extension of glass and wood and a structural stone buttress. The Dovecote, Heale Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport, TA10 0PG

Cllr Andy Anderson proposed approval of this application. This was seconded by Cllr Simon Scarborough and unanimously agreed.

727). **REPLACING THE CLERK'S COMPUTER**

Cllr Ed Rosa had obtained information concerning various laptops available and referred in particular to the HP P1505 at a price of £399. Following a lengthy discussion during which various points of view were expressed, Cllr Andy Anderson said that at present the Chairman and Clerk each have a disc. The Clerk would back up her disc which she brought to the meeting for the Chairman and is then given the Chairman's disc to take back and update prior to the next meeting. This procedure has not been carried out recently. The Clerk said that if it was decided to have a laptop she would prefer to have a separate keyboard. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Ed Rosa for the information he had obtained.

728). **CLOTHING BANK FOR SCOPE**

Cllr. Andy Anderson said he had received an email requesting a further clothing bank within Curry Rivel. Last year we had discussed the possibility of putting one down at Westfield but, had considered it could be dangerous if people started abusing it. He felt that there was not another

location that we could safely install another one. Following discussion, it was agreed that we should reply advising that there was not another location that we could recommend.

729). **DRAFT MINUTES**

Cllr Andy Anderson had received an email of complaint last week after John de Ronde said that Minutes are not available on the Website before the current month's Parish Council meeting takes place. Draft minutes have not been made available sooner as they always used to be. The practice of 'open transparency' provides for draft minutes to be seen before they are authorised by the Parish Council. He has had a discussion with the Clerk and she takes a long time because she does them verbatim essentially. He proposed that we should move to shorter minutes with the important decisions minuted and then two weeks from that meeting we can post the draft minutes on to the website, making sure they are highlighted as 'draft'. They would then be approved at the council meeting and posted on to the website the next day as approved minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Peter Goodenough and unanimously agreed.

730). **E-MAILS & BCC**

Any communications going out to the councillors and any other organisations should be sent BCC and not CC.

731). **DROP-OFF POINTS /DISABLED OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Andy Anderson had been approached by Roger Hampton, the Chairman of the Village Hall to approach Highways to mark-off some 'safety points' outside the Village Hall to stop people parking there. He would do this and if there was a cost, he would get back to the Chairman to let him know.

732). **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

Cllr Andy Anderson said there was no update other than information he had received from Robert Atkins and he asked if there was a volunteer to take this on. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that we are going to spend a great deal of money on these devices. We will have to sign for them, put them up where the County Council want us to put them and, in the future, they can decide to move them. Cllr Andy Anderson asked if we were able to establish with the County Council if we can sight them ourselves and if there is any objection by the County Council. County Cllr Clare Paul said that four of her parishes have bought their own speed indicator devices and have mounted them onto suitable posts. However, there is the issue of Chapter 8 which technically meant that you were not allowed to do anything but, it is probably worth talking to the clerk of Huish Episcopi because we are trying to work with a number of other parishes so that you effectively share a Chapter 8. Hambridge Parish Council had said that they would like to be involved if we decided to organise a demonstration, they would like to be involved with it.

Cllr Simon Scarborough had put his name forward to deal with this but, he felt it would be advisable to have a small working party which he would be willing to lead. Cllr Derek Yeomans offered to assist and felt that solar panels would be preferable because they would be charging all the time.

Cllr Les Hood said that the danger in the village is not just keeping to 30 miles an hour because it is deadly. He walks regularly with his grand-daughters going to school and lorries that are only doing 30mph brush against the edges of the kerbs. He considered that they should be restricted to 20mph. Cllr Andy Anderson would make some enquiries but, he expected that the answer would be, show us some evidence. Cllr Peter Goodenough said he had spoken to Gary Warren some years ago and he said there was no records of death or accidents. Cllr Simon Scarborough said the Parish Council is not the place to go into detail. We need to get the working party together and flush out what the issues are and then take them forward, bearing in mind the recent issues of near misses with lorries at Currywoods Way and adjacent to Crisp Clean.

733). **VILLAGE GREEN- update**

Cllr Peter Goodenough said that he and Keith Howsell have made a formal request to Western Power for a feasibility study meeting for the charging points around the green. Western Power are going to do all the technical items and we are awaiting their report. We have Public Service Agreement with Ordnance Survey to download maps. If we want to use them to put on details of what we are going to do to the various areas, there is no free software available. Looking at what other parishes have done, we really need to start building up software that we can use. We need to be looking at a suite of software that we can use to plan. If we end up with all the land that we seem to be, plus the land that we have now, we do need to be able to utilise it properly and we need to make appropriate plans. Cllr Andy Anderson asked what fee was charged by Parish Online and was advised it would be £500 for the software. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that Highways were asking for a plan of around the Village Green and they expect us to have the software to do this. County Cllr Clare Paul suggested that he could email Traffic Management.

734). **FINANC E REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment on the proposition of Cllr Peter Goodenough, seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans.

Clerk's Wages – Month 8	£348.90
EDF Energy – Car Park Lighting	£ 20.46 incl. vat
Village Hall Rent – Sept/Oct/Nov	£ 88.00

b). **Change of Bank**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that this had been suggested last month. TSB was suggested and the Clerk was requested to make the necessary enquiries.

735). **CURRY RIVEL LIVE – ttth July 2020 – Westfield**

Cllr Andy Anderson advised that the man who had run the Bar, has now taken over responsibility for organising Curry Rivel Live 2020 and is looking for other people to help running Curry Rivel Live 2020. He had asked if he could use Eastfield and had been told that he could not. Cllr Andy Anderson said that from his perspective it was a great entertainment show but, more importantly, it was good for the village and raises money for the Village Hall and other charities. On the proposition of Cllr Andy Anderson, seconded by Cllr Les Hood, it was unanimously agreed that permission be given to Curry Rivel Live to be held in Westfield on the 11th July, 2020.

736). **JANUARY 2020 MEETING – 2nd or 9th January**

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to hold the January meeting on the 9th.

737). **CORRESPONDENCE**

a). **Request for Ice Warning Sign at the top of Red Hill**

The Clerk had now received a response to her request which advised within Chapter 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations Snow/Ice sign plates are temporary signs used when a route is unusually dangerous as a result of extensive icing or heavy snowfalls. The signs must not be permanent and must be removed when conditions return to normal. Therefore, we are unable to erect this warning plate on a permanent basis. If members of your parish are concerned about the road conditions during a colder period this winter, contact the Somerset County Council Highways department who will make an assessment if temporary plates are required.

b). **Footpaths**

The Clerk had received an email advising that any footpath not registered by 2021, could be lost to the community.

- c). **Insurance Renewal**
A remind had been received advising that our insurance policy with Came & Co. Local Council Insurance would be due for renewal on the 22nd February 2020.
 - d). **rradar**
A welcome guide had been emailed from rradar services under our Came & Company Local Council Insurance Policy.
 - e). **Safecouncil.uk**
The complete health and safety resources for local councils.
- 738). **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**
- a). **Website/ Maps**
 - b). **Village Green - update**
 - c). **Access to Crisp Clean by lorries**
 - d). **Lorries from the Langport direction**

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____