

MINUTES OF MEETING
held on Thursday, 6th June 2019 @ 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

**Curry
Rivel
Parish
Council**



Above the levels

PRESENT:- Cllrs Andy Anderson, Robert Atkins, Peter Goodenough, Les Hood, Tina Paul, Derek Yeomans and David Wadeson.

611). **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Andy Anderson proposed Cllr Peter Goodenough as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr Robert Atkins and unanimously agreed. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

612). **CO-OPTION OF TWO NEW COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman said that David Wadeson had expressed an interest in becoming a Curry Rivel parish councillor and invited him to give a brief history.

Mr Wadeson said that he and his wife have lived in Stoneyhurst Drive for two years. Prior to their move here, they had lived in Othery, where he had served as a parish councillor for three years. He was a retired Banker in London and lived in Essex until his move to Somerset. He was interested in local affairs and being involved in shaping the future of Curry Rivel. He felt that he had much to offer from his time as a parish councillor in Othery and his general life skills would be an asset to the Council.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he did qualify to be a Parish Councillor and proposed that he become a co-opted member. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Andy Anderson advised that the 27th June deadline has been given approval by the District Council. He would inform them the day following the July meeting if we have a full complement of councillors.

613). **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

614). **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr Tony Greenaway.

615). **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH MAY 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated to the members, were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Robert Atkins. Cllr Peter Goodenough had not been in attendance at the meeting and did not take part in the vote.

616). **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Cllr Andy Anderson**

- a). **Ice on road signs at Red Hill** - Clerk to purchase – ongoing
- b). **Village Maps** – Cllr Andy Anderson would contact Gina Beauchamp - ongoing

- c). **Westfield Barrier** – the Clerk had again contacted Zurich Insurance to complain about the delay in dealing with our claim. The Clerk would submit a copy of the invoice we had paid to SAS Welding Services for repair of the damage. - ongoing
- d). **Welcome Pack** – Cllr Andy Anderson – ongoing
- e). **Neighbourhood Plan** – proposed to discuss at the July meeting but delayed to the August meeting when Cllr Tony Greenaway returns from holiday. – ongoing
- f). **Village Entry signs** – Cllr Tony Greenaway has examined the signs. They are readable from a distance. The font was not very attractive. Cllr Andy Anderson said that unfortunately, our budget was restricted and they were what we could afford at the time. One of the old signs has been kept to be erected in Granny’s Garden. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that the village signs now in place were adequate.
- g). **Sub-Committee for personnel** – Cllr Andy Anderson said he would speak to Cllr Peter Goodenough and move this item forward. - ongoing
- h). **Granny’s Garden Bench**
Temporary siting at Parsonage until land transfer East of Lindon House is complete. - ongoing
- i). **Active Living**- nothing had yet been placed onto the Website. – ongoing
- j). **Transfer of land to PC from Linton House** – PG and RA negotiate with owner - ongoing
- k). **Sandpits Heating’s proposed porch** - Cllr Andy Anderson said that there was still no formal agreement and no approach had been received from their solicitors as yet. - ongoing
- l). **The Firehouse** - It was reported that the tables and chairs have been removed from the front of the Firehouse and there have been no further complaints as far as the Parish Council was aware. - ongoing
- m). **Planning Breaches** – all councillors to be aware of any of these and report using the SSDC ‘Report it’ web page.
- n). **PC Liaison** – Westfield, Footpaths and SSDC contract – Cllr Les Hood to speak to Paul Deacon.

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

- a). **Repairs to War Memorial**
Cllr Andy Anderson advised that, following a visit to site, Luke Grafton has submitted a quotation for the sum of £370 plus vat to re-bed loose and missing cock and hen stones to Blue Lias retaining wall around the War Memorial in sand and grey cement mix. With reference to the standard that we require, he proposed that we approve the quotation. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans and unanimously agreed.
- b). **Welding and painting of MUGA**
Cllr Les Hood said that the MUGA appears to have been welded in the key support areas. With regards to painting the fencing we would need to obtain special paint and Cllr Derek Yeomans said we would have to contact South Somerset District Council to establish the correct paint to use. Cllr Les Hood said that he would undertake the painting of the fencing when we have obtained the correct paint.
- c). **Curry Rivel Live- Saturday 15th June**
Cllr Andy Anderson advised that as in previous years, there is an area in Eastfield that would be used to provide car parking facilities and the Clerk would need to arrange for the grass to be cut. The area would be taped off with the posts that were stored in the container. If they required anything else, they would need to contact the Parish Council. If tents were required, they are stored in the container.
- d). **Rose Garden in memory of Madelaine King-Oakley**
As reported at the May meeting CRIB wanted to plant twelve roses and twenty-four lavenders to run around the wall that edges onto the garage. There have been several contributions offered, including a donation from the Rotary Club.

Adjournment to Allow Public Comment

A resident advised that South Somerset District Council had started spraying Eastfield with Round-Up Weed-killer which is a carcinogenic spray. It is a public space where children play and the impact that it has on the eco system etc. She had spoken to the gentleman and had asked him to stop. He advised her he was contracted by South Somerset District Council to carry out this work. The reason for her concern was the fact that her daughter is having treatment for cancer and she knew about the effects of round-up. She thought that chemicals should not be used in areas where children play and stated that there is evidence that this chemical stays in the ground for years. We should be bio-diversifying in Eastfield which is a gem. It was pointed out that the weed killer that was being used was Round-Up ProBiactive which can be used in public spaces as it has been classed as non-hazardous. County Cllr Clare Aparicio Paul advised that the County and District Councils have just declared a Climate Emergency and were exploring what they can do to reduce the environmental impact of their services and activities. Cllr Andy Anderson said that Curry Rivel in Bloom are responsible for small areas within the village and we would monitor this as well. We would keep in touch with the County & District Councils.

A complaint had been received about areas where there are no road signs. Some of the signs have been replaced and the replacement of other road signs is still ongoing.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the forthcoming Annual Curry Rivel Kids 'Free' Fun Day Event and the fact that the District Council did not include it on the information posted on their website because it was considered that it was not run by a bona fide committee. Kaye Morgan said that she had various committees but, some of the members kept walking off. The main thing was to have the children there so that they can enjoy the activities provided. It was pointed out that as far as the District Council was concerned, the event was not run by a bona fide committee. That is the ruling and that is why the event does not appear on the map. If there is a committee, she should advise the District Council and send an email to Debbie Haines. Cllr Peter Goodenough offered to help take this forward.

618). **PLANNING REPORT**

a). **Application Received**

Application No. 18/03801/HOU

Erection of a replacement porch to front elevation of dwellinghouse. 44A Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel, TA10 0PU.

On the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Robert Atkins, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council recommended approval of this planning application.

619). **PARISH COUNCIL LAND – Car Park and surrounding area – update**

There was no update on this item.

620). **LAND AT HELLARDS HILL LANE**

Cllr Peter Goodenough reported that the Parish Council had applied to Somerset County Council (the owners of this area) for it to be transferred to it as a Community Asset. After a lengthy delay SCC have notified the Parish Council that the application, based on both reducing flooding in the village and also increasing carbon capture by planting trees and increasing biodiversity by sympathetic cropping, does not meet SCC's criteria. This was very disappointing; SCC had offered to sell the land to the Parish Council at "market valuation" and so a discussion was held about the possibility of the Parish Council buying the land. There seemed to only be a slim chance of the cost being small enough for the Parish Council's limited resources but, it was thought that a no commitment request for a quote would be interesting. Cllr. Goodenough was asked to obtain such a quote for the July meeting.

621). **LAND AT LINTON HOUSE**

Cllrs Peter Goodenough and Robert Atkins had met with Mr Ward, the owner of the land and discussions had been held mainly about that area of land set aside for the flood attenuation device. Mr. Ward indicated that, because of the disquiet about ongoing maintenance among the members of the Parish Council, it was proposed that that area stay within the development site and be owned and maintained collectively by the homeowners in the new development. It should include an access point to the main road so that the attenuation device could be serviced annually by the requisite equipment. There are other concerns about this land transfer and its perception vis a vis the granting of planning permission; these will be addressed by discussions with SSDC and legal advisers.

622). **FINANCE REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

Cllr Derek Yeomans proposed approval of the following accounts for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Robert Atkins and unanimously agreed.

John Monaghan – Paint all metalwork on the MUGA fence in Westfield	£ 720.00
SALC – Councillor Training Event	£ 25.00
Water 2 Business – Changing Rooms – Westfield	£ 12.39
Curry Rivel W.I. - Providing refreshments in OSR for Twinning Visit	£ 80.00
Clerk’s Wages for Months 12 and Month 1	£ 682.00
The Langport Glass & Glazing Co – Supply and fit windows into Village Hall	£ 867.69 incl. vat

b). **Completion of Single Bank Mandate forms by the councillors**

The councillors completed these forms which would confirm them as signatories for the signing of cheques for the Parish Council and would be taken by hand to the Taunton branch of NatWest.

c). **Westfield Barrier repair insurance claim**

The Clerk reported that she had again contacted Zurich Insurance to establish when the Parish Council would receive payment in respect of our claim for damage to the Westfield Barrier. She would forward a copy of the invoice paid in respect of this work as a further reminder.

d). **Grant Applications**

i). **Curry Rivel PTA – School Playground Equipment – project £1,000**

Curry Rivel PTA had applied for grant aid in respect of School Playground Equipment required for the Primary School. The total project would cost in the region of twenty to thirty thousand pounds. Once they have managed to raise the money and install the equipment it will last for twenty years. This will take a consider effort to raise the necessary funds and whether the Parish Council would be able to consider making a contribution towards this.

These days, many children do not have the facility of climbing trees and taking part in physical activities. We hear a lot about obesity and we want them to be given the opportunity to have the equipment that will enable them to exercise in safety.

Cllr Tina Paul said that, in advance of this evening’s meeting, she had advised Cllr Andy Anderson that she would look into what grants may be available for the Primary School for their playground upgrade, as that is an area in which she works.

Cllr Andy Anderson referred to an email he had sent out about the sum of £2,000 which had been set aside for the cost an election and suggested that this could now be donation towards the playground equipment. Cllr Derek Yeomans agreed with that suggestion. Cllr Andy Anderson said we will consider an application and debate it at a future meeting.

- ii). **Annual Curry Rivel Kids ‘Free’ Fun Event - £465 for the Climbing Wall**
Mrs Kaye Morgan confirmed that the company supplying the Climbing Wall was covered by insurance and the grant application for £465 was approved on the proposal of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Robert Atkins.

623). **UPDATE FROM SCC CHAIRMAN’S AWARD**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that for a number of reasons he had missed the closing date and could not get a form to put forward Madelaine’s name. He had written to the person responsible for the Awards and they were unable to do anything. He had spoken to Ted King-Oakley and we can always put Madelaine’s name forward next year. He was very sorry for missing the date.

624). **UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Cllr Clare Aparicio said it was early days but the Health & Wellbeing grant is being resurrected and applications will open in September

625). **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence

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

- a) Road Markings and speed of cars that enter and exit Maple Road onto Stanchester Way
- b). Co-option of new Parish Councillor
- c). Primary School Equipment Grant

CHAIRMAN_____ **DATE**_____