

**MINUTES OF MEETING
held on Thursday, 6th February 2020
in the Village Hall**

**Curry
Rivel
Parish
Council**



Above the levels

PREENT:- Cllrs. Andy Anderson, Peter Goodenough, Les Hood, Terry Mounter, Edward Rosa, Simon Scarborough, David Wadeson and Derek Yeomans.

738). DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

739). APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

740). MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2020

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated to the members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Les Hoof.

741). MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

a). **Curry Rivel Live**

Cllr. Andy Anderson had invited Fred Ashworth to attend the meeting as he would be organising Curry Rivel Live this year. He was aware that the councillors might have some questions to raise regarding the organisation of this event. Cllr Derek Yeomans said he was pleased to learn that Mr Ashford ran these events as a general rule. His concerns had been very much alaide and he was sure that he would make a great success of it. Mr Ashford said that he had no intention to change anything.

b). **Westfield Play Area**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he had received an email from South Somerset District Council. It advised that several years ago it awarded the Parish /Council 106 Funding from a nearby development which was used to purchase and install new play. A retention sum of £2,174 was held back by SSDC as there was an outstanding condition that the Parish Council had not fulfilled. They had not heard back from the Parish Council and this retention is still held by SSDC. They would like to release This sum to the Parish Council but, there are a couple of conditions. Condition one is that the Parish Council must commission SSDC to carry out a post-installation inspection of the play area youth facilities and pay the District Council a fee of £250 for each time this service is provided. There is a further condition that there is a ten-year maintenance and repair plan for the new facilities. We need to prepare a maintenance plan so that we can submit it. Once that is submitted, we would receive the sum of £2,174 from SSDC. It was also worth mentioning that SSDC also has £22,427 secured from Section 106 for local development, towards playing pitch, changing room provision and Westfield recreation ground. They would like to have a discussion with us about this and how that could be spent. There is a deadline for this to be spent by May 2021. If not, it may have to be repaid to the developer. It was hoped that we could come to some arrangement as we would not want to risk this funding to the disadvantage of Curry Rivel.

Cllr Andy Anderson considered that we should progress this in some way. He felt that the provision of Changing Rooms was not a good idea as the football Pitch is not used. Consideration could be given to installing a Tennis Court or some other facility that people would use.

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Cllr Andy Anderson would send this information out to the councillors for consideration and it would feature on the March Agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that at one time the idea of installing a Bowling Green had been very popular. .

Adjournment to Allow Public Comment

742). SECTION 106 - LINTON HOUSE

Following receipt of a draft Section 106 Agreement for this land from Tozers Solicitors for South Somerset District Council, there was a discussion concerning whether the agreement correctly reflected the “Heads of Terms” protocol agreed between Curry Rivel Parish Council and Mr Philip Ward. It was suggested by Cllr Peter Goodenough that a solicitor specialising in Parish Council matters be asked for an estimate of costs to the Parish Council in discussions with Tozers. This was proposed by Cllr Andy Anderson, seconded by Cllr Peter Goodenough.

743). PLANNING REPORT

a). Applications Received

No. 19/03449/FUL

Proposed erection of a single storey dwelling. Land at Portway Cottage, Portway, Langport, Somerset.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Derek Yeomans and seconded by Cllr Andy Anderson that the Parish Council recommend approval. A vote taken resulted in seven in favour – Cllrs, Andy Anderson, Les Hood, Terry Mounter, Ed Rosa, Simon Scarborough and Derek Yeomans and one against, Cllr Peter Goodenough .

No. 20/00014/FUL

Change of use of land and formation of tennis court with associated fencing. Redhill House, Heale Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerset TA10 0PQ

It was proposed by Cllr Terry Mounter and seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans that this application be approved and this was unanimously agreed.

744). FINANCE REPORT

(a). Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment on the proposal of Cllr Simon Scarborough, seconded by Cllr Peter Goodenough

Clerk's Wages Month 10 £348.90

b). Submission of Precept 2020/2021

The Clerk advised that our Precept for 2020/2021 in the sum of £39,310 had been submitted to South Somerset District Council and had been acknowledged.

b). Change of Bank

The Clerk advised that she had contacted Lloyds Bank in Taunton and had been advised that it would have to be done on-line and she had requested information to be sent to her. Parish Councils are treated in the same way as charities where numerous signatures are required. She wondered if there was another bank that would be more suitable than Lloyds. Following further discussion, during which various suggestions were put forward, it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain the appropriate form for the councillors to sign to ensure that the bank has all of the relevant signatures for the signing of cheques.

745). REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR CLARE PAUL

County Cllr Clare Paul said that the Planning Department at District Council was in complete disarray. She referred to the possibility of District Councils becoming a Unitary ‘authority and their wish to remain independent. The County Council is suggesting that you essentially lose all of them and you have one unified authority. Personally, she thought that a Unitary Authority was the way forward and it was almost one of the single reasons why she wanted to do Parish Council, Town Council, District Council and County Council because herself. She had found herself confused, at times, as to which authority dealt with the various items. Having one authority made sense to her.

746). COMPUTER FOR THE WEBSITE

Cllr Ed Rosa had undertaken to deal with this item.

747). SPEED INDICATORS – update

Cllr Simon Scarborough presented detailed information about the various Speed Indicator signs available from the Smart Group. Following discussion, it was recommended that an order for two CID devices should be placed to be mounted on existing metal posts. It was recommended to go for rechargeable batteries with the solar panels. This would reduce the maintenance required throughout the bulk of the year. During shorter days and cloudy conditions etc. it would be necessary to re-charge the batteries periodically. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Andy Anderson that we agree a sum of £6,000 spread over two years. This was seconded by Cllr Ed Rosa and unanimously agreed.

748). VILLAGE GREEN

There was no update on this item.

749). ACCESS TO CRISP CLEAN--- update

Cllr Tony Greenaway had advised that he had contacted Crisp Clean and a meeting would be arranged.

750). BUS SHELTER – CHATHAM PLACE

The Clerk was asked to contact the Land Registry for information on the bus shelter at Chatham Place.

751). KEEP BRITAIN TIDY- 20th March to 13th April

South Somerset District Council will deliver the equipment required for the clean-up to the Car Park,

752). CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

753,. ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA.

- a), Westfield Play Area – update
- b(, Section 106 - Linton House – update
- c). Change of Bank – update
- d). Computer for the Website – Cllr Ed Rosa to report
- e). Village Green – update
- f). Access to Crisp Clean – Cllr Tony Greenaway to report
- g). Bus Shelter – Chatham Place - - Clerk to report
- h). Keep Britain Tidy – update
- i) St Margaret’s Hospice – request for help

CHAIRMAN_____ **DATE**_____