

MINUTES OF MEETING
held on Thursday, 6th December 2018 @ 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

**Curry
Rivel
Parish
Council**



Above the levels

PRESENT:- Cllr Andy Anderson (Chairman), Cllrs Robert Atkins, Mike Cousins, Paul Deacon, Peter Goodenough, Tony Greenaway, Tiffany Osborne and Derek Yeomans. County Cllr Clare Paul was also in attendance.

Cllr Andy Anderson apologised for the fact that an item referred to at the November meeting in respect of the Maple Road Survey had not been brought forward onto this month's Agenda and would now be carried forward until the January meeting. Also, the request received from Simon Champion for the use of Westfield and Eastfield for Curry Rivel Live had not been included on the Agenda and would be discussed under 'Matters arising not on the Agenda'.

513). DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

514). APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

515). MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8th NOVEMBER 2018

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.

516). MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

a). Curry Rivel Live and Picnic in the Park

Cllr Andy Anderson said that an email had been received from Simon Champion concerning these events. He was present this evening and was asked to explain exactly what was planned. Simon Champion explained that, as in previous years, Curry Rivel Live would be held on the Saturday. It was a family event with music in the evening. This year, as the Sunday would be Fathers' Day, we could have a Picnic in the Park in the afternoon for about two hours. We could invite everyone along again by ticket and they would bring along their own food and drink. They would book a big band that people could sit and listen to. They would like permission to use Westfield for that weekend and negotiate the use of Eastfield for parking.

Cllr Andy Anderson said that he was concerned about how they would prevent people from camping out overnight on the Saturday to turn up for the Sunday event. Simon Champion said that the car park in Eastfield would be monitored and he was looking to book the services of official marshals. It will be locked at the end of the evening. There is nowhere for anyone to camp in Westfield because of the way it is secured by a lock and the whole site has to be cleared by the end of the evening. It will be patrolled by security. If anyone tries to camp over-night they will be moved on.

Cllr Derek Yeomans questioned whether it could be guaranteed that every item of rubbish will be removed at the end of the events and was assured that the marshals will be there to monitor the situation.

Cllr Paul Deacon said that Cllr Andy Anderson had addressed his concerns about overnight camping. The car park had previously been controlled by a group of volunteers and it was assumed that the marshals would be providing traffic warden type security in Eastfield and make sure that no-one camps overnight. Simon Champion said that the employment of marshals for the control of traffic will make it more official and Cllr Mike Cousins pointed out that you have to have the proper road signage to enable you to enforce it.

Cllr Andy Anderson asked if there were any objections to this event taking place on Sunday and advised that there were no objections. It could be set up as a trial next year to see how it goes and this was unanimously agreed.

b). **Christmas Tree Re-Cycle**

Cllr Andy Anderson advised that he had contacted the District Council this week and they will be making the same arrangements this year. We propose to set up in the Westfield Car Park again like last year and the collection end date has yet to be confirmed. This will not be until after the 14th December. Cllr Tiffany Osborne referred to the fact that there was a deadline for the Curry Rivel News, which she thought was the 12th. Cllr Andy Anderson said that we could put an item into the Curry Rivel News advising that the collection would take place from Westfield. Residents could dispose of their Christmas trees providing the set-up is there because we have to confirm the final date for collection by the District Council. We will also put the relevant details onto the Website and posters could also be displayed. Cllr Tony Greenaway asked whether they were still taking the trees at the Re-cycling Depots as well and advised that they were.

c). **Grit Bins**

Cllr Peter Goodenough said he had gone through his files and had discovered that we had bought ten grit bins in 2011. He had a list of where they were sited. There had been an arrangement in place for people to advise when the level of grit was low. The Clerk had a list which included the names of the volunteers and this needed to be up-dated. Cllr Paul Deacon said that he had checked the bins for the last three years and they were all full up. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that we need to identify some volunteers that would be willing to spread the grit if necessary. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that you do not have to put shovels full down. If you keep a small seed spreader in the bin you can get a thin, even spread of grit. We could put an item on the Website for volunteers to assist but, what would our obligations be if someone slipped and injured themselves. Cllr Andy Anderson said this could be put on as a future Agenda item

c). **Overgrown Hedge – Brick Wall Lane**

An email had been received from Cllr Tiffany Osborne advising that residents had complained about an overgrown hedge making it difficult to see at the top of Brick Wall Lane. The Clerk would follow this up.

Adjournment to Allow Public Comment

517). **PLANNING REPORT**

a). **Application received**

Planning Application No. 18/03728/OUT

Outline application for the erection of a dwelling.

Maurutania House, Hillside Close, Curry Rivel, Langport, TA10 0EZ

Cllr Mike Cousins said that, as a planning application, it only really counts for the land that the applicant needs to build on but, the proposed access is over private property. That is a civil matter. It says that you have the visibility for a 30mph speed limit but, you do get a lot of cars travelling along the road there. They will be going over a very narrow driveway coming out onto the main road and if someone wants to go in, two cars cannot pass each other there. Again, that has nothing

to do with the planning. He said that depending on what parish you are in or what County/District Council you come under, they have different ways of dealing with it. Some of them will not give a right of way but, others will. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that an adjacent resident who owns and maintains the driveway has granted a right of way to Mauretania House but, will not give a right of way for an additional dwelling. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that when you grant a right of way it is to the property and not the person. The resident has written saying that a right of way will not be given to the new house but, unfortunately, she cannot do that because she has already granted a right of way to Mauretania. They would have to gain access to connect a water and sewerage supply. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that Wessex Water have said that every house has to have an independent water supply. They are going to have to dig up that road right down to the entrance and this will result in the road being closed for a period of time. Cllr Andy Anderson said that looking at the Wessex Water plan the actual drainage and the system is actually on the main road. There is nothing connecting it to the household at all. Cllr Robert Atkins asked if they used Hillside Close as their exit and was advised that they could not use it at all. He felt that the main road had not been taken into consideration, which he felt was wrong. Property access should be part of the plan and they would be creating a new access for the new property. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that when they built Mauretania, they had to let Julia Jewel have access and once it is used you cannot take it away. Cllr Mike Cousins said that, as a planning application, there were no issues but, we should let the planners know that the access has to start playing a part into these problems. If not, it will cause more and more problems down the line.

Cllr Andy Anderson proposed that the Parish Council had no objection to the above planning application but, has concerns about the egress and access onto the main road and considered it essential that this aspect should be resolved as a condition of the planning approval. The problem of parked cars on the main road also needs to be taken into account. This was seconded by Cllr Tony Greenaway and unanimously agreed.

- b). Cllr Andy Anderson advised that he had written a letter to Mr. Macey about the planning application regarding the porch. Having checked the website he noted that the application had been withdrawn. He believed that they would be re-submitting with the correct application filled out regarding the ownership of the land. It might come back to the Parish Council for consideration. If so, it was hoped that Mr Macey would attend the meeting when it is discussed, so that we can have a fair discussion about it and make an informed decision.

Cllr Paul Deacon felt that we needed to have a conversation with Sandpits Heating about their use of the paved area outside Sandpits. Not to stop them using it but, he felt we should have something in writing to say that it is our property. Cllr Andy Anderson had said on the bottom of his letter that it might be a good idea if he could meet with Mr. Macey. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that we had to be firm and Cllr Andy Anderson felt that as long as we had something in writing that would satisfy the situation.

- c). Cllr Andy Anderson asked the councillors to make sure that they responded to District Cllr. Tiffany Osborne and himself concerning the email he had sent out in respect of Linton House.

518). **FINANCE REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment on the proposal of Cllr Robert Atkins, seconded by Cllr Paul Deacon:-

Cllr Tony Greenaway – Portable hard drive cases	£ 11.98
Clerk's Salary – Month 8	£ 333.60
Table Tennis Direct - replacement table	£ 429.00

Cllr Derek Yeomans questioned whether the payment of an invoice recently received from Curry Rivel in Bloom was extra to the grant of £1,500. Cllr Andy Anderson advised that he had a met with them last night and confirmed that payment of that invoice would come out of the grant.

b). **Comparison of expenditure against Budget 2018/2019 – to 6th December 2018**

Copies of this spreadsheet were circulated to the members for information. The Clerk advised that not many payments had gone out during the month.

Cllr Tony Greenaway said that there was still amount of £400 outstanding in respect of iPads for the Primary School. Cllr Andy Anderson asked how and when the payments were made. The Clerk advised that they were made by cheque when the invoice is received as evidence of purchase. He then questioned how the Primary School is advised that they have been awarded a grant of £400 for the purchase of iPads. Cllr Paul Deacon said that the Primary School had asked for the grant which was approved at that time. We do not seem to have a procedure following on from that. Cllr Robert Atkins said that a representative of the Primary School was at the meeting when a grant of up to £1,100 was approved and it depended on how much they raised themselves as to what they would require. Cllr Paul Deacon suggested that a letter giving a cut-off date for taking up the grant, after which the grant is withdrawn.

Cllr Andy Anderson instructed the Clerk to write to the Primary School advising that a grant of £400 had been awarded for the purchase of iPads and on presentation of the relevant invoices they will be given the £400. The offer of this grant will only be available until our meeting in February. Cllr Andy Anderson said that, in future, we needed to have a formal letter to say that a grant has been awarded which will be released on receipt of the relevant invoice/s and an expiry date given for a claim to be made. The Clerk pointed out that it was only the Primary School grant application that had become complicated.

c). **Finance Sub-Committee Meeting**

Cllr Andy Anderson said that we had a productive meeting on the Precept and we would be having another meeting just to dot the 'I's and cross the 'T's in December. After that meeting, we will send out a proposed Precept to the councillors so that, at the January meeting, when we come to approve the Precept it is a quick 'question and answer' session. The sub-committee would meet on Tuesday, 11th December at 5pm.

519). **BENCH IN MEMORY OF MADELAINE IN GRANNY'S GARDEN plus Ramp**

Essentially, Curry Rivel in Bloom want to erect a bench in Granny's Garden in memory of Madelaine and Cllr Andy Anderson understood that a bench had now been purchased. They have also sent off for a plaque to be placed on the bench. In addition to that, we would need to make an access to the garden from the footpath, both for able bodied and disabled people. We would need to make a ramp up into the garden so that people can get in to sit on the bench. He personally thought it was a good idea to have the bench in Granny's Garden and proposed from the Parish Council's point of view that the ramp may be a little more complicated and we have to get a number of quotations for this work. We will also have to consider it for the Precept in following years. The ramp will take a little longer to do and the proposal now is for the bench to be placed in Granny's Garden. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mike Cousins and unanimously agreed.

520). **WESTFIELD MAINTENANCE – Cllr Paul Deacon to Report**

Cllr Paul Deacon said that he sent a note around a short while ago. He was having trouble getting quotations to do this work. He had been to four or five people and we were looking at about £1,500. The MUGA is in a pretty dreadful state in certain areas and it has rusted more than he thought. He did not think we had done any maintenance on the MUGA other than perhaps once. That is going to cost £700 to treat the rust and paint it with rust-proof paint. He thought that we now needed to add a couple of brackets to the Basket Hoop where it has seriously corroded. He felt it would prove a

hazard if the brackets were not replaced. He was also looking at repairing or replacing the damaged barrier. They could also do that work whilst on site. The last thing is to replace the climbing wall. He felt that we could do this ourselves. You can buy packets of handholds for about £18. We have enough money in our budget this year for Westfield play equipment. For capital projects we have £1,750 left. We definitely do need to do the work required on the MUGA because it will continue to deteriorate and become a hazard. The play equipment is galvanized and it would be re-painted in four colours to replicate the existing colours. Cllr Derek Yeomans said it was going to need specialist paint. The access barrier has been driven into and damaged. An engineer had examined it and we will probably have to replace the barrier. He was waiting for quotations. Cllr Derek Yeomans suggested that he should contact the company that had installed the barrier because they might be able to repair it. Cllr Mike Cousins recommended that he contact CRS in Somerton. Cllr Paul Deacon asked if we could claim on our insurance. The Clerk would contact our insurers Zurich Municipal and advise that the work will cost in the region of £3,000. Cllr Paul Deacon proposed that the necessary maintenance work required on the play equipment, MUGA and climbing wall should be carried out. This was seconded by Cllr Andy Anderson and unanimously agreed. Cllr Paul Deacon said that he would obtain three quotations.

- 521). **UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATOR – Cllr Tony Greenaway to report**
Cllr Tony Greenaway advised that the defibrillator had now been installed and was working. Training had been booked for Saturday, 19th January. Signs advising the location of the defibrillators will be going up around the village.
- 522). **FAULTY LIGHT IN THE PASSAGEWAY – Clerk to report**
The Clerk advised that there are two lights in the passageway leading to the Car Park. Neither of the lighting units contained any information other than the figure 2 on one of them and it was difficult to know who to contact. Cllr Andy Anderson said that this evening both lights were working.
- 523). **FORMATION OF A YOUTH CLUB – update**
Cllr Andy Anderson said he had spoken to Isobel by email and asked her to provide evidence of the requirement for a Youth Club in Curry Rivel. Hopefully she will produce that by January next year and that will then give us a feeling as to whether or not there is a requirement for a Youth Club.
- 524). **NO PARKING SIGNS FOR THE CAR PARK ADJACENT TO THE AIR AMBULANCE BIN - UPDATE**
Cllr Paul Deacon said that he had spoken to Mrs Linham and had suggested that the best place for the sign was to put it on her wall because it faces right on to the hatched area. We would not need posts for the sign. He had obtained three quotations and the best one was from Tor Signs who were much cheaper than anyone else. He has given them the exact them the exact specifications and had obtained permission from Mrs Linham to put the sign up.
- 525). **REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
County Cllr Clare Paul said that following the conclusion of the Libraries Consultation, 15 communities were invited to submit expressions of interest with a view to running their own library. Positive responses have now been received from 13 of those communities. Discussions will now take place to start developing these sustainable community partnerships. The grit bins are now going to be filled. Cllr Paul Deacon asked if we now know the roads that have previously been gritted and will not now be gritted and was advised that a major list had been prepared and she would forward a copy. She felt that with the extra funds that the government has now released to the County Highways, we might find that some of the roads that were not going to be gritted, will be gritted. She said that if there were hot spots or a specific area that people have acute concern over, highways will give it their attention. Cllr Tony Greenaway asked if the government had given the Highways Department more money for the repair of pot holes in the last Budget and how soon it would find its

way down. District Cllr Tiffany Osborne’s monthly report featured in the December issue of Curry Rivel News.

526). **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Cllr Andy Anderson said he did not have a lot to say, expect to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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

- a). Setting the Precept for 2019/2020
- b). Combined Charities
- c). Curry Rivel in Bloom Finance
- d). Maple Road Survey
- e). Grit Bins

CHAIRMAN_____ **DATE**_____