

MINUTES OF MEETING
held on Thursday, 1st June 2017 @ 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

**Curry
Rivel
Parish
Council** 
Above the levels

PRESENT: Cllrs Madelaine King-Oakley (Chairman), Mike Cousins, Peter Goodenough, Tony Greenaway and Tiffany Osborne and Derek Yeomans.

416). **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

417). **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Andy Anderson, Robert Atkins and Paul Deacon.

418). **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH May 2017**

Cllr Tony Greenaway drew attention to planning application No. 17/02028/TEA submitted by Telefonica UK Ltd., for the erection of a 17.5 "Jupiter" Single stack street pole. In the minutes it had been shown as 17.5" and he questioned whether it should read metres. The Clerk said that the planning application only stated 17.5 and it would appear that the inverted commas fronting the word Jupiter had become attached in error. Subject to this amendment and on the proposition of Cllr Mike Cousins, seconded by Cllr Peter Goodenough, the minutes were duly approved.

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

a). **Maintenance of pavements**

Cllr Tiffany Osborne had received an email from a resident about the maintenance of pavements. This was considered to be the responsibility of Somerset County Council Highways and Cllr Derek Yeomans suggested that contact should be made with Street Scene via the Lufton Depot. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that we would normally ask our County Councillor to speak to the resident and it was agreed to forward this enquiry to County Cllr Clare Aparicio Paul.

b). **Posters**

Cllr Mike Cousins said that he had no complaint about posters being erected in the village but, he objected to those that are not taken down after the relevant event. Following discussion, it was agreed to put an article into the Curry Rivel News drawing attention to this problem and also a mention on the Website.

c). **Street Naming Signs**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Denise Wallace who apologised for not getting back to us. She did confirm that they would provide the street naming plates and would arrange a site visit to all the locations.

d). **Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September**

The Clerk suggested that we could purchase a Red Ensign flag to raise on the flag pole. This could be raised on the 3rd September for four days and taken down on the following Monday. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley that a Red Ensign Flag be purchased for a maximum of £70. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans and unanimously agreed.

- e). **Forces Day – 24th June**
The Clerk would arrange for a Union flag to be flown on the Village Green to mark this day.
- f). **Deaf/Plus**
A request had been received from this organisation for their caravan to be adjacent to the Village Green on the 27th July.

Adjournment to Allow Public Comment

Sir Peter Wallace advised that he was still sitting on the Neighbourhood Watch funds but, he was no longer involved. He felt there was not enough activity going on in Neighbourhood Watch to justify maintaining the account. He would be very happy to return it, unless there was someone willing to take it on. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that she had been speaking to Steve Benny and he had said that if details were sent to him he might consider what he could do about re-organising it. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that he had organised the original Neighbourhood Watch and he would be able to give him some background information.

Alan Norton wished to apologise to the Britain in Bloom Committee concerning the forthcoming works to the Post Office. A simple repair at the exterior had turned into a much more serious matter and has now entailed calling on the services of a structural engineer. The outside rendering is likely to fall off during the winter and the roof has also got to come off. It was intended to have this work done in June but, the Highways had turned down their application because we would need traffic lights and scaffolding. Unfortunately, it would now be from the 4th July, which would clash with the Britain in Bloom event. There would be cones down from the King William and scaffolding would be erected around the Post Office. Alan Norton said that if the work was delayed until next year there was the danger of the rendering starting to fall off the walls. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley thanked Mr Norton for advising the Parish Council of the situation.

PCSO Fiona Wilson who was based at Somerton was in attendance on behalf of PCSO Malissa Thompson who covered Curry Rivel. She did not have a specific report for Curry Rivel but, in general, we have a slight increase of thefts from sheds and outbuildings which have not been left secured. We need to get a message out to people that they need to be a bit more careful with security and should mark their property. Alan Norton said that he had a supply of pens in the Post Office that when used to mark property can be seen under ultra violet light and he offered to make these available. Cllr Derek Yeomans suggested that the funds held by Neighbourhood Watch could be used to purchase some of these pens as our stock in trade. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley thanked PCSO Fiona Wilson for her attendance.

420). **PLANNING REPORT**

a). **Applications received**

17/02261/FUL and 17/02262/LBC

The carrying out of various alterations to include demolition of wood store and garage, erection of utility room and detached double garage, replacement windows on rear elevation of dwelling, removal of pier to widen driveway and rebuilding of stone wall. Coombstock House, Langport Road, Curry Rivel, Langport.

On the proposition of Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley, seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this planning application.

No. 17/01843/FUL

The erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling with attached workshop/store and associated access. Home Farm, Wiltown, Curry Rivel, Langport.

The applicant, Henry Lang, advised that there was one change to the application with the building being put further into the corner. It was confirmed that the property would be tied to the farm. On the proposition of Cllr Peter Goodenough, seconded by Cllr Mike Cousins, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council fully supported this application. Cllr Peter Goodenough said he supported it because it was being provided for people employed in the village.

No. 17/02158/FUL

Erection of two storey side extension. Sunnyside Cottage, Peel Barton Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport.

On the proposition of Cllr Mike Cousins, seconded by Cllr Tony Greenaway, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this planning application.

b). **AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
17/00918/OUT**

Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling with associated parking. King William Inn, Langport Road, Curry Rivel, Langport.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley wished to record that after the last meeting, Sara Kelly of SSDC had suggested that, because the meeting was a bit further ahead for the opportunity to discuss a Community Purchase, that we submitted a Community Right to Bid form for the Public House and car park. She had taken the decision because she felt that we were very much against losing the Pub. It means that it delays the sale by six months. However, we are not sure how that affects the planning process. A Community Right to Bid application has been submitted by us and accepted.

Cllr Derek Yeomans said that puts the planning application approval on hold for the period. If there is a higher bid than the one that is going to be made by the Community Bid, they are quite at liberty to accept that. That makes the Community Purchase null and void. He was talking to the owner last night and the problem was that there are going to be eight parking spaces on that site under the current plans. He felt that was something we would have to look at.

Cllr Mike Cousins asked whether the owner sets the price. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that the owner has stated a price that they want for the business and the car park. The Community Bid has to come up with a better offer within a reasonable time for that to be allowed, on the grounds that if they have a meeting on the 6th June attended by a number of people it is unlikely, even at £500 a share, that sort of money being raised. In answer to a question raised by Cllr Mike Cousins, Cllr Derek Yeomans said that if someone came in with an offer over the present asking price the owner would be quite at liberty to accept it.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley drew attention to the fact that it was only an Outline Planning Application and the question of parking appeared to be a problem. Cllr Mike Cousins felt that it was over-development in that area. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that with the parking spaces as proposed, if someone parks in the wrong space this would create a major problem.

On the proposal of Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley, seconded by Cllr Mike Cousins, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council objects to this planning application because of its link with the King William Pub. The parking area would be unsustainable and could not be managed under current regulations or in practice. A Community Right to Bid for the purchase of the pub has been submitted and if the planning application was successful, it could affect the popularity and use of a popular pub.

c). **Application permitted
17/02124/NMA**

Application for a non-material amendment to approval 16/04522/S73 to allow minor changes to parking arrangements, garage locations and external materials. Land North of Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel, Langport

d). **Applications approved with conditions**

17/01138/S73

Application to vary condition No. 02 (approved plans) of 15/03009/FUL for the addition of a garden room to the rear of plot 4. The Bungalow, Church Road, Curry Rivel, Langport.

17/01044/OUT

Outline application for the erection of an agricultural worker dwelling. Red Hill Farm, Red Hill, Curry Rivel, Langport.

e). **Application refused**

17/00935/FUL

Removal of hedge and replace with close-board timber fence (retrospective). Old Churchway, Churchway, Curry Rivel, Langport.

f). **Application withdrawn**

17/01431/FUL

The erection of a detached dwelling. Land Adj. to The Poplars, Water Street, Curry Rivel, Langport.

421). **FINANCE REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment on the proposition of Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley, seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans.

Sandpits Heating – 40 No. Tree Stakes	£ 97.60 incl. vat
Old Oak Farm – work at Westfield, Eastfield and Allotments	£1,440.00 incl. vat
South Somerset District Council – supply & fit Waste Bin	£ 420.31 incl. vat
The Traditional Rope Co - BIB	£ 148.00 incl. vat
Clerk's Wages – Month 2	£ 332.00
Clerk's Expenses – 1 st April 2016 to 31st March 2017	£ 917.87

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley advised that the sum of £237.00 had been raised at the recent plant sale.

b). **Year End documents to be submitted to the Internal Auditor**

The Clerk had prepared the relevant documents for submission to Chalmers & Co. Chartered Accountants and copies were circulated to the members for information.

Referring to the Balance Sheet, Cllr Derek Yeomans expressed concern about the fact that our Total Reserves were down on last year and that in future years funding could become tighter. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that SALC recommended that our Total Reserves at the end of the year should be in line with our Precept.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley proposed that the accounts are passed for submission to the Internal Auditor. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans and unanimously agreed. The Chairman signed the Supporting Statement to the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet.

422). **SSDC Contractor – update**

In the absence of Cllr Paul Deacon, discussion of this item was deferred until the July meeting.

423). **DEFIBRILLATOR – update**

Cllr Tony Greenaway said it was agreed that he should make enquiries to see what was happening and what we could obtain. There was a company in Taunton called Heartstart and they knew all about the original defibrillator installed and wanted to know why it had not been replaced. They have offered to put a package together for us to include a replacement cabinet door with a locked

handle, fitting that door and putting a cabinet in the ambulance service data base all for a price of £980 and installing it in the original location. Cllr Derek Yeomans asked if we were going put it outside the garage in the existing cabinet but, with a lock and Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley confirmed that this was the case. He also asked if the garage was happy with the cost of the constant charging of the unit and was advised that this was the case.

On the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Tiffany Osborne it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation provided by Heart Stop in the sum of £980.

Cllr Tony Greenaway said that they were also prepared to put on a private workshop for us in the village to train up to sixteen people for the cost of £160 i.e. £10 per head. He felt that we clearly needed to promote this within the community. He has already put a button onto the Website and would put an article into the Curry Rivel News in July. Following discussion during which various suggestions were put forward, it was agreed that the training should be provided at a cost of £10 per head to those taking part. Training would be offered from sixteen years of age upwards.

Cllr Tony Greenaway said that it had been suggested that we should consider the possibility of having more Defibrillators around the Village. Not necessarily funded by the Parish Council but, funded through other sources. It was agreed that we should endeavour to get the initial Defibrillator up and running before considering the purchase of others.

424). **REPLACEMENT OF BUS STOP SIGN OPPOSITE THE ONE STOP SHOP – update**

County Cllr Clare Aparicio Paul said that if the sign has been broken and removed, the County Council would look to replace it. She would raise this matter again tomorrow.

425). **QUOTATIONS IN RESPECT OF SIGNS FOR WESTFIELD/EASTFIELD – update**

In the absence of Cllr Paul Deacon, this item was deferred until the July meeting.

426). **FLOODING PROJECT – update**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said at the last meeting it had been brought to our attention that there was one resident who had been persuaded not to commit to the offer by FWAG. There is a grant available but, she has refused it. Cllr Derek Yeomans had spoken to her and one of her reasons for not committing was because her field would be flooded and she does not like the idea. She does not have a problem with flooding at present. It was pointed out that the Nursey has agreed to accept the offer but, there is a path going down a hill and they are going to put an attenuation pond either side of it. Cllr Derek Yeomans pointed out that water is something that you do not control unless it wants to go there and water is going to run down the path. Cllr Mike Cousins said that they would put a camber on the path and a drain on each side. The third person who had been approached was Patricia Summerhayes.

427). **HIRE OF MARQUEES – update**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley advised that we have two fairly large marquees and have received two bookings for them this year. One of the events is in respect of the Church Fete in case it rains and the Village Hall is not available. The second booking had been made by the Royal British Legion for a drinks party. As they are both charities they are only being charged £20 each. Following discussion, it was agreed to ask for a deposit to be repaid if the marquees were returned in good order. It was suggested that a list should be drawn up listing everything connected with the marquee which could be checked on return. A deposit of £100 would be requested in the form of a cheque that would not be banked before the event and returned provided the marquees were intact. Cllr Tony Greenaway would advertise the availability of the marquees on the Community Website.

428). **REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Cllr Clare Aparicio Paul advised that as of next month she would prepare a Newsletter. Cllr Derek Yeomans was helping her to get to know the officers. She was pleased about the fact that we were talking about flooding and water works. It was an issue quite close to her heart. She had now

been chosen to be the substitute on the Somerset Rivers Authority. If there is anything we think she could help with, just email her.

District Cllr Tiffany Osborne's monthly report was featured in the Curry Rivel News.

429). **COUNCILLORS' – updates**

- a) Cllr Peter Goodenough said that a lot of work had been carried out in respect of Britain in Bloom, particularly on the area around the War Memorial.
- b). Cllr Tony Greenaway advised that we were waiting to hear about the grant requested in respect of the Display Screen.
- c). Cllr Mike Cousins said that he would be fitting shelves into the Container. Where new the play equipment has been put means that we cannot get vehicles down to the container any more. He suggested that we could make a pull-in just behind the container with access from the lane and he would look into this.
- d). Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that a meeting of the group dealing with Finance and Personnel would be meeting on Thursday, 29th June.

CHAIRMAN_____ DATE_____