



Coffinswell Parish Council

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Coffinswell & Dacombe

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MINUTES OF THE COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2021 7PM AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Present: Cllr A Parkes (Chairman), Cllr A Brent, Cllr S Avery, Cllr V Flower, Cllr N Orchard
In attendance: Mrs J Thompson – Clerk
One member of the public

1. The Chairman to open the meeting and receive apologies.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Apologies were received from Cllr A Dewhurst, Cllr M Haines and S and I Spokes.

2. To declare any interests arising at this meeting: None

3. Reports:

3.1 County Councillor's Report – no report available.

3.2 District Councillor's Report – no report available.

3.3 Police Advocate and Neighbourhood Watch reports and updates regularly circulated.

4. Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting:

It was proposed by Cllr S Avery, seconded by Cllr N Orchard and agreed by all who were present at the meeting to approve the minutes of Tuesday 19th October 2021, after removing 'formalise' and replacing with 'confirm' under item 9.2.

5. Finance

5.1 It was proposed by Cllr A Brent, seconded by Cllr S Avery and agreed by all to approve the payment schedule.

5.2 It was proposed by Cllr A Brent, seconded by Cllr S Avery and agreed by all to approve the bank reconciliation for October, which was signed by Cllr A Parkes and the Clerk.

5.3 The draft budget and precept for 2022 – 23 was discussed at length and it was proposed by Cllr A Brent, seconded by Cllr S Avery and agreed by all to work towards a 5% increase on last year's figures. The final budget and precept will be agreed at the January 2022 meeting.

6. Funding & Grants

6.1 It was proposed by Cllr S Avery, seconded by Cllr A Brent and agreed by all to cease providing an annual grant to the church as advised by Government legislation. Instead, it was agreed to make an amount of funding available to local organisations to cover the cost of hiring the church for community events etc. This arrangement will be reviewed annually.

6.2 Cllr A Brent is researching electric trimmers, with a view to making a purchase before the end of the financial year.

7. Footpaths and Highways:

7.1 The survey detailing the condition of all drains and gullies in Coffinswell and Dacombe was still being investigated by DCC Highways. Cllr A Parkes will contact Highways for an update.

7.2 Cllr N Orchard reported that work to update the footpaths and walks information section of the website has been completed for Coffinswell; and he will now start on walks in Dacombe. It was reported that the bench along Footpath 1 had been thrown in the stream; it was suggested that a new one be purchased using CIL money. Cllr S Avery and Cllr V Flower have been clearing gullies and buddles in the parish.

8. To note any correspondence received:

To include any other items that do not relate to planning or enforcement, plus any other standing orders that have been omitted on this agenda, that should be otherwise included.

None

9. Parish Matters:

9.1 The launch of the Teignbridge Local Plan Part 3 was noted; and the consultation period will run from 15th November 2021 until 24th January 2022.

It was noted that there was a proposal for a solar farm along Ridgeway Lane.

9.2 Councillors and the Clerk reviewed the Code of Conduct; and the Clerk will update the document accordingly.

9.3 The Clerk advised Cllrs that there was no longer a need to suspend the meeting for members of the public to talk, as this is shown as an agenda item and covered by standing orders.

9.4 There was no update on our request to increase Cllr numbers.

9.5 It was proposed by Cllr S Avery, seconded by Cllr N Orchard and agreed by all to reduce PC meetings to seven per year.

10. Planning and enforcement public question time:

A period of five minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding planning applications and/or enforcement issues that affect Coffinswell Parish Council.

None

11. Planning:

11.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

21/02321/HOU – Court Barton Cottage, Coffinswell

Installation of in-ground swimming pool

There were no objections to this proposal

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11.2 The following decisions were noted:

21/01812/FUL – Marvcombe, Footland Lane, Coffinswell

Erection of an agricultural livestock building

Grant of conditional planning permission

12. Enforcement Issues:

It had been noted that bonfires were once again being conducted on land opposite The Bothy; Cllrs to keep an eye on this.

13. General public question time:

Ten minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment on the work of Coffinswell Parish Council or on matters arising that affect the Council.

None

14. The date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 18th January 2022 7pm at St Bartholomew's Church.

Tuesday 23rd November working party meeting at St Bartholomew's Church.

The meeting ended at 9:18 pm

Signed:
Chairman of Coffinswell Parish Council

Dated: