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MINUTES OF THE COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 20TH JULY 2021 AT 7:15PM AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Present: Cllr A Parkes (Chairman), Cllr A Brent, Cllr S Avery, Cllr V Flower

In attendance: Cllr A Dewhirst (DCC), Cllr M Haines (TDC), Mrs J Thompson – Clerk
Two members of the public

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:17pm.

Apologies were received from Cllr N Orchard, J Austin, C Austin and N Inwood.

The Chairman informed all that tonight's meeting was being held in the grounds of St Bartholomew's Church to make the meeting as covid safe as possible.

2. To declare any interests arising at this meeting:

None

The Council will adjourn for the following item:

3. Reports:

3.1 County Councillor's Report – available to view on website.

3.2 District Councillor's Report:

Cllr M Haines discussed the TDC Local Plan Consultation and said that although Coffinswell was not immediately affected, the PC should still view the general policies of the plan.

Cllr M Haines also reported that he had been re-elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee for another year; and that he was aware of the outstanding planning applications and enforcement issues currently affecting Coffinswell.

3.3 Police Report:

Cllr V Flower reported that he had attended the Police Advocates seminar today where discussion included getting reports out to Parish Councils and the low availability of Police in rural areas.

3.4 NHW Report – reports regularly circulated.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business:

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

It was agreed by all who were present at the meeting to approve the minutes of Tuesday 15th June 2021.

5. Finance

5.1 All Cllrs agreed to approve the payments required and the schedule was signed by Cllr A Parkes and Cllr S Avery.

5.2 All Cllrs agreed to approve the bank reconciliation for June 2021 which was signed by Cllr A Parkes.

5.3 Cllrs noted the quarterly budget update and suggested holding another working party in September to progress projects and plans.

6. Funding & Grants

None

7. Footpaths and Highways:

It was noted that the gully sucker had cleared most of the drains and gullies: Cllr S Avery will record the locations of those that have been missed and forward them to the Clerk. Clerk to contact DCC Highways to find out when the jetting team will be visiting.

The Chairman offered to assist Cllr A Brent with the strimming of the footpaths.

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 Cllrs agreed the updated Strategic Plan action plan which the Clerk will publish on the website.

9.2 The Chairman will look at the new website and report any immediate changes required to the Clerk; ideas and new material can be discussed in more detail at the September meeting.

9.3 It was proposed by Cllr A Parkes, seconded by Cllr V Flower and agreed by all to adopt the Expenses Policy.

9.4 It was proposed by Cllr S Avery, seconded by Cllr A Brent and agreed by all to adopt the Training Policy.

9.5 It was proposed by Cllr A Brent, seconded by Cllr A Parkes and agreed by all for the Clerk to purchase Microsoft Office 365 for the laptop.

The Council will adjourn for the following item:

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.

Residents commented on the TDC Local Plan and highlighted the fact that it did not directly affect Coffinswell and Dacombe.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business:

11. Planning:

To comment on the following application:

21/01285/FUL – Rose Cottage, Coffinswell

Install a new wastewater treatment plant

The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal and were happy to support it.

To note the following decisions:

21/01278/CAN – The Cones, Connybear Lane, Coffinswell

Fell one cypress

Teignbridge District Council does not object to this proposal

21/00881/HOU – School House, Coffinswell

Demolish summer house and replace with glazed potting shed

Grant of conditional planning permission

21/00746/HOU – Court Barton Cottage, Coffinswell

Greenhouse, pergola and garden shed

Grant of conditional planning permission

20/02141/FUL – Land at Watercress Meadow, Dacombe
Agricultural storage building and raising of ground level
Refusal of planning permission

12. Enforcement Issues:

12.1 The Chairman explained that the PC had written to TDC Planning Dept regarding concerns over outstanding enforcement issues and the length of time that planning application decisions were taking. The Chairman read the PC's letter to TDC together with their reply; both of which will be published on the website.

12.2 After investigation and discussion, the matter of the assumed reconstruction of stables in Downaway Lane was closed.

12.3 After investigation and discussion, it was decided to delay investigation into the construction of an unauthorised barn in Footland Lane, when visibility to the site would be improved.

The Council will adjourn for the following item:

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.

The PC thanked the resident who had repaired potholes in Footland Lane.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business:

14. To agree to hold a Part Two meeting:

This was postponed.

15. To agree the date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 21st September 2021 7:15 pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Coffinswell.

The meeting ended at 8:41 pm

Signed:
Chairman of Coffinswell Parish Council

Dated: