



Coffinswell Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2022 7PM AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Present: Cllr N Orchard (Chair from item 1), Cllr S Avery, Cllr A Brent, Cllr V Flower
In attendance: Cllr A Dewhirst, Mrs J Thompson - Clerk
Three members of the public

- 1. Election of Chair and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Cllr S Avery proposed and Cllr V Flower seconded that Cllr N Orchard be elected as Chair, this was agreed by all and the new Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2. Election of Vice Chair and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Cllr A Brent proposed and Cllr V Flower seconded that Cllr S Avery be elected as Vice Chair, this was agreed by all and the Vice Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3. The Chairman to open the meeting and receive apologies.**
The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:09 pm.
There were no apologies.
On behalf of the PC, the Chair thanked the previous Chair - A Parkes for all that he had done during his term, remarking on the considerable amount of time and effort spent in moving things forward and wished him all the very best.
The Chair also thanked all those responsible for organising the jubilee party, the donation of the marquee and use of the field. Thanks, were also given for the beacon lighting and the invitation for the whole village to attend an 80th birthday party.
- 4. To declare any interests arising at this meeting:**
None
- 5. Reports:**
 - 5.1** County Councillor's Report – report read out.
 - 5.2** District Councillor's Report – no report.
 - 5.3** Police Advocate and Neighbourhood Watch reports and updates regularly circulated.
- 6. Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting:**
It was agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meetings of Tuesday 17th May 2022.
- 7. Finance**
 - 7.1** It was agreed by all to approve the payment schedule.
 - 7.2** It was agreed by all to approve the bank reconciliations for May 2022.

8. Audit 2021-22

8.1 The Internal Auditor's Report was noted.

8.2 The Annual Governance Statement was agreed, approved and signed.

8.3 The Annual Accounting Statement was agreed, approved and signed.

9. Funding & Grants

9.1 Funds received for purchasing new litter picking equipment have now been spent.

10. Footpaths and Highways:

10.1 Cllr S Avery reported on rocks placed along Connybear Lane preventing the use of the passing place; this has been reported to DCC Highways. Cllr A Dewhirst said that he thought the verge belonged to the landowner, but if the rocks are likely to damage cars then DCC may be able to remove them. The Chair to visit the landowner to ask if the passing place could be reinstated.

10.2 To receive an update on any other highways issues:

The Chair had attended the P3 strimmer course. Cllr A Brent to strim Footpath No.1.

11. 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

12. Parish Matters:

12.1 A public consultation for the solar farm proposal is provisionally booked for 26th July 2022.

12.2 The Clerk advised that it was not appropriate for the PC to hold onto profits from the successful jubilee events, therefore it was suggested that a committee be set up to hold the funds and decide how they are spent.

12.3 To receive any further updates on parish matters.

Interest has been received in filling the Cllr vacancy, both from the parish and outside. It was agreed that it would be preferable to have a Cllr from within the parish sit on the PC.

13. 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

14. Planning:

14.1 The following planning application was discussed:

22/00760/FUL – Court Barton Farm, Coffinswell
Agricultural building for the storage of machinery

There were no objections to this proposal.

14.2 To note the following planning decision:

22/00417/CAN – Brook Cottage, Coffinswell

Reduce height of two Lawson cypress and the felling of one Lawson cypress.

Teignbridge District Council does not object to this proposal.

15. Enforcement Issues:

Clerk to chase any outstanding enforcement issues.

16. 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.

17. The date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 20th September 2022. The meeting ended at 8:16pm

Signed:

Chairman of Coffinswell Parish Council

Dated: