

**MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th May 2019**

1. **Present:** Hilary Shergold, Ian Baker, Howard Sleaf, Kate Lewis, James Morris, Michael Rogers, Claire Sully
2. **Apologies:-** None
3. **Declarations of Interest:-** None
4. **Public Participation:-** Five
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019** Approved and signed
6. **Matters arising:-**
 1. **Relocation of Parish Notice Board currently outside the old village shop** – A suggestion had been put forward to place it at the bottom of Coombe Cottages but it was agreed that this will be put on the agenda at a later date once more is known about what is going to happen to the site.
 2. **New grit/salt bin in Duncart Lane** – After a site visit, it was acknowledged that the lane was too narrow to site a new bin apart from on private land. The suggestion was made that grit/salt would be delivered from the general store in cold conditions. This will be revisited at a later date once it is known that the general stock is going to be located.
 3. **Lease on Playing Field** – The draft copy has not arrived from Somerset County Council, but when it has been received it will be brought back to the agenda
 4. **Councillor Responsible for storing village salt/grit and distributing when necessary** – This will be brought back to the agenda when a storage place has been confirmed.
 5. **Councillor Responsible for Checking the Defibrillators on a monthly basis.** Howard will continue to check the one in the Phone Box on the main road and Michael will check the one outside the village hall.
 6. **Councillor Responsible for Footpaths through the Parish** – Claire Sully
 7. **Councillor Responsible for Highways Issues** – James Morris
 8. **Councillor Responsible for Flooding Issues** – Kate Lewis
 9. **Training Courses for Councillors** – Dates were given out for Essential Councillor Training
- 7. Planning -**
 - 7.1 - 2019/0410/HSE** – Refurbishment and alterations to property including a store extension to existing garage. Replacement of constructed stone on front gable with natural stone and alteration to conservatory into living area including replacing glazed roof with tiled.
Location – Kismet, Fayreway, Croscombe..
Already approved via email and granted permission by Mendip District Council
 - 7.2 - 2019/0282/TCA** – Works to trees in a conservation area: T1 & T2 – Cypress Fell T3 – Birch reduce by 1/3. Location – The Laurels, Poundfold, Croscombe.
Already approved via email and Mendip have said a TPO is not required
 - 7.3 - 2019/0669/TCA** – Fell Cypress, Fell Silver Birch, Fell Flowering Cherry, Fell Magnolia & Full Cherry Plum Trees
Location – Gulleys, Rock Street, Croscombe Already approved via email
 - 7.4 - 2019/0721/LBC** – Internal alterations at Gulleys, Rock Street, Croscombe.
Already approved via email
 - 7.5 - 2019/0663/LBC** – Addition of a glass room to the rear elevation of the property.
Location – South View, Church Street, Croscombe, Already approved via email
 - 7.6 - 2019/0662/HSE** – Addition of a glass room to the rear elevation of the property.
Location – South View, Church Street, Croscombe, Already approved via email

7.7 - 2019/0459/FUL – Erection of a new dwelling,
Location – Wheelwrights, Long Street, Croscombe,
Following a presentation from the applicant and views from members of the public, the Councillors discussed the application and took a vote, and although it was narrowly voted (four objections and three in agreement) that although it was an innovative design and thoughtful to the environment they recommended refusal due to the build being outside the development area and this could set a precedent, there is also highway safety issues as the lane is very narrow and the entrance is on a dangerous bend, traffic has increased with larger vehicles using the lane, it would also impact on views from across the valley with the design and appearance of the building.

8. Correspondence

8.1 - Received a question as to why the parish pre-cept was increased by 2% but the allocation on the council tax showed a reduction of 2% - It is dependent on the number of band D equivalent properties in the parish and divided by the pre-cept, the number of band D equivalent properties has increased.

8.2 - Contacted by a resident of Old Street Lane (15th April) about contractors digging up the verge and blocking the Lane, Highways were contacted and they will investigate whether a permit had been issued to remove the verge, A local PCSO also made a visit to the site and spoke to the contractors.

8.3 - Residents of Old Street Lane have contacted me to ask whether it can be minuted that the lane is not suitable for contractors vehicles in connection with all the building currently taking place on the lane and to object against another new build.

9. Accounts

1. Invoice for hire of church rooms – Paid 13th May 2019
2. Clerks salary period 1 & 2 plus some expenses – Paid 13th May 2019
3. ProBusiness – Internal Audit – Paid 13th May 2019

10. Matters for consideration

10.1 - Dog Faecus around the parish

10.2 – Safety Barrier by the Bus Stop on the Main Road

10.3 – General Power of Competence

10.4 – Himalayan Balsam – The battle is slowly being won in the village and small areas are now being contained. Ian will arrange a working party to remove the new growth. Land Owners will also be notified and ask them to remove the weed.

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

Meeting closed at 8.59pm

Next Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 12th June 2019** in the Church Rooms, start time 7.30pm,