

MINUTES OF CROSOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th December 2019

1. **Present:** - Ian Baker, Mick Rogers, Hilary Shergold, Howard Sleaf, Kate Lewis, County Councillor John Parham
2. **Apologies** – James Morris, Claire Sully
3. **Declarations of Interest** – Ian Baker in regard to agenda item 7.3
4. **Public Participation** – Two members of the public in attendance. The latest briefing report from Somerset County Council was produced and the headlines were briefly spoken about. The full report is available on the website and on the parish noticeboards.
5. **Minutes of Croscombe Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019**
Agreed and signed as correct
6. **Matters Arising** –
 - 6.1 **Questionnaire and replies from the Survey sent to Residents affected by vehicles travelling down Thrupe Lane.** The results are still being collated but there has been an increase with the problem with HGV's driving down Thrupe Lane. This will be deferred to the next meeting.
 - 6.2 **Complaints Procedure**
The policy and procedure were discussed and questions were asked. Points raised will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - 6.3 **Retaining wall along the footpath on Coombe Cottages** – Residents behind the wall were contacted and are aware that the repair is their responsibility. The situation will be reviewed in a couple of months.
 - 6.4 **Safety Barrier along the Sheppey opposite the George Inn** – The Flood Risk Department at Somerset County Council have been contacted and a reply has yet to be received. Once correspondence has been received this item will be brought back to discussion by the Council.
 - 6.5 **Paradise Lane – Report about the damage to the lane/footpath** – A resident contacted the Council about the current state of the footpath which includes deep ruts from four-wheel vehicles and the amount of mud situated in the lane. This was discussed and it is used on a regular basis by a Councillor who informed the Council that it does have a nickname of “Muddy Lane” due to the nature of the land. It is not currently unsafe but the situation will be monitored over the next few months.

Planning –

- 7.1 **2019/2884/FUL – Erection of an agricultural building and variation (retrospective) to siting of building approved under prior notification (2018/0555/AGB). Location – Land at 359648 145000 Thrupe Lane, Croscombe, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.**

The applicant was in attendance and the application was discussed with questions being asked. It was unanimously approved by the Council as an acceptable agricultural building for the use of sheep.

- 7.2 **2019/2889/HSE – Erection of a rear and side extensions. Location – Upper Thrupe Farm, Masbury, Shepton Mallet.**

This was discussed and unanimously approved as it is not visible from the road, and it is a sensible scale.

- 7.3 **2019/2921/FUL – Change of use of land from agricultural to C3 (Holiday accommodation). Location – Land at 359025 143923 Duncart Lane, Croscombe.**

The applicant was present at the meeting. This was heavily discussed by the Councillors and questions were asked about the application. The material considerations for objections were discussed individually, it was acknowledged that there were none that could be used against approval. It was proposed to comment to Mendip District Council that the shepherds huts should be limited to four only, and on that basis the application was unanimously approved by the Councillors.

8.0 Accounts

Current Account Bank Statement balance on 11.11.19 - £5,527.69
Reserve Account Bank Statement balance on 30.09.19 - £9,796.32
Burial Ground Account – Bank Statement balance 10.04.19 - £1,733.95

- 8.1 Salary for Clerk - £264.00
8.2 Renewal of Membership for the SLCC - £63.00
8.3 Receipt of Allotment Membership Fees - £125.00
8.4 Shepton Mallet Landscape Ltd - £984.00

The cheques were approved and signed

9.0 Correspondence

None

10.0 Matters for Consideration –

- 10.1 Due to the recent heavy rain the drains on Thrupe Lane are becoming blocked and so causing flooding issues, they will be monitored and cleared if necessary.
- 10.2 It was requested to obtain an estimate for the repairs to the Seats and Benches in the Playing Field, this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10.3 A request was put forward to purchase some more Sand Bags to replenish the ones used in the recent flooding, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 8th January 2020** in the Church Rooms, start time 7.30pm.