

**MINUTES OF CROSOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

1. **Present:** - Hilary Shergold, Kate Lewis, James Morris, Claire Sully, County Councillor John Parham
2. **Apologies** – Michael Rogers, Howard Sleep, Ian Baker
3. **Declarations of Interest** – James Morris in regard to item 7.3, Kate Lewis in regard to item 7.2
4. **Public Participation** – No members of the public in attendance. County Councillor John Parham briefly mentioned the monthly brief which is on the noticeboard and website.
5. **Minutes of Croscombe Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
Agreed and signed as correct
6. **Matters Arising** –
  - 6.1 **Replacement bags for the Flood Box.** This will be discussed at the next meeting, but defences have held in the village during the recent storms. No damage has been reported.
  - 6.2 **Response from Somerset County Council in regard to safety barrier along the Sheppey.**  
The response will be discussed at the next meeting due to only four Councillors in attendance.
  - 6.3 **Response from Somerset County Council regarding HGV's driving down Thrupe Lane** – Somerset County Council was contacted and the response that they will look at it again in the new financial year, so they will be lobbied again in April.
  - 6.4 **New Hosting Platform for Parish Council Website and Councillor Emails** – Over the next few months the website will be moved to a new hosting platform and Councillor emails will be created the domain name will remain the same. Once this has been finalised the new email addresses will be published.
  - 6.5 **Response to the Local Plan II consultation** – A report has been published with modification recommended by the Inspector and councils have been asked to comment. A statement will be prepared and forwarded to Mendip District Council.
  - 6.6 **Parish Path Liaison Officer** – Claire Sully has very kindly offered to be the Parish Path Liaison Officer for Croscombe Parish Council.
  - 6.7 **Policies** – Publication Scheme  
Freedom of Information Policy  
Data Protection Policy

All agreed and adopted.

- 6.8 Request for cost towards training for the Clerk** – It was proposed by Claire Sully for the Parish Council to contribute 50% towards the cost of training that the Clerk is currently undertaking, this was seconded by Hilary Shergold and it will be paid in two instalments. The Clerk thanked the Councillors.

### Planning –

- 7.1 2020/0085/TCA** – T1-T2- Conifers – Fell, Waterfall Cottage, Long Street, Croscombe, Wells, BA5 3QJ. Approved via email
- 7.2 2020/0157/HSE** – Alterations and refurbishment. New roof to create first floor bedroom. Rock Cottage, Thrupe Lane, Croscombe. Approved
- 7.3 2020/0164/LBC** – Repairs to first floor west elevation window. Parsonage Farm, Back Lane, Croscombe. Approved

### 8.0 Accounts

Current Account Bank Statement balance on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 £4,519.94  
 Reserve Account Bank Statement balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 £9,801.26  
 Burial Ground Account – Bank Statement balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 £924.95  
 Total Available - £15,246.15

- 8.1** Matthew and Sons - £92.50  
**8.2** Expenses for clerk – stamps and ink cartridge - £25.80  
**8.3** Clerks salary, period 11 and 12 - £528.00  
**8.4** Money received – Allotment Rental Payments - £100.00  
**8.5** Money received – Lease on Field below Burial Ground - £40.00

### 9.0 Correspondence

- 9.1** Parish Forum Meeting held at Mendip District Council – forwarded 16.01.2020  
**9.2** Parish Bulletin – forwarded 16.01.2020  
**9.3** Report from Nigel Hewitt Cooper – forwarded 17.01.2020  
**9.4** Slides from the session held at Mendip regarding the housing supply – forwarded 4.02.2020

### 10.0 Any Other Business –

- 10.1 Crumbling wall in Coombe Cottages** – Further investigation will be carried out as to who owns the land and pays for the maintenance as at the moment nobody is claiming responsibility. This will be brought back to the agenda once further information is found.
- 10.2 Contribution towards VE Celebrations** – The Village Hall Committee have requested a contribution towards the VE Celebrations being held in May. They will be contacted and asked to apply for a grant at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020** in the Church Rooms, start time 7.30pm.