

**MINUTES OF CROSOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th January 2020**

1. **Present:** - Ian Baker, Mick Rogers, Hilary Shergold, Howard Sleaf, Kate Lewis, James Morris, Claire Sully
2. **Apologies** –Kate Lewis
3. **Declarations of Interest** - None
4. **Public Participation** – None.
5. **Minutes of Croscombe Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2019**
Agreed and signed as correct
6. **Matters Arising** –
 - 6.1 **Complaints Procedure.** After a brief discussion and addition of a few amendments Hilary Shergold proposed that the policy be adopted by the Council, it was seconded by Howard Sleaf and unanimously agreed.
 - 6.2 **Results from the Survey in relation to large vehicles travelling down Thrupe Lane**
James Morris produced a document compiling the results of the survey from residents affected by the vehicles. It was acknowledged that was a problem, some residents mentioned that it was getting worse and some mentioned that it remained about the same. There was a strong consensus to try and come up with a solution and solve the problem. Somerset County Council will be sent evidence of damage caused and problems for residents. They will be asked for their input and see how they can help.
 - 6.3 **Quotation for repairs to the seat and benches in the Playing Field** – One local company was contacted for a quote; this was approved by the Council and they will be contacted in order to proceed with the work.
 - 6.4 **Proposal to purchase replacement sand bags for the Flood Box** – This has been deferred to the next meeting.
 - 6.5 **Adopt a Path Scheme** – Claire Sully has signed up to the scheme and has already received various issues with footpaths around the parish and updated the portal. The next step is to arrange monthly walks around the parish investigating any blockages or repairs that might need to be carried out. These will start in the Spring once the weather is better. In the meantime, if you come across any footpaths that need clearing please let us know either by contacting the Clerk, Claire Sully or via the link on the website.

Planning –

- 7.1 2019/2964/VRC** – Application to vary condition 2 (plans list) of planning approval 2018/2531/FUL. Address Thrupe House, Thrupe Lane, Masbury,
After a brief discussion this was unanimously agreed that this application was recommended for approval.
- 7.2 2020/0023/HSE** – Existing conservatory replaced by single storey rear extension. Address: Rising Sun Cottage, Thrupe Lane, Masbury
After a brief discussion this was unanimously agreed that this application was recommended for approval.
- 7.3 2020/0028/FUL** – Proposed change of use from Agricultural land to residential with the installation of single storey pitched roof extension and PVCu windows/door. Address: Lavender Cottage, Old Wells Road, Croscombe,
After a brief discussion this was unanimously agreed that this application was recommended for approval.

8.0 Accounts

Current Account Bank Statement balance on 30th December 2019 £4683.94
Reserve Account Bank Statement balance on £9799.54
Burial Ground Account – Bank Statement balance £924.95

Total Available - £15,408.43

- 8.1 Budget for 2020/2021** - After a brief discussion the budget was approved for the financial year of 2020/2021.
- 8.2 Precept** – A discussion took place on the amount to apply for to cover the Council's costs during 2020/2021. Hilary Shergold proposed that the annual precept be increased to £7,500, this was seconded by James Morris and unanimously approved. This will increase the amount on the Council Tax Bill by a very very small amount.
- 8.3 Clerks Salary** – Period 10 - £264.00 – paid 8th January 2020

9.0 Correspondence

- 9.1 Good Councillors Guide to Transport Planning – forwarded 13.12.19
9.2 Legal News – forwarded 13.12.19
9.3 Mendip Parish Bulletin – forwarded 13.12.19
9.4 SWP Briefing December – forwarded 28.12.19

10.0 Matters for Consideration –

- 10.1 A response has been received from Somerset County Council in regard to the Safety Barrier along the Sheppey, this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10.2 There is a village litter pick taking place on Saturday 8th February, meet at the George at 10am.
- 10.3 The next Parish Forum takes place at Mendip District Council Offices on Thursday 23rd January.
- 10.4 The problem of dog faeces being left around the village seems to have improved and areas are being left clear. This will be continually monitored.
- 10.5 Ian Baker will investigate the possibility of installing electric charge points for vehicles in the village as mentioned at the meeting in June 2019. Once information has been received it will be brought to the Council for discussion.
- 10.6 The Council was asked to help chase Bristol Water regarding the two leaks on Poundfold as they could become a hazard if the weather turns colder.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 12th February 2020** in the Church Rooms, start time 7.30pm.