

MINUTES OF CROSBOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th July 2019

1. **Present:** - Hilary Shergold, Ian Baker, Howard Sleaf, Kate Lewis, James Morris, Michael Rogers, County Councillor John Parham
2. **Apologies** – Claire Sully
3. **Declarations of Interest** – None
4. **Public Participation** – None
5. **Minutes of Croscombe Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2019** – Approved and Signed
6. **Matters Arising** -
 - 6.1 **Dog Faeces around the village** – This item will be discussed at the September meeting
 - 6.2 **Working Party to Clear Elderwell Lane** – Ian, Howard, Claire and their spouses were kindly thanked for their hard work and compliments have come in from residents.
 - 6.3. **Adopt a path scheme** – This item will be discussed at the September meeting.
 - 6.4 **Zoning of the Village** – The parish will be split into seven zones with a councillor responsible for each zone. Over the next couple of months, they will make themselves known to the parishioners and a map will be put up in due course showing the areas and councillor responsible.
 - 6.5 **Autospeed Watch** – There have been several traffic accidents on the main road where motorists are not obeying the speed limit and with Somerset County Council cancelling the Speed Indicator Device scheme there are no signs to stop the speeding drivers. A local company have developed a new device – The Automated Speed Watch, it is relatively cheap but is still in the testing stage and is yet unapproved or certified. The proposed action is to collate evidence of the issue in the village and re-establish the Community Speed Watch Scheme but there are still various issues to iron out, so initially an email and notices will be posted asking whether people would be willing to volunteer for the scheme and if enough people come forward further investigations will be carried out to re-starting the scheme.
 - 6.6 **New signage on Thrupe Lane** – There have been an increasing number of HGV's using Thrupe Lane to access the A371 Long Street. There are two advisory notices but these are generally ignored by hauliers as they follow the instructions from their sat nav's. The proposed notice is to collate evidence of the issue, consult with residents along the affected routes and apply to Somerset County Council for a Traffic Regulation Order preventing HGV's from Lower Thrupe Lane, Rock Street, Church Street, Poundfold/Boards Lane. Residents along the affected routes will be consulted over the summer and this matter will be discussed again at the September meeting.
 - 6.7 **Rodent Problem in the Village** – An email was sent out with guidance notes on how to deal with the problem, this was also put on the website. Reports have been received that numbers have dropped but the situation will be monitored.

- 6.8 VE Celebrations in the Village** – A request was received to help with the celebrations next year – a party is being planned for Saturday 9th May 2020. It was decided to wait and see what the definite plans are before progressing any further. Regarding representations on behalf of the Parish Council – Hilary Shergold is the Parish Council representative for the Village Hall regular meetings and Michael Rogers is the Parish Council representative for the Fun Day committee.

Planning –

- 7.1 2019/0662/HSE – Addition of a glass room to the rear elevation of the property. Location – South View, Church Street, Croscombe – Mendip District Council have granted permission
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- 7.3 2019/1054/FUL – Proposed demolition of an old tin barn and replace with a natural stone barn. Location – Land top of West Lane / Thrupe Lane. Mendip District Council have granted permission.
- 7.4 2019/1168/HSE – Erection of a single storey mono pitched tiled roof extension with associated building works to the North West elevation. Location – Lavender Cottage, Shepton Old Road, Croscombe. The application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

8.0 Correspondence

- 8.1 Rookery Lane has been damaged by contractors working in the area, Somerset County Council have been contacted – awaiting news of when the repairs are being carried out.
- 8.2 Overgrown hedges on the pavement between Croscombe and Dinder, this was reported to Somerset County Council and has been carried out, pathway is now clear.
- 8.3 Review on Devon and Somerset Fire Service – this is also on the website and is open to comments from the public.
- 8.4 July Parish Bulletin and Presentations from the last Forum at Mendip District Council
- 8.5 Additional councillor training dates
- 8.6 Cemetery Compliance Course in October 2019 – the parish clerk will be attending

9.0 Accounts

- 9.1 Clerks salary – period 4 – paid 10th July 2019
- 9.2 Annual renewal of website – paid 10th July 2019
- 9.3 Rent for parish meeting in church rooms – paid 10th July 2019
- 9.4 Invoice for Councillor Training – paid 10th July 2019
- 9.5 Payment from Forsey and Sons – banked 10th July 2019

10.0 Matters for Consideration

- 10.1 Croscombe fields are up for Auction in August – the council await the outcome. Discussion about registering them as an asset of community value took place.
- 10.2 Councillors discussed the draft submission to Mendip by Morgan, Morgan & Neale to change Mendip's recommendation that no buildings be erected behind Honey mead due to limited access. The consensus was to continue to support Mendip's decision that it was an unsuitable area for additional housing.

Draft minutes subject to confirmation.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 18th September 2019 (not the 11th as previously advertised)** in the Church Rooms, start time 7.30pm.