

MINUTES OF CROSBOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 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** – None
5. **Minutes of Croscombe Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2019** – Approved and Signed
6. **Matters Arising** -
 - 6.1 **Better Recycling Facilities** – Somerset County Council are introducing a new scheme in summer 2020. Recycle More will start collecting plastic pots, tubs and trays, tetra paks and other food and drink cartons, small electrical items and household batteries. General rubbish will only be collected every three weeks. Householders will be notified well in advance of changes.
 - 6.2 **Storage of Salt/Grit Bin and Person Responsible** – Chris Jackson has kindly offered to monitor the situation in icy weather and distribute when necessary in the Fayreway area, he has also offered to store the spare salt/grit.
 - 6.3. **Dog Faeces around the village** – Unfortunately there has been an influx of dog faeces being left around the village especially on the pavements. There are two ideas currently being discussed (a) Regular checks by volunteers to check the areas and collect the offending items and dispose of them – this could tie in with the zoning of the village. (b) Bags being left around the village for villagers and visitors to use. More information will be gathered to be presented at next month's meeting.
 - 6.4 **Safety Barrier by the Bus Stop on Long Street** – This was raised by the council back in 2012 and correspondence was received from Somerset County Council. The matter has been raised with Somerset once again but unfortunately the initial contact is no longer there so further investigation is required and once further information has been received it will be put back on the agenda.
 - 6.5 **Removal of Himalyan Balsam** – Thank you to Ian Baker for disposing of this weed throughout the village, the amount was lower than last year. The neighbouring parishes will also be notified as there was some spotted in the surrounding rivers.
 - 6.6 **Storage of CPR Dummies used for First Aid Training** – These are currently being stored in an attic and a request has come in for them to be moved. They are in one bag which is about 2ft 6" x 1ft x 1ft. The idea was suggested that they could be donated and enquiries will be made.
 - 6.7 **Review of Standing Order** – Agreed and adopted
 - 6.8 **Working Party to Clear weeds on Elderwell Lane** – A request has been received to clear the weeds from Elderwell Lane, upon discussion other areas around the village were also discussed. A working party will be organised and reviewed at next month's meeting.

- 6.9 Zoning of Village** – The idea was put forward that the parish would be divided into zones with one councillor responsible for an area and to introduce themselves to the villagers within that area. It was unanimously agreed, the areas will be decided and published after the July meeting.
- 6.10 Adopt a Path Scheme** – Somerset County Council have put forward a new scheme where individuals and councils can adopt footpaths. Croscombe Parish Council has registered an interest, this will also be explored further and reported back at the meeting in July.
- 6.11 General Powers of Competence** – This was introduced by the government in 2012 and allowed councils to have greater powers. There are two criteria's that need to be met, 1) the council must have two thirds of its councillors elected and 2) the clerk is required to be trained to a certain level. This subject is being discussed at various councils and the idea was put forward as to whether Croscombe Parish Council would like to adopt this power. The idea is being explored but several questions were raised – What does the parish want to do with it and what would it be used for? What would the villagers like the parish to provide? This is still in discussion and the idea is being explored but it needs more information and research, this will reappear on an agenda when more information appears.

7 Planning –

- 7.1 2019/1026/FUL** the demolition of an existing water storage reservoir and erection of a new covered storage reservoir, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary engineering and landscaping works and a new vehicular access from Jack's Lane. Croscombe Parish Council were asked for comments and the consensus was that the councillors were happy with the application but access to be from the top of Jack's Lane and not from the village.
- 7.2 2019/1168/HSE** erection of a single storey mono pitched roof extension with associated building works to the North West Elevation. Location Lavender Cottage, Shepton Old Road, Croscombe. The councillors had no objections and were happy to approve the application.
- 7.3 2019/1054/FUL** Proposed demolition of old tin barn and replace with a natural stone barn (Retrospective). Location – Land at 360261 146054 Thrupe Lane, Masbury, Shepton Mallet. The councillors had no objections and were happy to approve the application.
- 7.4 2019/0669/TCA** Fell Cypress, fell Silver Birch, fell Flowering Cherry, fell Magnolia and fell Cherry Plum Trees. Location – Gulley, Rock Street, Croscombe. Notification from Mendip – TPO not required.
- 7.5 2019/0459/FUL** Erection of a new building. Location – Wheelwrights, Long Street, Croscombe. Application has been withdrawn by the applicant.
- 7.6 2019/1189/TCA** Works to trees in a conservation area:T1 Common Walnut, reduce crown to 1.25m. Location – Rock House, Rock Street, Croscombe. The councillors had no objection and were happy to recommend approval.

8.0 Correspondence

- 8.1** 9th May – received an email saying that mystery bollards had appeared on Fayreway. After speaking to Somerset Highways no authorisation had been given, so they were removed. A link is now on the website pointing people to roadworks live across the county.
- 8.2** Received complaints about an observation tower being built on Fayreway, the enforcement officer has been notified and will do a site visit.
- 8.3** June Parish Bulletin was emailed out and dates of the Parish Forums held at Mendip District Council.
- 8.4** The drains have been cleared around the village, this was done by Kate Lewis and her father, Paul Hodge, Somerset County Council have also been notified and issued an incident number – 553531 for further clearing.
- 8.5** Mendip District Council is undertaking the statutory review of polling places and polling districts, the council welcomes any comments, the link is on the website and a village email has been sent out.

9.0 Accounts

- 9.1** **Registration with ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) for GDPR** Paid 12th June 2019
- 9.2** **Clerks salary – period 3** Paid 12th June 2019.

10.0 Matters for Consideration

10.1 Community Speedwatch

10.2 New Signage on Thrupe Lane regarding Large Vehicles

10.3 Rodent problem in the village

- 10.4 – Climate Change** – A idea was put forward for a community transport scheme – an electric car share scheme. This is a long-term project and infrastructure would be required, this will appear as an agenda item when more research has been carried out.

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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