

MINUTES OF CROSOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th March 2020

1. **Present:** - Ian Baker (Acting Chair), Kate Lewis, James Morris, Claire Sully, Howard Sleaf,
2. **Apologies** – Hilary Shergold
3. **Declarations of Interest** – James Morris in regard to item 7.2,
4. **Public Participation** – County Councillor John Parham and one member of the public in attendance. County Councillor John Parham read out the monthly brief .
5. **Minutes of Croscombe Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2020**
Agreed and signed as correct
6. **Matters Arising** –
 - 6.1 **Adoption and Approval of Grant Policy.** It was briefly discussed, and Cllr Kate Lewis proposed that the policy be adopted by the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Howard Sleaf and unanimously agreed.
 - 6.2 **Grant Applications.**
A member of the Village Hall Committee was in attendance and requested a grant towards VE Celebrations in May. A brief presentation was given, and the amount requested was £400. Cllr Ian Baker proposed that the application be accepted, and the grant be awarded, this was seconded by Cllr Kate Lewis and unanimously agreed.
 - 6.3 **Replacement bays for the flood box** – There are currently 30 bags with 8 already filled, the rest will be filled when a supplier of sand has been sourced. They will need to be stored elsewhere, this has yet to be secured.
 - 6.4 **Response from Somerset County Council in regard to a safety barrier along the Sheppey.** – Options were discussed as to whether install a barrier either side of the Bus Stop on Long Street to prevent accidents. A discussion took place and no decisions were made so this will be brought back to the next meeting. Somerset County Council will be contacted for further information.

7.0 Planning –

- 7.1 2020/0405/HDG – Application for Hedgerow Removal: To enable construction plant and machinery to operate within the area and installation of 3 water main connection pipes in 3 separate locations. Location: - Land at 358978 143841 Paradise Lane, Croscombe

After discussing the application about the maturity of the hedge and disturbing nesting birds, it was unanimously agreed to lodge an objection against this application.

- 7.2 2020/0217/TCA – Proposed works to tree(s) in a conservation area T1-T22 (various species including Ash, Sycamore and Birch) – Fell. Location:- Parsonage House, Back Lane, Croscombe

It was agreed to recommend approval due to the trees currently being dangerous and unhealthy.

8.0 Accounts

Current Account Bank Statement balance on 18th February 2020 £3,873.64
Reserve Account Bank Statement balance on 31st December 2019 £9,801.26
Burial Ground Account – Bank Statement balance on 31st December 2019 £924.95

- 8.1 Grant to Village Hall - £400.00
- 8.2 Receipt – Burial cheques - £500.00
- 8.3 Clerks salary – period 13 - £264.00

All agreed and signed

9.0 Correspondence

- 9.1 Offer of free Flood Packs from Somerset Rotary – forwarded 20.02.2020
- 9.2 Query from a potential resident about the orchard next to the Seventh Adventist Church – replied 20.02.2020

10.0 Any Other Business –

- 10.1 **Coronavirus** – The current situation was discussed
- 10.2 **Closed Footpath on Coombe Cottages** – The Parish Council have been contacted regarding the closed footpath in Coombe Cottages and how long it will be shut for. The Parish Council did not authorise and were unaware it had been shut. Investigations will be carried out and this will be brought back to the next meeting.
- 10.3 **Rubbish on the Riverbank at the edge of the village** – Rubbish has been left on the riverbank at the edge of the village but a resident has very kindly offered to remove it. The situation will be monitored in future and the Environmental Agency will be contacted.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next Parish Council meeting **Wednesday 15th April 2020** in the Church Rooms, start time 7.30pm.