

MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th November 2018

1. **Present:** Paul Hodge, Hilary Shergold, Ian Baker, Catherine Dietrich, Kelly Smith, Howard Sleep
2. **Apologies:-** Chris Jackson
3. **Declarations of Interest:-** None
4. **Public Participation:-** None
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018** Approved and signed
6. **Matters arising:-**

1. **Process of Marking Graves at the Cemetery Prior to Digging** – A process is required in order to mark graves prior to being dug in order to make it easier for the Funeral Directors. After speaking to funeral directors it was suggested that bio gradable spray paint was used to mark the graves ready to be prepared. A product has been recommended and this will be purchased.

2. **Parish Election** – There is a local election due next year on 2nd May 2019, nomination papers will be available for 18th March. At the close of nominations the parish will be notified as to whether it will be contested or uncontested and whether a full poll will happen in May. There was a discussion about the upcoming election as a contested election would cost the parish about £4,000, this would be a substantial impact on parish funds.

3. **Order of Rock Salt for the Icy Months** – Following a recent decision taken by Somerset County Council to reduce the budget available for highways winter service for this year they are no longer delivery rock salt free of charge and any purchased for this year will need to come out of parish funds. All the bins have been checked in the village and enough salt will be purchased to fill them up.

4. **Response to an article parishes have been asked to reply to – “Should determining planning applications be left to professionals to input and for parish councils to butt out, or do we add something to the development management system”.** This was discussed and a reply will be sent stating that this should be no as parish councils can be the experts in local knowledge which the professionals might not have.

5. **The Pound** – The Arch has now been repaired and the Pound is now open again to the public

6. **Somerset County Council Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – Due to a reduction in the budget at Somerset County Council, the mobile SID programme has been cancelled however Parish/Town Councils can decide to purchase and operate their own SID. The costs for one would be about £5,000, at the moment there is not enough money in parish funds.

7. **Planning** -

7.1 **2018/2531/FUL** – Proposed demolition of existing 2 agricultural barns and erection of a residential Dwelling, car port, garden store and associated landscape works. Location Thrupe Lane, Maesbury. The Parish Council are happy to approve the current design.

7.2 **2018/1437/FUL** – Conversion of two former barns to form 2 self-contained dwellings at Middle Thrupe Farm, Thrupe Lane. Approved by Mendip District Council with conditions

7.3 **2018/1316/FUL** – New Build behind the Old Mill in Croscombe. Refused by Mendip District Council

7.4 **2018/1571/FUL** – Conversion of garage into 1 bedroom dwelling on Old Street Lane, Croscombe. Approved by Mendip District Council

8. **Correspondence**

8.1 **Mendip Health Connections** – A new programme being run by Mendip County Council signposting people to local community groups, services and organisations. Information will be put on the website and notice boards

8.2 **Letter from Citizens Advice asking for a grant** – More information will be obtained before a decision will be made.

9. **Accounts**

1. **Wages for Clerk** – October and November plus some small expenses – Paid 14th November 2018

2. **Invoice for Community Payback Service** – Split between the Village Hall and the Parish Council Paid on 14th November 2018

3. **Invoice from Wells Cathedral Stonemasons** – Repair to the archway to the Pound. Paid on 14th November 2018

4. Transfer of Money from Reserve Account to Current Account

5. Invoice for Shepton Mallet Landscape Ltd – Annual Maintenance of Burial Ground. Paid on 14th November 2018

6. Repayment from the Croscombe-Dinder Village Shop (CVSA) for the loan.

Matters for consideration

1. Lease on the Playing Fields – The lease is now up for renewal and discussions about renewal will be carried out with Somerset County Council in the early part of next year but costs could be a few thousand pounds.

2. Rubbish in the field next to the cemetery – A complaint has been received about the rubbish being placed in the field, investigations will be carried out to get it removed.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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