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CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the virtual meeting held on 22nd July 2020

Present: Cllr Hilary Shergold (Chair), Cllrs. Howard Sleaf, James Morris, Ian Baker,
Michael Rogers

Also, in attendance: Kate Egan (Clerk).

1 **Welcome by the Chairman**

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Kate Lewis, Claire Sully

3 **Absent**

Cllr Kate Lewis, Claire Sully

4 **Declarations of Interest**

James Morris in relation to item 11a

5 **Public Session**

There were no members of the public in attendance

6 **County and District Councillor Reports**

The County Councillor and District Councillor were not in attendance, no reports were received.

7 **To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 24th June 2020, previously circulated.**

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record and would be signed by the Chair once physical meetings are resumed.

8 **Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**

There were no matters to be considered

9 **Grants**

No applications for grants had been received

10 **To Be Resolved**

(a) Proposal to form a Working Party to research replacement items for the Play Equipment.

The Council **RESOLVED** to form a Working Party, details will be finalised over the summer and meetings will hopefully be able to start in the Autumn.

(b) Proposal to amend the Rules and Regulations for Croscombe Cemetery and whether the changes should go out to village consultation.

The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the new rules and the changes will not go out to village consultation.

(c) Proposal to increase the prices for Croscombe Cemetery and whether the changes should go out to village consultation.

The Council **RESOLVED** to increase the prices and the changes will not go out to village consultation.

(d) Proposal to implement a village consultation as to whether residents would approve of railing being installed by the bus stop to stop people falling into the river.

The Council **RESOLVED** to carry out a village consultation, information will be compiled over the next couple of months with the consultation being carried out in the Autumn.

(e) Proposal to purchase a new fence for the allotment on Poundfold as the current one has become damaged and is now considered to be dangerous.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the works are to be carried out.

11 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.

(a) 2020/122/HSE Single storey extension with alterations to existing windows and doors, new shutters, internal modifications including relocation of staircase and rearrangement, installation of gates to front. Location – Parsonage House, Back Lane, Croscombe
The Council recommended approval as they were restoring the original features and it would be a good mix of contemporary and old fixtures.

(b) 2020/1113/FUL Conversion of outbuildings to 5 no. holiday cottages. Location – Upper Thrupe Farm, Thrupe Lane, Masbury.

This application seems to have been withdrawn.

(c) 2020/0954/FUL Erection of an agricultural barn, including the new vehicular access and track, and earth bund (part retrospective.) (Description amended 11.06.2020.)

Location – Land at Thrupe Lane, Masbury, Wells, Somerset

The Council recommended refusal as no evidence of actual agricultural use had been submitted.

12 Clerk's Report

(a) Database of the lanes/roads/paths in the parish with designated custodians. This is currently being worked on by Councillors, once it has been finalised volunteers will be requested to look after certain areas.

(b) Back Lane was closed between 13th July and 24th July to sort out vegetation clearance and desilting culvert works. The parapet on the bridge has also been repaired.

Update – The works will not start until 3rd August and will take about two weeks; residents will be notified as to when the clearance will begin. The wall on the bridge has been temporarily repaired but the coping stones are missing, hopefully they are in the river.

(c) The annual inspection on the play equipment was carried out in June, a couple of high risks were brought to the Councils attention regarding the baby swing so this has been removed. The equipment is coming to the end of its life so a working group will be created to research replacement items.

Update - Please refer to item 10a

(d) The response from Croscombe Parish Council was forward supporting "One Somerset". The full business plan from Somerset County Council is now available online.

(e) Further correspondence has been received from Aster in regards to the blocked footpath in Coombe Cottages. They have confirmed that have no power or maintenance responsibilities towards the path, although it constitutes part of the title owned by Aster. When the land was transferred in 2001, they had temporary responsibility, this has subsequently been transferred to Somerset County Council Highways Department with the adoption of the footpath. A report has been logged with Somerset Highways; no response has yet been received.

Cllr Michael Roger left the meeting at 7.59pm.

(f) On the 1st January 2026 unrecorded and under-recorded footpaths will be extinguished. If residents find any issues with footpaths in the parish please either contact the Clerk or the Parish Path Liaison Officer Claire Sully.

13 **Finance**

Bank Balances as at 24th June 2020: - Business Account - £1493.48

Reserve Account - £17,560.52, Burial Account - £1799.95

Receipts

(a) Burial fees - £175.00

Payments

(b) Rospa Play Safety – Annual play equipment inspection - £90.60

(c) Clerks Salary – Period 3 and 4 - £528.00

(d) Monthly zoom payment - £7.20

(e) Monthly payment for web hosting – £1.20

(f) Postage - £1.30

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the above payments and receipts

14 **Correspondence**

(a) A draft walking and cycling manifesto were received from the Somerset Association of Local Councils and Councillors were asked to respond directly due to the short time frame – forwarded 29th May 2020

(b) Parish Briefing from Mendip District Council – forwarded 9th June 2020

15 **Matters to report/items for next agenda**

(a) Paradise Lane will be closed to vehicles between 27th July and 21st August in order for Bristol Water to conduct works on the reservoir.

Date and time of next meeting: **Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.00pm, location to be advised**

The meeting concluded at 20.08pm

Draft minutes subject to confirmation