

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the virtual meeting held on 27TH May 2020

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

Also, in attendance: Kate Egan (Clerk).

1 **Welcome by the Chairman**

2 **Apologies for Absence**

None

3 **Absent**

None

4 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Kate Lewis and Claire Sully in relation to item 7a

5 **Public Session**

There were two members of the public in attendance

6 **To Be Resolved**

7 **Planning**

(a) 2020/0918/VRC – Application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 2018/2972/FUL.

Location – Highgate House, Thrupe Lane, Croscombe

This was discussed by the Councillors and was unanimously approved

To Be Noted only

(b) 2020/0569/HSE – Rear extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.

Location – Thornhill Cottage, Old Street, Croscombe

The Council recommended approval

(c) 2020/0639/VRC – Variation of condition 25 (hours of use)

Location – Shepton Mallet Crematorium, Old Wells Road, Croscombe

The Council recommended approval

8 **Clerk's Report**

(a) Covid-19 – A leaflet was dropped to every household in the village with contact numbers on for support.

(b) The footpath along Coombe Cottage has been shut for safety reasons. Aster have denied any knowledge of the works. Edric Hobbs at Mendip District Council was contacted just before the lockdown, this will be chased up once the world returns to normal.

Update: This will be brought back to the agenda when more information has been received.

(c) Rubbish left on the Riverbank; this was mentioned at the meeting in March. The Environmental Agency regularly patrol the Sheppey checking the channel and structures for blockages and obstructions. A tyre and branch were retrieved but because the operative had no way to transport the items away, it was removed from the weir and left behind some railings away from the watercourse and out of way of the public. Upon returning the following day they located the rubbish which had been moved from the safe place by a 3rd party and left on the pavement and they removed the items and disposed of them safely. Although they appreciate it is a privately owned weir, they don't operate or

maintain it, they will check the watercourse regularly, to ensure that fluvial flow is not obstructed in any way, and the keep the flood risk at a minimum.

(d) The allotments are once again full, including the ones by the shop and on Poundfold.

(e) Masks have been made by a group of ladies in the village after a kindly donation of fabric from Westfield Medicals. Masks are available for free from the clerk, please contact her for further information.

(f) One of the Councillors has been notified of an application sent to Somerset County Council (SCC) to turn Paradise Lane into a restricted byway. (SCC) have been contacted and are awaiting a response

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9 **Finance**

Current Account – £3,249.64

Reserve Account – £10,060.42

Burial Ground Account - £1,424.95

(a) Website hosting – March, April and May - £3.60

(b) Clerks salary – Period 14 & period 1 £528.00

(c) Annual Insurance - £349.22

(d) Receipt of annual pre-cept £7,500

(e) Receipt of interest on the reserve account £4.90

(f) Receipt of VAT refund from HMRC £254.36

(g) Annual renewal of ICO - £40.00

Unanimously agreed

10 **Correspondence**

(a) A report was received on 13th March 2020 that possible hedge cutting had occurred on West Lane and the debris was left behind.

(b) Mendip Corporate Plan – forwarded 15th March 2020

11 **Matters to report/Items for next agenda**

(a) The Council has been approached for a possible community art installation in the bus shelter, hopefully more information will be presented at the next meeting.

(b) Until full restrictions have been lifted, Parish Council meetings will continue virtually on Zoom.

(c) Somerset County Council has asked whether the Parish Council can help distribute leaflets about Mental Health issues to every household in the village. Councillors were happy to help and they should be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

(d) Complaints have been received about track bikes driving up and down West Lane and Thrupe Lane. This will be reported to the local PCSO and brought back to another meeting once further information has been received.

Date and time of next meeting: **Wednesday 25th June 2020 at 7.00pm**

The meeting concluded at 7.32pm