

# MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021, 7:30PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs G Parker; S Fawcett-Fice; J Cansdale; M Rogers; S Dyer-Gibbins; C Sully

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Pettitt (Parish Clerk); 1 member of public

**01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN** None

**02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.
- 2.2 There were no requests for dispensation.
- 2.3 There were no grants for dispensation.

**03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** There were no items requiring exclusion.

**04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** No questions were put to the meeting.

**05. CO-OPTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER** No applications were received.

**06. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i. **To consider proposal for a Village Litterpick** - Noted that the community is organising a litterpick on 27 March.
- ii. **To consider proposal for a community Orchard in field south of Crocombe cemetery** - Proposal from Paul Hodge that he purchase the top half of the south field and that it be planted with apple trees or ornamental trees involving the whole community as a community orchard.  
Cllr Rogers to consult with Dinder Estate, as required by restrictions within the deeds. Council to consider benefits of selling and benefits of retaining the land for the Parish at the next Full Council.
- iii. **To consider the year's meeting schedule** -  
**RESOLVED:** To hold the Parish Council AGM and Parish Annual Meeting on 6 May by Zoom.  
**RESOLVED:** To continue Full Council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.  
[NB. This resolution was amended at item 10. below]
- iv. **Wanderlands** Noted plantings on either side of the valley. While tree planting is welcome, the Council would like reassurance of the appropriate environmental impact assessments having been completed and complied with. Somerset Wildlife Trust to be consulted. Cllr Sully will approach Wanderlands for more information.
- v. **School Fencing** - Crocombe Primary School has informed Council of the intention to enhance the roadside fence to reduce noise and pollution, and increase safety.

**07. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

- **Avon & Somerset Police:** Noted.
- **Somerset County Councillors:** Noted.
- **Mendip District Councillors:** Noted.

**08. MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2021**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of 14 January 2021 approved.

## 09. REPORTS

- i. **Flood Committee** - Cllr Parker reported that the meeting of 24 February was attended by A Lambart of Somerset County Council who reported that the S19 report will probably not be circulated until mid to end April - largely because the report has extended to encompass Bowlish and Dinder. C Somerville, in attendance from Dinder Estate, reported on works and surveys the Estate has implemented and his desired outcome that works along the river are co-ordinated to avoid duplication or hindrance. The Committee is preparing a Covid aware event outside the George on 20 March to gather information on the October 2020 floods for the S19 report.
- ii. **Staffing Committee** - Cllr Fawcett-Fice reported that items in the Terms of Reference require amending to align with other policies  
**RESOLVED:** To amend the Staffing Terms of Reference
- iii. **Traffic Working Group** - Cllr Fawcett-Fice reported that the group is awaiting set up of mailchimp. Draft of survey to be passed by clerk.
- iv. **Footpaths** - Cllr Sully reported that she is working on publicity, and working with Martin Cooper of Somerset County Council Adopt a path scheme.
- v. **Neighbourhood Watch** - Cllr Cansdale has spoken with the village NW group which has become less active. Council is interested in promoting Neighbourhood Watch to assess interest among residents in building up the group further and joining with the wider association to improve communications and activities. Cllrs Cansdale and Sully to prepare an item for Facebook.
- vi. **Clerk - Resolved:** To approve payments as listed in Clerk's report.  
**Resolved:** - To approve payment of £65 membership fee to SLCC.  
**Scribe** - Cllr Sully and Clerk to research further.

## 10. PLANNING COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs to meet when Full Council would not otherwise be scheduled to meet before Planning Application deadlines.

**RESOLVED:** As amendment to item 6. iii. above "To continue Full Council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month." Council approved the following - To hold Full Council meetings 6 weekly with emergency Planning meetings called when required. The next meeting to be the Parish Council AGM and Parish Meeting on 6 May, thereafter Full Council to be held 6 weekly. Clerk to draw up a schedule.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - None received.

## CLOSE

The next meeting will be the Parish Council AGM and Parish Meeting Thursday 6 May 2021.

Signed .....



Date ...6-5-21

## Actions

- Cllr Rogers to consult Dinder Estate re proposed orchard
- Cllr Sully to consult Wanderlands. Clerk to consult SWT
- Cllr Fawcett-Fice - to pass draft TWG survey to Clerk
- Cllrs Cansdale and Sully to prepare communication re Neighbourhood Watch
- Cllr Sully and Clerk to research account systems further
- Clerk to prepare meeting schedule
- PWG to be on the next agenda
- Parish Plan to be on the next agenda