

# MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY ON  
**WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 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. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Rogers noted Cllr Morris' resignation and that notification of a vacancy has been placed in noticeboards. Council thanks Cllr Morris for his contributions to the council. Cllr Rogers reported that the Pound bench is irreparable.

**RESOLVED:** That villagers be offered the opportunity to place a memorial bench in the Pound.

Coombe Cottages closed footpath: The land is owned by Mendip District Council and the path by Aster. The retaining wall is the responsibility of the owner. Cllr Rogers is liaising with the Somerset Building Control Partnership Surveyor who agrees the wall is dangerous and who has contacted the owner re remedial works requesting a response within 21 days. Works may be enforceable if not attended to within a reasonable time.

## 04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were put to the meeting.

## 05. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- **Avon & Somerset Police:** Noted.
- **Somerset County Councillors:** Noted.
- **Mendip District Councillors:** Noted reduced services due to COVID-19 vaccination programme.

## 06. MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2021

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

## 07. REPORTS

- **Flood Committee**
  - Next meeting to be held 24 February. The committee is communicating with representatives from neighbouring parishes affected by the Sheppey flooding. Some positive response from the Roundabout article.
- **Staffing Committee**
  - Council unable to discuss recommendation from Committee re staff hours while recognising the committee was not functional with currently only one member.  
**RESOLVED:** To approve Cllr Parker to join the Staffing Committee.
- **Traffic Working Group**
  - There have been up to 8 responses from the community. A meeting will be called within the next two weeks.
  - **RESOLVED:** To approve the Traffic Working Group Terms of Reference.
- **Communications**
  - Social media output is going well. Enquiries are diverted to the clerk or chair. Volunteers sought to help with the Parish Council identity / branding.  
**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Sully and Dyer-Gibbins prepare a brief.
- **Foot paths** - No report
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - No report
- **Clerk**
  - Parish phone number noted - 077347 42977.
  - NatWest Bank - Signatories now active. Online banking to start soon.
  - Payments : **RESOLVED:** To approve payments as itemised.
  - Offer of £1.250 per current account for switching banks. Co-op Bank and Metro Bank available. Deadline 28 February 2021.  
**RESOLVED:** To switch bank if services offered support Council needs - Clerk and Chair to liaise.
  - Proposal to use Scribe accounting package.  
**RESOLVED:** Further investigation to be sought into Scribe and other accounting packages on the market.
  - Playground lease - SCC Surveyor has requested that this be looked into in the spring. Questions arose over length of lease, maintenance responsibilities and suggestion that a policy document be drafted to allow ease of access across the ground.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr Dyer-Gibbins to Chair Playground Working Group (PWG) and Cllr Fawcett-Fice to be a member of the PWG.
  - Budget: Council recognises need for better planning for the future.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllrs Sully and Cansdale to organise a meeting to discuss Croscombe Village Plan within time to bring to the May 2021 AGM.
  - Right to Regenerate - Cllrs to respond to Clerk.
  - ParishOnline  
**RESOLVED:** That all councillors have reader access to ParishOnline and that where a councillor or public member of a working group shows aptitude and keenness, they may be made editors of ParishOnline.

**08. UNITARY AUTHORITY** Not discussed

**09. PLANNING COMMITTEE** Not discussed


**10. PLANNING**

**2021/2678/ FUL - Retention of existing access track and hardstanding (retrospective) and erection of agricultural barn. Land at 360657 146958 Thrupe Lane, Maesbury, Somerset. **Approved.****

**Noted** Three notifications of Planning Officer decisions.

CLOSE

The next meeting will be Thursday 11 March 2021.

Signed ..... 

Date ...11-3-21

**Actions**

- offer opportunity to parishioners to place memorial bench in Pound - Cllr Sully?
- Staffing Cttee to be convened - Cllrs Fawcett-Fice / Clerk
- TWG to be convened - Cllr Fawcett-Fice
- investigate & implement bank switch if suitable - Clerk / Cllr Rogers
- PWG to be convened - Cllr Dyer-Gibbins
- preparation of brief for council brand - Cllrs Sully & Dyer-Gibbins
- organisation of Councillor meeting to discuss Croscombe Village Plan - Cllrs Sully & Cansdale