

# CORNWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of Cornworthy Parish Council meeting  
Held in the Village Hall on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.45pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Kirkland (Chairman), Carver, Fry, Hunt  
District Cllr McKay

**In Attendance:** Linda Maby (Clerk), Mr Ian Franklin (Totnes Caring), Mr O Nurse (Public),  
Mr R Nurse (Public), Mr M Hubbard (Public)

## **Draft minutes subject to change at the next meeting**

### **Introduction to Totnes Caring and Its Aims (7.45 to 8.00pm):**

- Mr Franklin gave a comprehensive summary of Totnes Caring explaining that it was established 32 years ago and aims to help the elderly and infirm stay at home for as long as possible.
- The biggest service offered by the charity is driving, followed by help with shopping and form filling.
- It has an established cafe in Totnes on Fridays, as well as a lunch club
- Another popular activity is a cookery class for men on their own with many other activities available
- There are 800 people on their books serviced by 150 volunteers, 50 of whom are drivers.
- They are located at Totnes Hospital and run by 8/9 employees.
- As a charity, Totnes Caring rely on grants and donations to the tune of £12,000 per month
- The charity are looking for more volunteers as well as a greater awareness of their services, particularly in villages, in addition to fund raising ideas
- Mr Franklin supplied leaflets which will be distributed in the parish.

### **Public Forum**

- Messrs Nurse each commented on the issues of dog roaming and dogs defecating in villagers gardens. They commented on feeling aggrieved that the parish council had not approached them directly to discuss these matters. Cllr Kirkland commented that the first step was to advise all dog owners of the penalty of allowing dogs to foul areas and that no one in particular was being singled out. To this end, South Hams District Council had posted notices around the village and he hoped that would be enough to stem this problem.
- Mr Hubbard wished to give his perspective on the issues of parking in front of signs which advised that parked vehicles in this location would cause an obstruction, as well as the potential loss of the gritter service to the village because of the obstruction of parked vehicles. He felt that with the growing number of cars in the village, parking spaces were inadequate and that people should be able to park where they can. In addition, he felt that Cornworthy should not be privy to a council gritting service since the village did not meet the minimum population criteria. Thus, an essential service was being diverted away from more major routes. He also commented that other villages, such as Blackawton coped for the few nights of the year gritting was needed and he recommended Cornworthy Parish Council should purchase its own equipment. Cllr Kirkland commented that the gritter service was important, especially to those who needed to get out early to work or appointments in the morning, and wanted to protect this service for the village. Cllr Hunt (Snow Warden) was concerned about the dangers of towing large gritter equipment in icy conditions.

### **1.0 Preambles**

1.1 Emergency Exits

1.2 Apologies : Cllrs Bradley (Vice Chairman); Matthews ; Worthington  
County Cllr Hawkins

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest : None

## 3.0 Minutes

The Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were approved by all and duly signed by Cllr Kirkland

## 4.0 Matters Arising From Minutes

- 4.1 Item 8.5: The voice amplifier funded by a locality grant has now been purchased. This will remain a parish council asset available for meetings and presentations in the village hall. Cllr Carver to source a suitable damp-proof container to store the unit safely under lock in the hall
- 4.2 Item 9.1: Clerk advised that Martin Rich, Project Advisor from Devon Communities Together is to come to the February Cornworthy Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm to give a short presentation on how to prepare an Emergency Climate Change Plan.
- 4.2 Item 11: the leaves problem in Green Close has now been sorted as advised after an inspection by SHDC today. Cllr Hunt had already attended to this in addition to a road sweeper coming through the village recently.

## 5.0 Local Issues

- 5.1 Enforcement cases :no new cases
- 5.2 East Allaleigh Noticeboard  
Clerk advised that several quotes had been obtained and that Earth Anchors who supplied the East Cornworthy noticeboard had the best offer for £391 plus VAT. Cllr McKay will look into supplying grant funding for this.
- 5.3 Parking Issues/Yellow Lines  
Cllrs felt that this issue should be held in abeyance until need arises in the future.
- 5.4 Cllr Hunt asked that Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance be contacted to advise when the installation works were going to be completed. Clerk to action.

## 6.0 Highways

- 6.1 Cllr Hunt advised on a few problems with blocked drains and felt they need proper covers. Clerk to contact highways to organise a meeting so that these can be pointed out to them.

## 7.0 Planning

No planning applications received

### Decisions

- 7.1 **Dinah's Side, Dittisham TQ6 0HZ 2030/19/FUL** proposed quay restoration increase in quay wall to improve flood defense, and new slipway **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**
- 7.2 **Dinah's Side, Dittisham TQ6 0HZ 2031/19/LBC** Listed Building Consent for proposed quay restoration increase in quay wall to improve flood defense, and new slipway **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

## 8.0 Finance and Records

### 8.1 Receipts

- (a) 22p bank interest 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
(b) £500 Devon CC Locality Fund

### 8.2 Payments

- (a) £264.16 - Mrs L Maby – Clerk's Salary for December  
(b) £132.24 Mrs L Maby – Quarterly expenses  
(c) £42.00 Cornworthy Village Hall Committee – Room hire & Electric Cards  
(d) £78.99 Mrs L Maby (Amazon) – Portable Wireless Voice Amplifier (funded by 8.1.a)  
(e) £35.00 Information Commissioner -Data Protection Fee by Direct Debit

Payments (a), (b) and (d) proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Fry.

Payment (c) proposed by Cllr Carver and seconded by Cllr Fry.

Payment(e) by direct debit authorised by Cllrs Kirkland and Bradley.

### 8.3 Bank Balance at 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Total: £19,094.58 Current account: £13,233.75 Savings account: £5,860.83  
Allocated: Cornworthy PC: £18,544.69

8.4 NALC National Salary Award – Clerk salary increase. Due to delays in publishing the new scales, this has been held over until they are available.

8.5 Preparation of the 2019/2020 Draft Budget and Financial Statement

Precept notification and authorisation : Cllrs discussed the budget figures and decided on a precept level of £7,750, an increase of £250 on the previous year. This was proposed by Cllr Carver and seconded by Cllr Fry. Clerk to progress.

**9. Reports**

9.1 Clerk

An invitation to apply to attend the May Buckingham Palace Garden Party has been received. Cllrs all agreed that the clerk should apply.

9.2 Tree Warden

9.3 Defibrillator : all checked and in good order

9.4 Village Hall

9.5 Climate Change Emergency : Cllr Fry to attend a climate change meeting in Dittisham this month.

9.6 District Councillor

9.7 County Councillor

**10.0 Correspondence/Invitations**

**11.0 Any Other Business**

**12.0 100 Club January Draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs V Crisp
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs V Billy-Porritt
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs E Hulme

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 pm**