

CORNWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cornworthy Parish Council meeting
Held in the Village Hall on **Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.00 pm**

Present: Cllrs: Carver (Chairman), Bradley (Vice Chairman), Fry, Hunt, Kirkland, Matthews, Worthington
In Attendance: County Cllr Hawkins, District Cllr Tucker, Linda Maby (Clerk), Mr S Baker, (parishioner), Mr T Russell (Devon Air Ambulance)

Draft minutes subject to change at the next meeting

1.0 Preambles

- 1.1 Emergency Exits
- 1.2 Apologies : None

2.0 Declarations of Interest : Item 7.1 Cllrs Worthington and Hunt

3.0 Minutes

- 3.1 **The Minutes** from the Parish Council Meeting held 3rd December 2018 were approved and duly signed

4.0 Police Report : none

5.0 Local Issues

5.1 Enforcement cases: nothing new to report

5.2 Air Ambulance Landing Site Power Supply

Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) discussed the background and strategy for the DAA explaining that there are two Exeter based aircraft which fly up to 2am in the morning although DAA are aiming to provide a 24hour round the clock service which includes landing at designated community based sites. DAA are familiar with all these sites carrying out surveys for each and highlighting known hazards which facilitates and speeds up landing times and ultimately patient assessments. For night landings, DAA require a minimum of a 50 square metre landing area which is flat in terrain, free from obstacles and hazards and close to people so that the patient can be reached on foot. DAA do not own these sites but rather they are donated for use by communities. They currently have 100 sites and over the last year have attended to 200 patients at night. DAA are aiming to have access to 250 sites like this in the next 5 years so that they can reach all communities and farmsteads in between.

The presence of lighting is essential to each site both for safe landing and patient assessment as well as keeping track of equipment on the ground.

Mr Russell advised that landing site opportunities in Cornworthy are limited with the football pitch offering the only suitable area which both meets their requirements and has a good footpath to the village. The site would need to be floodlit should the DAA need to land. For this, two 10 metre poles with 150 watt LED's would be required for which a new single phase electricity supply would be needed. DAA has government funding to help with the setting up of night landing site lighting and could cover all of Western Power costs to install the electricity supply needed in Cornworthy. The cost of connecting the lights would need to be met separately (approximately £3,500), together with any light usage and ongoing standing charges (latter approximately £10 per annum) together with low maintenance costs. The structures would be the property of Cornworthy, not the DAA. Councillors discussed the possibility of obtaining grant funding to cover instalment costs not met by the DAA as well as investigating the insurance costs for the structures. Clerk to pursue.

Mr Russell also advised that we could investigate our own contractors for carrying out the lighting installment. Mr Baker said that the football club may be able to help with funding. Clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda again for February listing the expenditure that is needed.

5.3 Village Hall Chairs

This was discussed more fully under item 8

6.0 Highways

- 6.1 East Cornworthy blockages

Blockages to drains and gullies had been highlighted in a parishioners letter. Cllr Hunt advised that these had now been cleared.

6.2 Lengthsman's training

Chapter 8 training is available and would be funded for up to 3 volunteers from the parish. Both Steve Hunt and Mike Pearey have expressed an interest and clerk to provide each with an application form to process.

6.3 Gritter Access Problems

DCC Highways had supplied the clerk with photo evidence of cars in the village which had impeded access for the gritter lorry. Cllr Hunt to investigate.

6.4 Fly Tipping at the top of Watery Lane

Clerk to report this for clearance to Highways. The rubbish comprised wet plasterboard and a mattress.

6.5 Fingerpost Damage

Clerk to report damage to posts at Abbey Cross and Cornworthy Cross

7.0 Planning

7.1 **The Glebe House :3238/18/HHO** Householder application for reconstruction of existing studio and garage, and new link building to provide ancillary accommodation to the main house.

Cllrs reached a decision of NO OBJECTION proposed by Cllr Carver and seconded by Cllr Matthews

8.0 Finance and Records

8.1 Receipts

- (a) 16p bank interest 10th December 2018
- (b) £85 Refund for TAP expenditure (weed control)

8.2 Payments

- (a) £153.80 Mrs L Maby – Clerk's Salary for December
- (b) £47.68 Mrs L Maby – Quarterly expenses
Payment proposed by Cllr Carver and seconded by Cllr Hunt
- (c) £32.00 Cornworthy Village Hall Committee – Room hire
- (d) £30.00 Cornworthy Village Hall Committee – Associate Membership
Payment proposed by Cllr Fry and seconded by Cllr Matthews
- (e) £1,818.00 Cardiac Science – New Defibrillator and Cabinet
Payment proposed by Cllr Fry and seconded by Cllr Carver
- (f) £40.00 Information Commissioner -Data Protection Fee
Payment proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Kirkland

8.3 Bank Balance at 11/12/2018

Total: £20,804.12 Current account: £17,041.01 Savings account: £3,763.11

Allocated: Cornworthy PC: £20,027.23
Charlecombe Wood: £108.01 P3: £ 668.88

8.4 NALC National Salary Award – Clerk salary increase
To be discussed at the February meeting

8.5 Preparation of the 2018/2019 Draft Budget and Financial Statement

Precept notification and authorisation. Cllrs discussed the precept level in the light of the DAA lighting costs and agreed to put forward a precept request of £7,500 This was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Kirkland

8.6 Election Costs

South Hams District Council are unable to give you an estimate for 2019 election costs, however, once the costs have been calculated, they will send a communication after the elections in order that the parish/town council can precept for it later in 2019. We will then be invoiced in the next financial year.

8.7 P3 Funds

Elly Finn has requested that Steve Hunt render his invoice for P3 work so that a budget for 2019 can be prepared.

8.8 Village Hall Chairs

It was decided that the decision to purchase more chairs (approximately £2,000) be held over as we are still awaiting the decision from Devon County Council regarding our application to their Communities Together Fund for half of the cost of the chairs. We currently have been awarded a locality grant to cover the other half of the cost. It was decided that all 100 chairs should be purchased together so they all match. Clerk to supply alternative chair choices and costs for the February meeting. Cllr Hawkins suggested that the chairs in use in the Clifton Room at the Guildhall in Dartmouth are very comfortable and worth looking at. Clerk to investigate.

9.0 Reports

9.1 Clerk : clerk advised that a nominee could be put forward from the Parish Council to attend a May Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. All agreed that the clerk should apply herself.

9.2 Tree Warden : none

9.3 Defibrillator : Cllr Kirkland reported safe receipt of the new Defibrillator and Cabinet. He will approach Kelvin Gitsham for a quote to install. Cllr Kirkland to look into whether South West Ambulance would like the old defibrillator to re-condition.

9.4 Village Hall : A Casserole and Pud evening is to be held shortly as a fund raiser.

9.5 District Councillor : Cllr Tucker announced his retirement in May. He advised that from April 1st waste collection will be outsourced and that ultimately more products will be recycled. SHDC are looking for investment projects. Cllr Tucker discussed the possibility of investing in a budget hotel at Kingsbridge as well as chalets at Beesands.

9.6 County Councillor

10.0 Correspondence/Invitations

10.1 Letter/Brochure from CRPE Devon re joining group

10.2 Invitation to Planning Training : this is to be rescheduled

10.3 Important information about planning consultations from South Hams District Council

Clerk demonstrated new projector which will be used once paperless planning consultations come into force from April 2019.

10.4 Meeting re Communities Together Funding (for VH Chairs)

11.0 100 January Club Draw

1st Mr T Carter

2nd Mr & Mrs Forster

3rd Mrs A Long

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Monday 4th February 2019 at 8.00 pm**