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MINUTES OF THE COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2024 7PM AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Present: Cllr N Orchard (Chair), Cllr S Avery, Cllr C Bell, Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr A Brent

In attendance: Devon County Cllr A Dewhirst,
Mrs L Moore – Parish Clerk

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.04pm and received apologies from District Cllr Radford and Cllr Spokes.
2. **To declare any interests arising at this meeting.**
No interests were declared.

3. **Reports:**

3.1 County Councillors' report. (Read by Cllr Dewhirst and is available to view on the website).
The Parish Council thanked Cllr Dewhirst for his report and also for his continued hard work.

3.2 District Councillors' report. Not received.

3.3 Police Advocate and Neighbourhood Watch reports and updates.

The Chair advised that the seemingly abandoned car parked on the road opposite the Church had now been removed by a recovery truck, following Mrs S Orchard's report to the police. Police update advised that the owner had reported the car under SORN but once it was highlighted that it was parked on a highway the prompt removal occurred within two days.

The Chair advised that when the Newton Abbot Police Station was recently visited (with opening hours of 10am to 3pm), it was found to be closed due to staff shortages. Comments were then made about the staffing situation, as the newly re-elected Police Commissioner had emphasised in her speeches that many Police Stations had been recently re-opened.

4. **Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting:**

It was agreed by all to approve the Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, 21st May 2024

5. **Finance**

5.1 To agree by all to approve the payments schedule.

5.2 To agree by all to approve the bank reconciliation for May 2024.

5.3 The budget update for period 1st April 2024 to 31st May 2024 was presented with no matters arising.

6. Funding & Grants:

No funding received. The Parish Clerk would liaise with County Cllr Dewhirst concerning the grant request for the grit bin.

7. Footpaths & Highways

The Chair advised that although the hedges and foliage had grown at a phenomenal rate so far this year, the paths are continuing to be trimmed back to keep them passable and most are in a reasonable state, but more work is planned. He advised that one of the permissive path's style-gate was inaccessible due to growth which had now been cleared and the path was walkable. Footpath 4 and over the top from Osborne Osmond Cottage has also been completed as well as Footpath 1.

It was noted that the area around the Defibrillator at Dacombe needed attention.

The Chair advised that Mr. Mike Harrison had volunteered to assist with strimming, and he was looking into arrangements for him to attend the training course.

Discussion then followed concerning the repair of Footpath 1; the ordering of the appropriate gravel chippings as well as the planning of where it was to be delivered and the use of wheelbarrows and other equipment for conveying the material due to a few access problems.

It was reported that some of the roads in the village still had potholes to be addressed, some of which are being filled and others patched. There are still drainage problems from the Church entrance past Churchway path as well as the road surface requiring attention. It was noted that Devon Highways were currently patching the road near "The Linny."

The costing and provision of "20 is plenty" adhesive signs are being addressed by the Vice-Chair and Parish Clerk.

8. To note any correspondence received

None.

9. Parish Matters:

9.1 The Parish Council meeting dates for 2025 were discussed and agreed.

9.2 The Chair advised that he was unable to attend the Planning Meeting to be held at Teignbridge District Council in Newton Abbot on Wednesday, 19th June 2024, and, as the other Councillors were unable to attend, the Parish Clerk confirmed she would attend and report to the Parish Council.

10. Correspondence received by the Parish Clerk.

None

11. Planning & Enforcement Public Question Time:

No public in attendance.

12. Planning:

No new planning applications were received for this meeting.

12.1 To note the grant of conditional planning decision on the following planning applications.

Application Ref: 24/00640/HOU and Application Ref 24/00641/LBC – Manor Cottage, Coffinswell.

Garden room extension and replacement windows

The Chair confirmed that it was duly noted that Manor Cottage had been finally granted permission for their garden room and replacement windows this month. After three attempts, which had all been supported by the Parish Council. It was also noted that the 12mm ultra-slim double glazing had been approved.

The Chair advised the Councillors that he would be shortly submitting an application for a repeat of some previous tree works for his own property. Since the deadline for submitting the Parish Council comments on this would be before the next Parish Council Meeting in September, he would discuss the matter with the Vice-Chair, as he would naturally withdraw from any discussions on the subject.

13. Enforcement Issues:

13.1 To receive any updates on outstanding enforcement issues.

CLlr Bell confirmed that the caravan with the wooden structure was still sited in the field next to Downaway Lane. The Chair advised that this had been reported to the Enforcement Officer and an update on the matter was awaited.

The Chair advised that he had received a comment from one of the parishioners concerning work being done in the field at the junction of Pitland Lane and Footland Lane. He pointed out this was the field which had been recently given permission for a replacement animal shelter and store. It is understood that a rough roadway has been constructed from the field entrance up to the new building at the top of the field. After discussion it was commented that there did not appear any regulations had been contravened.

An open discussion then occurred regarding access to Public Rights of Way and the legal record of such known as the Definitive Map which categorises the *rights of way* into four types: footpath, bridleway, restricted byway or byway open to all traffic.

14. General Public Question Time:

None in attendance.

15. To note the date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 17th September 2024

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

Signed:
Chairman of Coffinswell Parish Council

Dated: