

**COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2015 – ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, COFFINSWELL**

Present: Cllrs Wills (Chairman), Harrington, Berry, Hermsen and Winchester  
 Cllrs Dewhirst (DCC), Ballinger (TDC) and Haines (TDC)

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 1 member of the Public

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wills opened the meeting at 19.29. There were no apologies.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	Cllr Wills declared that he owned a boundary fence to Connybeare House.
	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
3	<p><u>Public Question Time:</u> A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Coffinswell.</p> <p><u>County and District Councillors' Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p>	<p>Sally Spokes has requested for the position of Footpath No. 2 to be moved. She was in attendance to find out how the Parish Council feels about this. She recently bought Connybeare House. She has requested for the footpath to be moved due to privacy and would like to plant more trees and change some of the trees that are in situ at the moment. With related work, she would like people to walk around the hedge rather than beside it.</p> <p>Cllr Wills asked about how she thought people would feel about erecting a fence to move the footpath without any consultation with anybody.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the footpath is ancient and provides a wonderful view. The diverted path is 30m longer and provides no view. She explained that if the footpath is not diverted, she will abide by the law and ensure the footpath is made available to the Public. She suggested that there have been issues with gates and escaping sheep.</p> <p>Issues were NOTED, and would be discussed further in the main meeting. The Council would do all they could to ensure adequate consultation with Parishioners.</p> <p>She is happy to work with Council, and more land is being provided than the law states with the diversion.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhirsts' report forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Ballinger explained that the draft budget has been considered by Overview and Scrutiny this week. It is expected that there will be no increase in Council Tax from TDC.</p> <p>The recent fire in Oxford shows how well TDC have set up provisions for a shared computer system.</p> <p>Cllr Haines explained that an appeal has been initiated by Abbotskerswell/Wolborough area against housing development with regards to the Local Plan. The legal challenge was turned down. If it is successful examination of where housing could go would be looked at again. The Plan is in place and is used pending the outcome.</p> <p>There was no police report.</p>
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	
4	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following minutes: 20 November 2014	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
5	To consider the following planning applications: <b>14/03730/FUL</b> Retention of an industrial unit	

	(Use Classes B1, B2 and B8) (Mr J Churchward/Pathfield, Dacombe)	No comments.
6	Enforcement Issues.	Residential use of mobile home at corner of Downaway Lane and St Marychurch Road, Coffinswell - 13/00482/ENF. This matter has been closed.
7	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree accounts for payment</li> <li>Budget and Precept 2015/16</li> </ul>	Receipts - Nil Payments - Mrs R Avery - Clerk's Salary £186.09 Mrs R Avery - Clerk's Expenses £8.10 Mr A Hermsen - PAYE deducted from Clerk's salary payable to HMRC £46.40 Mr A Hermsen - Reimbursement for expenditure on two trees £33.70  Bank Balances - Main Account £3112.79 Paths Account £6.28  Cllr Hermsen provided a tabled proposal to set the budget at £3,197 and the precept at £3,011 this leaving the charge per household unchanged. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Wills, SECONDED by Cllr Winchester and APPROVED.  Cllr Hermsen informed the meeting that the NALC 2014 - 2016 national salary award had been received. An increase of 2.2% was to be backdated to 1st January 2015. It was also noted that the clerk's pay should have been increased on 1st April 2014 from SCP20 (£9.687 per hr) to SCP 21 (£10.04 per hr). It was RESOLVED that these changes would be paid with the next salary payment.
8	Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Plan.	It was NOTED that the Clerk and either Cllr Berry or Hermsen would be in attendance.
9	Funding and Grants.	Cllr Harrington explained that an application for the ditching of Kerswell Lane would be submitted in February.
10	Engaging with the Community.	The website was discussed and it was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with Gwyneth Hermsen.
11	Footpaths and Highways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footpath No 2</li> </ul>	Cllr Harrington explained that DCC are having an informal consultation with the District and Parish Councils, user groups and service providers. A response is required to be sent to PROW at DCC. <i>Standing orders were suspended.</i> The application explained that the ancient footpath was diverted several years ago. For personal reasons, she is requesting this diversion. Cllr Winchester suggested that the Public should be informed of this application. Benefit of user rather than benefit of landowner. Clerk to inform PROW of Parish Council's opinion and would await further details of application. <i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i> No. 3 footpath, Connybeare Lane- stile been removed and fingerpost been cut off. Cllr Dewhirst to liaise with DCC. No 1- bench put in.
12	To note any correspondence received.	Teignbridge Local Plan (hard copy), Healthwatch Voices, Devon Senior Voice.
13	To note the date of the next meeting: <b>Thursday 19 March 2015 at 19.30.</b>	This was NOTED.