

COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES
THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019 – ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, COFFINSWELL

Present: Cllrs Wills (Chairman), Berry, Brent, Harrington and Parkes
 Cllr Dewhurst (DCC) (18.38)
 Cllr Haines (TDC)

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk)
 3 members of the public

| No | Subject | Comments |
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| 1 | The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies. | Cllr Wills opened the meeting at 18.30. There were no apologies. |
| 2 | To declare any interests arising at this meeting. | There were no interests to declare. |
| | <i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i> | |
| 3 | <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. <u>County and District Councillors' Reports</u> <u>Police Report</u> | No members of the public wished to speak. Cllr Haines reported that due to the period of Purdah before elections, his report would only focus on issues in the district and he would not report on his additional responsibilities as an individual councillor. He would provide a report during the APM. County Cllr Dewhurst’s report forms part of the minutes. There was no police report. |
| | <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: 17 January 2019 25 February 2019 (Planning) | It was NOTED that an additional planning meeting had taken place on 31 January to consider revised plans prior to the meeting on 25 February. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE all minutes, and Cllr Wills duly signed them. |
| 5 | To consider the following planning application: 19/00376/LBC Repair and/or replacement of external rendering (Pitt Cottage, Coffinswell) | No objection. |
| 6 | Update – TDC Planning Committee meeting (19 March 2019) | District Cllr Haines reported that the application at Pathfields was refused on the grounds of over-development in the countryside, that the application was in an Area of Great Landscape Value and the impact it would have on the highway network. The application at The Bungalow was approved with all additional comments and conditions requested by the Parish Council. In both cases, he explained that all comments made by the Parish Council had been considered and the outcomes had been positive. |
| 7 | Enforcement Issues. | Cllr Brent reported that whilst he had not received communication from the Environmental Agency or TDC, the site at Orestone Lane has been cleared; all building debris has been removed and the land appears to have reverted to agricultural use. An abandoned vehicle had also been reported to the police. The owners have advised the police that it is broken down, but they are trying to remove it. Concerns were raised regarding the use of land at Dacombe Hill. It was NOTED that this is a dog walking facility and the application had been approved. It was NOTED that there appears to be a dalmatian rescue centre on Dacombe Hill (access off Downaway Lane) and are using the field, |

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| | | <p>Cllr Wills reported that there is a large ash tree at the entrance to Connybears Lane. The tree looks to be in poor condition and may require removal. He would contact TDC's tree officer.</p> <p>It was NOTED that there is no ash dieback in Teignbridge yet, but it is very likely that the disease will arrive in the district; one in five trees in Devon are ash.</p> <p>It was suggested that the council undertake a tree asset survey. The likelihood is that the council would have to pay for work should there be removals required. Owners may require support with management and a notice should be placed in the notice board. It was AGREED that Cllr Parkes would investigate this.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding wild magenta, which has taken over in patches around 20m long. Cllr Brent suggested that this weed may be Winter Heliotrope was difficult to control but will not seed and should be contained.</p> <p>Additional highway issues were NOTED and would be reported via the DCC online reporting system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blocked buddle holes at Underway - Potholes at Pathway - Covering of stop cocks through village since resurfacing. <p>County Cllr Dewhirst reported that scalplings may be available from work on the A381. DCC had been able to turn some revenue projects into capital and had received additional funding from central government.</p> |
| 13 | To note any correspondence received. | There was no further correspondence. |
| 14 | To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 23 May 2019. | This was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 19.25. |