

**COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 29 MAY 2014 – ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, COFFINSWELL**

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

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 18 members of the Public

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wills opened the meeting at 20.01.
2	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following minutes: 23 May 2013	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
3	Chairman’s Report.	<p>Cllr Wills explained that there have been few major planning applications. An application for a new dwelling at Danver House was refused twice by the Parish Council.</p> <p>There have been problems with the roads due to the bad weather, and Cllr Dewhirst will be able to provide further information.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhirst’s report forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Haines explained that TDC’s Local Plan has now been approved, and has no great impact on Coffinswell. It will remain as countryside and planning applications will be considered in that context. Elsewhere, areas not allocated housing/development should not expect to get any unless identified through the Plan and there is now a five year land supply in place.</p> <p>There is currently a Certificate of Lawfulness application at Pathfield to be considered by the Parish Council.</p> <p>He will continue as Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny at TDC.</p> <p>Cllr Ballinger explained that the executive committee recently approved a new course of action for refuse collection. There will be a weekly collection, and the Council will no longer provide a free collection of garden refuse. There will be a charge of £35 per year (approximately) for this service. The Council are obtaining quotes for new refuse lorries. He will be the Council Chairman this year, and will have a very busy schedule ahead of him.</p> <p>Parishioners involved in the litter picking collection were thanked for their hard work.</p> <p>Both emergency officers (Michael Sach and Brian Moore) were thanked for their hard work over the courses of their tenures.</p> <p>The Council will no longer have a statutory officer, but deal with in house by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Wills explained that there are plans for the Milber Abattoir site for 20 work/live units with up to 4 bedrooms in each unit. This is a new approach for some developers, which is presumed to have less impact on traffic. The land agent has not yet put an application to TDC, but it is possible that this will come forward.</p> <p>The Parish Council thoroughly questioned the plans, and have not yet made a final recommendation of these plans.</p>

		<p>It was asked whether this type of application was a way of getting over development hurdles in areas that are not allocated development. The site in question has an existing industrial land use and this continues with that approval. There would have to be strict rules as to the use of the units. These are issues that would need to be addressed if and when an application comes through.</p> <p>The proposed terms are not yet known, and provisions will need to be made; if businesses were to go bust for example.</p> <p>Cllr Berry suggested that the idea in principal is a good one, but the site should be safeguarded.</p>
4	Finance Report.	<p>Cllr Hermsen explained that the Parish Council accounts came to £3462, a reduction of £14 on last year.</p> <p>The precept was raised in the last financial year due to an increase in the Clerks hours.</p> <p>Insurance and cemetery grass cutting are the other large expenditures to the Parish Council. The precept remains unchanged for this financial year.</p> <p>A rural aid grant has been submitted for new notice boards in Coffinswell and Dacombe.</p> <p>Footpath 1 (Pathfield) – seat eroded and requires replacement. A residents requested that this path should be made available for push chairs and disabled access. It was NOTED that the kissing gate would be replaced with a gate, when it is no longer fit for purpose.</p> <p>Footpath 2 (Shell Lane)- trees down in January. Chopped and taken for fire wood.</p> <p>Grant provided by Woodland Trust for 400 saplings. These have been planted, and thanks go to the Woodland Trust and to Geoff Buck, Carole Matthew, Roger Wills and Tony and Gwynn Hermsen. Alex Park was thanked for cutting the triangle.</p>
5	Coffinswell and Dacombe Events Committee Report.	<p>Kate and Graham Radley had requested that the Chairman read their report. This forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Berry read a statement as member of CDEC and a member of the PCC. This forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>Prior to setting up CDEC, there were fairs etc that took place.</p> <p>It was noted that Kate Radley is part of CDEC, however the Radleys’ business is World Unlimited.</p> <p>A residents suggested that the World Unlimited events have charged up to £17.50 per ticket. A conflict of interest suggests that the community are not benefitting from these events.</p> <p>Gordon Bower explained that there were initially no issues with these events. The PCC is trying to ascertain who actually owns World Unlimited.</p> <p>Public Liability must be considered at these events. World Unlimited have not produced a public liability document. The PCC are not prepared to leave themselves open to a claim, and all hirers must provide proof of this insurance.</p> <p>The rent for the Church was kept low to ensure it was used. There have been some excellent events held by CDEC, who ensure parking is adequate. Parking has not been so well organised at World Unlimited events.</p> <p>Communication between World Unlimited and the PCC seems to be breaking down. The PCC do not wish to stop these events, but must have the correct procedures in place. There are rumours going around the Village, and the PCC finds this regrettable. If there are any queries, you can approach the PCC, Churchwardens or the Revd John Leonard.</p> <p>We do not want a divided community.</p>

		<p>John Berry explained that the concerts will be harmful to the Village. The facilities offered by the Church and its location does not lend itself to such events. Those attending are generally non-Villagers. He had looked in at the last event. Had there been an emergency, emergency vehicles would have had difficulty in getting to the Church due to car parking.</p> <p>It was NOTED that World Unlimited have not paid anything. This was confirmed today.</p> <p>Events taking place are advertised in local and national newspapers and publications such as Devon Life. The Church's name is being used without the PCC's permission.</p> <p>Diane Moore stated that it is important to remember where CDEC started. It came about when a meeting at the Church ended in asking what activities should take place in the Church and whether people would volunteer. Simple events started such as Tai Chi. Over time, people are still trying to do these things and in some ways the PCC discovered as they went along that things needed to be put in place that had not been considered.</p> <p>People must remember that we started by doing what we think is right. She has faithfully not discussed this with anybody. Another thing to remember is that nobody was worried about profit at the time. There are now concerns about that. She is not on anybody's side in this argument, something has gone wrong along the way and people's intentions have been good. These issues must be resolved.</p> <p>Alex Parkes suggested that the initial events were great for the Village, but it seems that the World Unlimited events are not being run under the same 'mission statement' as CDEC are.</p> <p>Cllr Hermsen had met with the Vicar before CDEC was formed, along with Gwynn Hermsen to set out the use of the Hall.</p> <p>It seems that the amount of events have become an issue, and the liability insurance must be adhered to.</p> <p>The PCC intend to review the situation after 6 July in light of everything that has taken place. Any queries, please write to the Revd John Leonard.</p> <p>Clive Harrington explained that the current CDEC bank balance is £2847.89.</p>
6	Public Session.	<p>There was nothing further to discuss.</p> <p>Cllr Wills closed the meeting at 21.11.</p>