

**COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 – ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, COFFINSWELL**

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

Apologies: Cllr Cook (TDC)

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 10 members of the Public

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wills opened the meeting at 20.00. Cllr Cooks’ apologies were NOTED.
2	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following minutes: 29 May 2014	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
3	Chairman’s Reports.	<p>Cllr Dewhirst’s report forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Haines explained that the Local Plan was adopted by the Council, with a legal challenge that was rejected. The appeal is still pending. This doesn’t affect Coffinswell as there is no developable land. Milber Abattoir is a brown field site.</p> <p>Compost and the charge for a green bin were discussed. Delays in getting the recycling centre enlarged means that roll out has been postponed until September. Fleets of lorries require replacing and new EU regulations over cardboard recycling will come into force. A sack will be provided for cardboard instead. Food waste will still be collected, but on a weekly basis. There will be a charge for a compostable bin; residents have a choice as to whether to pay for gardening waste to be collected. It is not a tax, but a charge for a service that isn’t statutory. Electronic systems will identify those who have paid for the service. Council tax was not increased, but due to cuts, it is unlikely that TDC will be able to continue without increase.</p> <p>He remains Chair of Overview and Scrutiny.</p> <p>Cllr Wills explained that the Parish Council had had a quiet year, with a few planning issues. Kerswell Gardens application was approved and Connybears House was rejected. After a revised application was submitted, the Parish Council approved it. Some issues with the footpath, which is an ongoing issue with DCC.</p> <p>The application at Danver House went to appeal, and was refused. At Milber Abattoir, an application to develop 20 live/work units is currently being considered by TDC. There are footpath issues with this.</p> <p>Thanks to DCC were extended, with huge amounts of work at Dacombe Mill Lane taking place where the road had collapsed. Work had also taken place at Willowpark Lane (Dacombe end) and Orestone Woods.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to litter pickers in Coffinswell and Dacombe.</p> <p>TDC’s Blitz team continue to support the ongoing fly tipping problem.</p> <p>The Social History Project was well supported and was excellent for the village.</p>

		<p>The South Devon Link Road has continued to cause traffic problems, but is due to open in December. The back road Decoy will open at the weekend.</p> <p>Sand bags are still held by Cllr Wills.</p> <p>Cllr Harrington reported on the footpaths:  Footpath 1- replacement of seat. Egrets and kingfishers are some of the wildlife you can see here.  Footpath 3- fingerpost cut off with a chainsaw. Reinstated after being found in a nearby field.  2 Hornbeams planted to replace fallen ones in the storms.  Thanks to Cllr Hermsen for cutting the footpaths.  2 UUCRS- a lot more is work required. There are no grants available for these roads.  £400 was received for ditching.  Footpath 2- Connybeare House. A site visit will take place with DCC. The original application was for a diversion and was rejected by the Parish Council. A large wooden fence has been erected to protect the house. Nothing has been decided yet. The house will take 18 months to build. There is an abandoned motorbike at the Coffinswell sign near to Dacombe, which TDC have said they will remove.  Thanks were to Cllr Harrington for his work on the footpaths.</p>
4	Finance Report.	<p>Cllr Hermsen has resigned as RFO and the position has been taken over by the Clerk.  The Parish Council had not increased their precept.  Thanks to Cllr Hermsen for his hard work.</p>
5	Coffinswell and Dacombe Events Committee Report.	<p>Cllr Harrington explained that although the balance was £2334.53, a £30 cheque not been presented. The current balance is £2304.53.</p>
6	Public Session.	<p>Serena Bell explained that antisocial driving can be an issue in the Village. It may be useful to know that if you get number plate, the Police can be contacted due to intimidation and causing distress.</p> <p>On St Marychurch Road, unattended goats can sometimes stray onto the road.</p> <p>A burglary at Connybeare House had taken place, and building equipment was taken.</p> <p>Gwynn Hermsen asked about the wall at Linden Cottage. The owner suggested that she is waiting for DCC to rebuild it, however Cllr Dewhirst suggested that it was not their responsibility. The owner would deal with this.</p> <p>It was not that a box trailer advertising a business in Dacombe. It is in a safe position, but semi-permanent.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 20.47.</p>

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