

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

Present: Cllrs Parkes (Vice Chair), Berry, Brent and Hermsen
 Cllr Dewhurst (DCC)

Apologies: Cllr Wills (Chair)
 Cllr Haines (TDC)

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

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Parkes opened the meeting at 19.02. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE apologies from Cllr Wills. Condolences were sent to Cllr Wills and his family on their recent bereavement. It was NOTED that District Cllr Haines had sent his 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 5 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> <u>NHW Report</u>	It was NOTED that Cllr Parkes intended to amend the order of the meeting to allow members of the public to speak about the agenda items they were in attendance to discuss. County Cllr Dewhurst’s report forms part of the minutes. There was no police report. There was no NHW report. There were concerns raised regarding new signs in the village stating ‘no footpath signs’ at the entrances to Coffinswell. County Cllr Dewhurst suggested that there is likely to be a government directive regarding this and would investigate.
	<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: 19 September 2019	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
5	To consider the following planning application: 19/00850/COND1 Discharge of conditions 3 & 4 on planning permission 19/00850/MAJ for use of additional land for camping purposes (Dacombe Manor Farm LLP)	<i>Standing orders were suspended.</i> Members of the public in attendance were given the opportunity to discuss their concerns regarding the discharge of conditions and concerns regarding arrival times, motor homes and site supervision were NOTED. <i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i> Cllr Parkes PROPOSED that the following recommendation be made: Whilst the parish council accepts the discharge of condition 4, it raises serious concerns regarding condition 3 and makes the following observations: Terms and conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The arrival of campers at both day and night is not acceptable. This causes unnecessary travel through a small community, causing disruption. Arrivals from 07.00-21.00 would be reasonable - It is stated that motor homes are not allowed on site. However, motor homes have been regularly reported to TDC and their use of the site breaches the original licence

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whilst it is stated that loud music is not allowed, there is no way that this can be monitored without a member of staff on site. <p>Daily management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed staffing arrangements do little to protect residents in the vicinity. Whilst the owner may live on the farm adjoining the property, she is not involved in the management of the site. Therefore, there is no supervision of the campsite during night-time hours which is not adequate given the importance of on-site management (as discussed at TDC's planning meeting where the application was conditionally approved). There should be on-site management 24 hours a day whilst the campsite is in use, with a member of staff contactable and immediately available - The document refers to groups being allowed to book the site, however the manager explained last year that this would no longer be allowed given the issues experienced by neighbours - Additional reference should be given to the brown tourist signs from Scotts Bridge to ensure that visitors to the campsite can find it more easily. <p>The submitted management plan does not address the original conditions of the planning permission and should reflect the conditions of the licence more accurately. Furthermore, the conditions regarding spacing of pitches should be adhered to. The owners and staff of Treacle Valley Campsite are welcome to contact the parish council to discuss this in further detail.</p> <p>These proposals were SECONDED by Cllr Berry and APPROVED.</p>
6	<p>Enforcement Issues-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway opening concerns 	<p>It was NOTED that the police had not come back to the clerk with any further information. Action: Clerk to chase.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the clerk had not received any further information on the opening at Dacombe (The Bungalow).</p> <p><i>Standing orders were suspended.</i></p> <p>The owner stated that this access was an original opening, however this was argued by members of the public in attendance. It was NOTED that the opening was uncovered when the wall was being restored and the owner has provided TDC with information. Action: Clerk to chase TDC.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p>
7	Neighbourhood Plan.	<p>It was NOTED that there has been previous discussions about the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Coffinswell.</p> <p>Cllr Parkes provided a brief overview of what a Neighbourhood Plan is.</p> <p>County Cllr Dewhirst stated that TDC have no plans to build houses in Coffinswell. A Local Plan is in place, which sits alongside the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. Neighbourhood Plans can identify what an area should look like if any developments are proposed.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the parish council would invite TDC to the January meeting. Action: Clerk to contact TDC.</p>
8	Climate Change.	<p>It was NOTED that Cllr Brent would investigate the current status of climate change in Teignbridge and report back to the council meeting.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Brent to investigate. Agenda item for January.</p>
9	Operation London Bridge.	<p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the policy. It was NOTED that Cllr Berry and the clerk would liaise regarding the involvement of the church.</p>
10	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree accounts for payment • To approve 2019/20 half yearly accounts 	<p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE accounts for payments.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the half-yearly accounts.</p>

11	Update on The Well.	It was NOTED that The Well looks good and there is a stream running through it. No further work will be required until spring. Cllrs Parkes and Berry explained that they had undertaken some research to create a plaque for the area. It was NOTED that they would meet to agree suitable wording. Action: Agenda item for January.
12	Funding and Grants.	There was nothing to discuss.
13	Engaging with the community.	It was NOTED that the website is now searchable through google and should be easier to access.
14	Footpaths and Highways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parking sign at Princess Cottages 	<p><i>Standing orders were suspended.</i></p> <p>A resident had offered replacement bollards at the lower end of Coffinswell towards Kingskerswell, free of charge. It was NOTED that he would contact County Cllr Dewhirst.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p> <p>It was NOTED that the leaflets had been made available to residents to add to car windscreens.</p> <p>It was NOTED that Cllrs Brent and Parkes would undertake a site visit to decide on the sign position and to discuss with residents.</p> <p>Cllr Brent thanked County Cllr Dewhirst for his grant towards the purchase of the new brush cutter.</p>
15	To note any correspondence received.	Cllr Berry had attended an exploitation event, focussing on how to identify exploitation and county lines.
	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following item:</i>	
16	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	<p>It was NOTED that the tree at Connybeare Lane had been removed due to disease.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the planning application at Pathfields had been overturned at appeal.</p> <p>It was NOTED that work to stabilise Dacombe Hill was likely to start in January.</p>
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	
17	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 16 January 2020.	This was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 20.46.