

COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES
THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016 – ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, COFFINSWELL

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

Apologies: Cllr Cook (TDC)

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 3 members of the Public.

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wills opened the meeting at 19.28. There were no apologies.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	Item 8 – Cllr Wills declared an interest as neighbouring landowner.
	<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 Dewhirst’s report forms part of the minutes. Cllr Haines explained that TDC’s Council Tax requirement has been set. At the last minute, the Government offered an increase in council tax by up to £5 per elector, which TDC accepted. This equates to a 3.3% increase on Council Tax. He also explained that the Boundary Commission are looking at the Teignbridge area. There is a recommendation that the amount of Councillors stays the same (46) but electors per councillor increase to around 2400 (currently under 2100). Further details are awaited. The Local Government Association has been undertaking assessments on the corporate side of the District Council, especially scrutiny and scrutiny of outside bodies. Initial findings appear to be good and report in due course will be published. 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: 12 February 2016	The minutes were APPROVED.
5	To consider the following planning application: 16/00365/FUL Regrading of lower paddock to provide below ground drainage system and swale for Connybeare House (Miss S Spokes/Connybeare House, Connybear Lane)	It was NOTED that there are no vertical dimensions on the planning application. Cllr Winchester PROPOSED no objection, which was SECONDED by Cllr Hermesen. This was APPROVED subject to approval for movement of soil. Concerns had been raised by neighbours regarding the increase of water coming off the site. Cllr Winchester suggested that the swale should help with this issue. Cllr Wills raised concerns over the landscape impact, which are no longer controllable. Cllr Haines suggested that there shouldn’t be too much of an issue as the swale itself will not be visible.
6	Enforcement Issues.	There was nothing to discuss.
7	Finance: • To agree accounts for payment	<u>Receipts-</u> DCC – Parish Paths funding £300.00 <u>Payments-</u>

15	To note any correspondence received.	Concerns over planning applications being sent electronically. This was NOTED. TDC are not going to roll these plans out until Parish Councils have agreed on how electronic plans will be viewed at meetings.
16	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 19 May 2016 at 19.30.	This was NOTED, however the main meeting would commence at 1845 to allow for the APM to take place.