

**COFFINSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016 – ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, COFFINSWELL**

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

Apologies: Cllr Berry

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk)

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wills opened the meeting at 19.30. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllr Berry.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	There were no interests declared.
	<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>	There were no members of the Public present.  Cllr Haines reported that outstanding enforcement issues are being caught up on, due to recent absences at TDC. As there aren't any urgent issues in the Parish, he has not pushed for any outstanding cases to be looked at. Devolution continues to be discussed at TDC. The recent draft consultations from the Electoral Commission for the Teignbridge area recommends that Coffinswell stays as it is. There are some boundary changes, and the recommendations propose an additional Newton Abbot Councillor. These boundaries were last review was in 2003 and are projecting to 2020. These recommendations are contrary to what is happening in Parliament, where MP numbers are being reduced. Cllr Dewhirst'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 meeting: 21 July 2016	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
5	To consider the following planning applications: 16/02214/FUL Agricultural grain/fodder storage building (Court Barton, Coffinswell/Mr Foale and Mrs Milverton) 16/02457/FUL Erection of a polytunnel (The Old Parsonage, Coffinswell/Mrs V Flower)	It was NOTED that there were three parts to the application (02211/FUL, 02213/FUL and 02214/FUL). Cllr Winchester PROPOSED no objection. This was SECONDED by Cllr Hermsen and APPROVED (4:0). Cllr Wills PROPOSED no objection. This was SECONDED by Cllr Hermsen and APPROVED (4:0).
6	Enforcement Issues.	Cllr Haines recommended that he meet with a Councillor in the near future for a walk around the Parish to check on any potential enforcement issues.
7	To note and comment on the LGBCE's draft recommendations of its electoral review of Teignbridge.	This was NOTED. There were no comments.
8	To note and comment on Torquay Neighbourhood Plan's consultation.	This was NOTED. There were no comments.
9	Finance: • To agree accounts for payment	<u>Receipts-</u> None

		<p><u>Payments-</u>  Mr A Hermsen - Clerk's PAYE - £75.80  Mrs R Avery - Clerk's Salary - £303.17  Mrs R Avery - Clerk's Expenses - £9.00  <u>Bank Balances -</u>  Main Account £3199.35  Parish Paths £447.88  It was RESOLVED to APPROVE accounts.</p>
10	Website.	It was NOTED that posters drawing attention to the new website would be added to the notice boards.
11	Funding and Grants.	There was nothing to report.
12	Engaging with the Community.	<p>Cllr Wills had been receiving information on the Neighbourhood Watch. Providing this information through the website should be considered.</p> <p><b>Action: Agenda item for November.</b></p>
13	Footpaths and Highways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath No 2</li> </ul>	<p>It was NOTED that a six month (or when work at Connybeare House has finished) temporary diversion has been applied for, and been granted by DCC. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, the footpath will be diverted to the edge of the field. The closure will commence on 29 September 2016. The site is clearly a work in progress. The contractor has assured DCC that he was unaware of the footpath, but that the correct procedures would be adhered to throughout the closure, which ends on 29 March 2017.</p> <p>It was NOTED that movement of soil would require planning permission, dependant on the volume. This would be a District Council issue and the Clerk would contact TDC regarding this issue. <b>Action: Clerk to contact TDC.</b></p> <p>Cllr Harrington explained that Higher Ashlands had cut their hedge and left the cuttings in the buddle hole. This was cleared last year by himself and Cllr Hermsen. This was NOTED.</p> <p>Chapter 8 Training through Parish Councils for dealing with potholes was discussed. It was NOTED that the scheme has not delivered a sensible number of pothole repairs. It was NOTED that the training does give Parishes a trained individual, which is useful for road closures etc.</p> <p>It was NOTED that planings are required for footpaths. It was NOTED that road planings are available to the Parish when DCC are in the area.</p>
14	To note any correspondence received.	A letter had been received from Newton Abbot Town Council Beating the Bounds. It was NOTED that Cllr Wills would meet them on the boundary on Saturday 24 September 2016 between 11.45 and 11.55, should the event take place. The following publications had been received: Healthwatch Voices, Clerks and Councils Direct, DALC Annual Report 2015/16.
15	To note the date of the next meeting: <b>Thursday 17 November 2016 at 19.30.</b>	This was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 20.30.