Corston Parish Council

Minutes of Corston Parish Council Meeting 11th November 2020 held by Zoom

**1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.**

**2. All Councillors present and the Clerk. Al(AJ)**

**3. Councillors apologies none (AJ)**

**4. Parishioners/ others in attendance are Lindy Morgan, Nick Bird and Alex Lockton in attendance and hear from any person who wishes to address the Council (JB/AJ)**

**5. Declaration of Councillor’s personal interests in the Agenda items and Parish Council business (JB) RB declares interest in new item under 15 concerning application of Mr Davies for land adjoining Laburnum Cottage.**

**6. Approval of the Minutes of the Corston Parish Council meeting 16.09.2020 and extra ordinary meeting of 7th October 2020.**

**7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered below (AJ) Post office on future agenda for January. SC delivered letter to owner of apple tree. SC discussing with Nigel Shire about addressing apple tree issues and JB asks SC to follow up on that.**

**8. Village concerns including St Teresa’s (SC)**

**St Teresa no illness issues. Problem of rubbish in the lane. Write to the care home concern of rubbish spilling into the village.**

**RB recommends build into the precept for leaf clearing on behalf of the village as a provision in the budget for other grounds maintenance.**

**BANES domestic child abuse poster Clerk to source and put up.**

**9. Saltford Ward Councillor’s Report (DH) submitted written report and any member of public can request a copy from his email. Dh has reported overhanging brambles to the Globe. Notied yesterday Banes vehicles working there cutting back vegetation. Written report records call for sites as a first step towards development- sites will be made known from after 10th December. Pixah lane recycling- Alistair Singleton and I pressing for planning application not to come forward until clear info available for plans in Bath. Councillor Singleton and DH will set up meeting in February in Corston and will invite Pc but can arrange earlier. Jb relates lot of feedback with Curo and interested in accelerating that meeting. AJ can send unresolved list to DH and this was emailed during the meeting.**

**Paper on future legal parking has implications for Barton and Meadlands and councillors recommended to study it.**

**10. COVID-19 new Government restrictions in force from 5th November 2020 and Corston PC communications/support for the Community (JB/JT) Jt reports lot of volunteers and no requests for support for pharmacy yet. Banes community wellbeing hub is successful. Safety net in place. Current Covid notice to be put up on the noticeboard.**

**11. Corston Community Orchard and Garden Project (KE and Lindy Morgan)**

**KE: Surveys circulated to every house in Corston. 32 responses hard copy and survey monkey -18% response rate- gave percentage of survey. Majority want managed independent of PC.**

**17 volunteers and a steering group of 5. Face to face meetings outside the shop to come. KE happy with level of engagement and support.**

**Paper presented. Proposal sheltered on temp basis with PC. To allow to apply for funding. Application form started to fill out for 2,500. KE and LM and JT.**

**Separate tab in accounts for any grant.**

**The PC supports the project in theory awaiting to see development of committee and trustees. Meanwhile umbrella must be received against a proposal and release that money back in accordance with that proposal. As it would be PC authority to pay it out not the steering committee. KE/LM prepare a proposal so that PC can understand the proposal and on that proposal we will ringfence the money. That proposal would be the basis on which we release it.**

**We appreciate the survey and after discussion agree to provide an umbrella for grant funding subject to the conditions above and look forward to receiving the proposal for consideration.**

**Comments provided by Gary that adjoining neighbours concerns and issues raised between any concerned residents with the steering committee.**

**12. Corston Community Led Homes Initiative (KE and Lindy Morgan)**

**Lindy Morgan.14% return so far. 77% agree/strongly agree to more affordable housing in Corston.**

**Idea is to establish if people are behind the concept in Corston.**

**Funding from community west hub and writing a brief for more funding. 4 people are interested in the steering committee.**

**LM will keep DH up to date on developments.**

**PC thank LM for the briefing.**

**13. BWCE Presentation (RB/Nick Bird)**

**NB shares his screen. Nb communication outreach officer. Sets out BWCE aims. Renewable energy community owned for the common good. Membership by investment (min £100 with return of 4%). One member one vote. Cover BANES and some of Wiltshire. Have a community fund donate to certain renewable energy carbon neutral projects.**

**Established business model based on community ownership and benefit. Including help in managing assets for sale of electricity at profit and this channelled back into the community.**

**Alex Lockton -development coordinator- 15 years of experience of projects and in a lot of rural locations. Community solar 2020-**

* **id buildings suitable for solar with a big enough roof using enough power in the summer to make the site work. Not for profit.**
* **Where a climate emergency declared can help parish council with a scoping study leading to feasibility or assistance in applying for funding on identified sites that are suitable.**
* **Webinars put on and we are welcome to attend these for free.**

**Offer of assistance for the early stages if we want baby steps.**

**JB: have funded projects wider than technology and gives e.g. NB these wider projects come from the community fund and people bid in- opening next September.**

**Who pays for the scoping study? AL we subsidise 50% reduction of our time and then source grant funding for the balance including feasibility studies.**

**RB says help with scoping study for strategic approach by the PC especially for discussions with the Duchy.**

**Jb propose we complete the expression of interest form (RB draft and send off) and start a discussion, not committing to a scoping study and out of that bring it back to a future meeting to discuss future direction. A member of Council needs to take a lead on this. RB happy to step into that. We thank Bath BWCE.**

**14. Financial Matters as set out in the Clerk’s report (AJ)**

**Resolved to confirm payment of items 1-9 and approved future payment of 10-12**

**Draft precept will be prepared by Clerk with RB assistance and submitted to Councillors by 1st December. NB remember resolution re Corston Fair Funding.**

**15. Planning applications- (AJ)**

**For information only an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for Greystones**

**New item Planning application adjacent Laburnum Cottage by Mr Davies as consultation date 30.11.2020. 30 year history. JT can provide a response in accordance with before. JT 5th time to respond to it. And One appeal for refusal.**

**Application today looks similar to 2016 application except diagrams are drawn copies on paper and no dimensions. Jt send it in draft tomorrow to all Councillors for approval for Clerk to submit next week. It was rejected by Planning Inspectorate already.**

**Resolved to oppose for reasons JT will draft and watch for any new content- and take a view on that.**

**Outbuilding in tanglewood. Jb talked to the owners. Building completed. Owners showed doc evidence of a pre-application with BANES. JB has a copy of that response from BANES with pre application discussed and permitted. But temporary structure permitted and if this is found to be a permanent one can be revisted.**

**JB proposes let this matter lie as not a house built with no planning discussion as followed planning procedure and have a positive answer. No residents complaint.**

**16. Review of meetings attended by Councillors and future diary dates. Nothing said.**

**17. Clerks report**

* **Follow up the Curo action list (fly tipping on the back road, garage inspections, cutting hedges in Slip, cutting grass verge by shop); and**

**Clerk to contact curo for urgent resolve and feedback by telephone. Then no reply call Kellie to address whether she received the email and what the actions are. And ask for confirmation that the Japanese Knotweed has been treated. We need to know if they have stopped the flytipping. Whole area not cleared and one area cleared there are trailers not cleared. Copy into any of these emails send and that it may help. DH will mop up with this lady in a meeting in December. GW all removed and last two weeks it has slipped back in.**

**Dh any communication about Japanese knotweek AJ to copy in environmental services.**

**Camera belong to 17 not 16. Need to highlight as a new issue.**

**• Update on the (successful) projector and screen installation**

**• CPC contribution to the Corston & Newton Chronicle for Christmas**

**• Unauthorised CCTV installation In Meadlands CCTV on BT telegraph pole focussed on other garages and houses and not the property. Clerk to BT asking for this to be addressed and for the camera to be removed. Cable that powers the cable is looped on the telecoms cable. Sophie the case handler for this address and nothing happened for three weeks.**

**Access over the kerb- dropped kerb for pedestrian access. Individual concerned put bollards and orange tape as a parking bay and placed a vehicle in the front garden. Law is £20 fine. Raise with Curo Jt Curo responsibility not BANES highway and definitely obstruction on a parking area. GW flagged to Curo even before it happened. Curb stone removed and gravel put in it and realigned. Previous planning for dropped kerbs for other houses has been refused. Residents unhappy and direct dialogue with Curo as well. Clerk can refer to that and support the objections.**

**• Update on planning permission for outbuilding in Tanglewood dealt with under 15.**

**• Mail drop to widen email contact list. Clerk to draft a maildrop for permission to add their email for contact. Stress will not be inundated with emails.**

**• Community Speedwatch (JB) Dh updates since then. Opportunity to get on a list of urgent assessors. Dh all you need to do is to consider setting up a speedwatch and ask for initial check for speeding by police. Compton dando ahead in its request and waiting a long time. Worth starting. Clerk to write that letter to add to list for carry out check of location in advance of the scheme as detailed in email from Duncan.**

* **Village Post Office/Stores covered above. Aj to write as a concern from parishioners SC to give text about DDA compliance -track down in BANES what should be done about this**
* **Recreation Ground Access issues to defer to next meeting as need to discuss in wider context of parking any new request for access gate entrance.**
* **Access mirror on wells road from village hall is not a BANES supported installation therefore no action.**
* **Dog bins: Resolved to purchase a second bin to be placed next to the other one.**

**18. Future meetings and agenda items:**

**Wednesday 13th January 2021**

**Wednesday 10th March 2021**

**Wednesday 12th May 2021**

**Wednesday 14th July 2021**

**Wednesday 15th September 2021**

**Meeting terminated at 10.22am.**

**Alan Jenner**

**Clerk to Corston Parish Council 5th November 2020**