**Corston Parish Council**

**Chair:** John Bravin **Clerk: Alan Jenner**

Minutes of Corston Parish Council Meeting held at Corston Village Hall Wednesday, 9th March 2022

1. Chair opened meeting at 7.05pm.
2. John Bravin, Richard Blows, John Twist, Susan Charles, Georgina Wynne, Ward Councillor Duncan Hounsell and Clerk Alan Jenner present with Councillor Katharine England joining the meeting at 7.10pm.
3. Apologies for non-attendance received from Councillor Gary Breckon due to work commitments. Council resolved to accept this apology.
4. No parishoners were in attendance.
5. No conflict of interest was declared by any Councillor present.
6. Minutes of Council meeting of 12.01.2022 were approved without KE in attendance as she had not yet arrived. JB signed the minutes.
7. Matters arising from the minutes:
	1. Council ask Clerk to monitor availability of Oak Bench it has selected and to purchase when he can.
	2. Goalpost installation now complete including a sign put up to please use the gate into the adjoining field and not push through the hedge and into crops.
	3. Council noted Clerk concerns on efficency of Unity to manage new accounts but decided to continue with transfer to new account with it. RB signed form for online account. GB will need to sign too. Clerk to complete formalities.
	4. No dog bins signs fitted.
	5. Clerk battling through EDF procedure to get access to our online account to register for a smart meter fitting. Clerk to continue with this task.
	6. Await final report from Arborist to Duchy and CPC for the Valley Fields. Clerk to check lease for Valley Fields and report to Councillors on obligations to repair hedges/fences.
	7. SC has spoken to Curo as a non-Councillor and organised for the residents at No 11 a further reduction in height of their fence by some 40cm.
	8. Clerk to provide paper copies of approved payments under electronic process by end of the month.
	9. CPC action list then looked at. hoggin on rec access path: JB to ask owners of 34 Meadlands would they pay for it to spread on the slope. (£40-50.) for a width no wider than existing. Clerk to speak to public rights of way team at BANES on what it can do for the problem of using this stretch of the path due to wear.
	10. Facebook site up and running called Corston Community Group and noted this is not a parish council site.
	11. For playing ground the Latch has been fixed. Picnic tables to be monitored. Colin Hale looked at three tables with one condemned and removed and Colin will repair other two and have been made safe already. One more season out of them.
	12. Clerk to email Councillors the Playground Inspection Report.
	13. Aj to email to councillors . the playground inspection report.
	14. Clerk to email GB on his progress for the preparation of the annual parish meeting in May.
	15. Disabled parking at top of Corston Lane: it was agreed that SC will speak to Sue Harrison pointing out that the planned resurfacing of the lane by BANES could be jeopardised if it is required to do additonal marking works now. Blue badge parking- SC Sue H reluctant to use bollards diff for those to put out. SC will request that the Church to liase with us before doing anything.
	16. Clerk responded to BANES as instructed on the planning issue relating to relaxation of condition 4 and 5 on Ashton Way property.
	17. JB to purchase two new light bulbs for the Telephone box book exchange.
8. Saltford Ward Councillor’s Report: DH mentioned progress of Church to have wi fi connection via truespeed link of the Hall but not accessible by the other. Work on A4 delayed due to closure of Cleveland Bridge as Highways have encountered more problems with it as it is three bridges incorp into one. Pixah tip will be renamed with public facing side opening this autumn. Access will now be Wills End lane. Big pothole in Meadlands has now an ugly repair. DH encouraged use of fix my street for Corston. Clerk to put message out on website for use of fix my street. JB thanked for speed limit corston lane and wi fi.
9. JB gave Community Housing led Housing Project update including consideration of neighbourhood plans and how these might be of use.
10. Jubilee events: no CPC events planned. Two successful meetings of all interested groups for community events and a draft programme under preparation. Plans will likely feature the VH showing Pathe footage and presentations. Church will hold a plant sale and ring a Peal of 8. Orchard Friday night activity focussed on families and children. Saturday on Rec ground Evening party. KE to canvass interest for a photo of children of the village and Clerk to ask GB if he could do the photography or suggest someone who might be suitable. CPC allocated expenditure up to £150 for this.
11. Clerk's has given written Report and further supplemental report emailed this afternoon. Noted budget and precept is under 2% increase which is fourth lowest in the BANES area. Income and expenditure report noted and resolved as adopted and approved. Draft accounts and AGAR in preparation for submission to auditor and will be before Council for approval on 11th May.
12. Planning Applications:

22/00126/TCA- considered at the last meeting and now response from BANES confirming the applicaton has been granted.

22/00576/VAR -Consultation request has been responded to by Council as it has agreed over removal of conditions 4 and 5. Resolution to note Clerk has actioned the instructions.

1. SC gave information on Bristol Airport Expansion approval and considerations of further appeal about it by interested groups.
2. No Village Concerns raised by SC. Email from Liz and Anthony Acton about construction lorries driving up to the Barton was discussed and Clerk to create for approval a draft paragraph based on the recent planning responses and mention weight of construction vehicles and timing of arrivals of such vehicles. RB commented this could be of use for future applications under consideration for Lower Farm Road too.
3. Councillors reviewed meetings attended and noted BANES have put information in a website for people who with financial difficulities and what might help them. ogether what is available for people who are hard up. JT highlighted Credit Union for people who can’t get a bank account or loan. Lot of good info there if people need to link in with something.
4. Dates of future meetings noted and approved. Meeting closed at 9.42pm.

**Approved as true copy of minutes of the meeting**

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**John Bravin Chairman**

**11.05.2022**