

Corston Parish Council

Chair: Anthony Birts (AB) in absence of GD

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Saltford Ward Councillor Cllr Duncan Hounsell
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The Corston Parish Council (CPCP) Meeting was held at Corston Village Hall **Wednesday, 10TH April 2024.**

The Chair led on Agenda items unless otherwise stated.

MINUTES

<p>1. Opening of the meeting including its conduct with public participation AB opened the meeting at 19:00.</p>
<p>2. Councillors present including Ward Councillor, apologies and reason for absence Parish councillors in attendance: John Bravin (JB), Susan Charles (SC), Anthony Birts (AB), John Twist (JT) Cameron Law (CL) and Kevin Shepherd (KS). Apologies from Duncan Hounsell (DH) who was present at a B&NES Planning Committee Meeting and Gareth Dixon (GD) who was on holiday.</p>
<p>3. Parishioners in attendance AB welcomed all parishioners in attendance.</p>
<p>4. Declaration of Councillor's personal interests CL declared an interest in planning application 24/00710/FUL.</p>
<p>5. Ward Councillor's report The Ward Councillor's report had already been circulated to councillors. SC advised that the road closures on the A4 resulted in cessation of bus services/changes to timetables with little prior notice.</p>
<p>6. Clerk's report 6.1 Nothing to report from JB</p>
<p>7. Appointment of clerk 7.1 Appointment of Clerk JB reported that a CV had been received from a local applicant. Councillors agreed that the Chair (GD) should lead the recruitment process and will need to prepare a job description to be circulated to the two applicants and that interviews should be arranged (virtual or in-person) ASAP.</p>
<p>8. Finance report Q4 (Cash book) CL 8.1 CL has been unable to access necessary financial records to present the updated cashbook. Once this has been obtained it will be circulated to councillors. Provisional Accounts will be prepared which must be presented to the auditor by 01/07/2024.</p>
<p>9. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere 9.1 Bank account transfer to Unity Bank – CL has enquired about transferring to Unity. Councillors agreed it was best to leave to the new Clerk and resolve when the Financial Audit is complete. 9.2 Security bollard at Recreation Ground entrance – KS provided a price for a replacement single post bollard. SC raised issues from parishioners regarding children running out playing field entrance into Meadlands road. KS to investigate potential chicane barrier and will update at the next meeting. 9.3 & 9.6 Replacement of Hanging Tree/Cherry Tree – SC reported that Chew Valley Trees suggested an Ornamental Pear tree. Two new Yew trees have been planted by Curo in place of the two deceased Cherry trees. SC to contact Curo about replacing the Cherry trees to be planted next autumn. 9.4 Official email addresses for councillors – Councillors agreed to adopt the official email addresses. The new Clerk will liaise with JB to set this up. 9.5 Valley Field masterplan – AB confirmed that parishioner Kate Measures will present results of the feedback gathered from parishioners at a meeting at the Village Hall on 17.04.2024. CPC will then consider</p>

feedback and agreed response. SC presented petition from parishioners asking to erect a sign on Meadlands showing "access to residents only". Petition should be passed to Curo as it is their land that the sign would be placed on. B&NES highways are responsible for parking bays on Meadlands. SC to discuss petition with Curo which is supported by CPC. Further details can be discussed after meeting on 17.04.2024.

9.7 Ash dieback tree work – KS advised work has been completed. JB contacted the Duchy who have confirmed that they are happy for the CPC to organise the cutting up of the timber and to make it available as firewood for parishioners who wish to make a donation to cover costs.

9.8 CPC response to speed limit plan – JT advised B&NES had agreed to proposed limits and funding had been secured, however there is still public consultations open.

9.9 Dog field – SC advised she had spoken to B&NES planning enforcement dept who have contacted the owner about restrictions of use on the land. No change of use application has been submitted.

9.10 Childrens playground – JT advised the Playground Inspection Report had raised no major 'red' flags and that overall there was a low risk. AB advised there was high volunteer appetite to assist with maintaining the playground and may be covered at the Valley Field feedback presentation meeting on 17.04.2024.

9.11 Local Plan Options Consultation – JT thanks to parishioners for attending the meeting and submitting responses to CPC and B&NES. The CPC thanked JT for the significant work in putting together a draft response which was then agreed by CPC. Response will be submitted to B&NES and published to parishioners by usual methods.

10. New Matters

10.1 Resilience Day Report – SC has gathered a list of community contacts which can be circulated in the village. SC to liaise with Richard Bush on the wording of any official emergency response plan.

11. Planning applications

11.1 Planning Application Reference: 23/02939/TCA – decision – no objection

11.2 Planning Application Reference: 23/023694/TCA –decision no Objection

11.3 Planning Application Reference: 23/023746/TPO – decision Consent

11.4 Planning Application Reference: 23/024771/TCA –decision no Objection

11.5 Planning Application Reference 24/00370/TPO – decision - consent

11.6 Planning Application Reference 24/00257/TCA – decision – no objection

11.7 Planning Application Reference 24/00452/FUL – decision - permit

11.8 Planning Applications Reference 24/00600/FUL – awaiting decision

11.9 Planning Application Reference 24/00370/TPO – decision consent

11.10 Planning Application Reference: 24/01093/TCA – no objection

11.11 Planning Application Reference 24/00710/FUL – awaiting decision

11.12 Other planning applications

12. Short Q and A parishioners and council.

Nothing raised

13. Future CPC meetings

13. 22nd May, 24th July, 18th September, 20th November

AB closed the meeting at 21:10.

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John Bravin *pp* Clerk to Corston Parish Council

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