

# Corston Parish Council

Minutes of the Corston Parish Council meeting held at Corston Village Hall on Wednesday, 12th July 2023

1. The meeting opened at 7pm and the Chairman welcomed everyone present.
2. Councillors present were John Bravin, Chairman (JB), Katharine Evans, Vice Chairman (KE), John Twist (JT), Susan Charles, (SC), Kevin Shepherd (KS), Richard Blows (RB), and clerk Alan Jenner. Also present Anthony Birts initially as parishioner until item 4. No apologies for absence needed.
3. Parishioners attended: Jean Seymour, Anthony Birts (until item 4), Shirley Holloway, Jonathan Mallinson, P G Wynne, Marion Smith, Kevin Smith. Lindy Leahy, Jenny Gough, Mark de Krester
4. Following a vacancy at the election of one Councillor a proposal by JT to coopt Anthony Birts as a Councillor seconded by KS and carried unanimously. Anthony Birts signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which the clerk will file on the website. He was handed a register of interests form by the Clerk to complete and return to him.
5. No declaration of any Councillor personal interests was received.
6. The draft minutes for the last meeting have been circulated and were approved by resolution, proposed by JT and seconded by RB as a true copy of the minutes of the last meeting. JB intialled each page and signed at the end. Clerk will upload signed version of the minutes to the website.
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  - items 7.1-7.7 noted as per agenda.
  - 7.8 Clerk will purchase litter hoops and apologised for the delay.
  - 7.9 On the Bollard for the Recreation Ground, KS has spoken to the owners of the adjoining property and after further building work has been completed they will instruct the builder to replace the bollard. To be monitored further including timescale to complete.
  - 7.10 An award obtained for the rewilding area and KE has spoken to Paul Wynne for selection of pollinating areas and bulb planting and from part of the funding, to host an outreach event, possibly with a table at the Country Fair in August to give information and receive ideas. Planting window is September and October.
  - 7.11 See the note on the Agenda.
8. Ward Councillors report noted and he added:
  - that there is a Parish Liason meeting a week tonight 6.30pm in the Space at Keynsham.
  - WECA about to consult for accelerating buses between Bristol and Bath in period mid August to late September. CPC needs significant agenda item for Setember meeting.
  - DH can allocate up to £3,000 over three years from his Ward Councillors empowerment fund. So a local scheme that fits with the aims of BANES can be submitted to Duncan.
  - Wellsway closure by cricket ground on 24th July will be a major impact on traffice. Also, 17th-21st Pennyquick Hill closed too because of gas leak.
  - DH has been elected Chair of Planning for BANES A Local Plan being developed up to 2042 will be adopted in 2025. Peoples views are being gathered and options stage generates journalist paper interest. CPC and individuals comment at this time.
  - Ticket offices at railway stations are being closed. DH handed out 4 copies of Week In magazines showing impact on Keynsham and Oldfied Park.
9. JB explained to Parishioners present including showing copies on the projector how our budget gives visibility on what we commit to spend. RB explained further to the Parishioners present how we set the budget and precept and the opportunities for people to come and discuss those issues. JB said guiding principle this year was any increase for the current year was set below rate of inflation.
  - 9.1 Cashbook has been circulated and contents noted. Asset register to add in an asset for Salt dispensing in poor weather and amend no of vas units owned and filed on website.

- 9.2 Budget report noted.
- 9.3 Council resolved to approve asset register and JB signed copies of bank statements for all entries and copies of invoices.
- Later in the meeting when there was no public present, 9.4 Confidential report of Clerk discussed and Council resolved to implement the recommendation of a meeting of Clerk and RB to complete input of information with HMRC. Council resolved to pay all sums due to the Clerk set out in the report subject to deduction of any sums payable to HMRC first which would be paid to it. RB to provide report to Council at next meeting.
- 9.5 Resolved to approved clerk's expenses claim of four months use of mobile phone and home and 10 14 mile round trips in his car at 0.45p per mile.
- 9.6 Council resolved to approve payment of the Greenways invoice for June work of £108, and the invoice received today from Colin Hales for £343.86.
- 9.7 and 9.8 Council resolved to approve changes to Financial Regulations and Risk Register in attached documents and to adopt again the Standing Orders and Policies on Safeguarding, Access to the Playing Field and Complaint Policy. Clerk to file documents on the website.

9.9 Council noted actions on other auditor recommendations.

10. No detail for a resolution in DH opinion so can only be a discussion on 10 items.

- 10.1 Speed limit on A39 through the Village -DH reduced 50 to 40 into Corston. Police and Highways feel short stretch of 40 into top of Village. DH pressing for 40 from Two Headed Man junction down A39 to village. Would need a TRO and granted once a year so it would be next year for consideration. KS considers 40mph too fast because of University traffic. Would propose 30mph there and 20mph in the village itself especially around the Church. JB BANES have gathered evidence and say no problem of speeding. Speedwatch system may give other evidence but need 6 volunteers. DH stepped approach could help if CPC support his proposals. Clerk to write to Highways thanking them for putting the speed limit and supporting DH proposals. Speedwatch while a good idea needs someone to lead the initiative.
- 10.2 A long discussion about concerns of behavior of a minority of visitors has generated unilateral action of some parishioners to erect a fence to discourage use and access to the area. CPC allowed all to have their say and indicated that people should remember that the CPC has responsibility under its lease for this area and strongly would discourage any confrontation or escalation between visitors and residents whether relating to this fence or otherwise. CPC will look at options but can make no decisions tonight. JT social media advertised this area but not all postings make clear there is a lack of facilities. KE left the meeting. 8.52 pm.
- 10.3 Parking in the Village: Full discussion including whether a consultation needed for residents to request resident parking only with parking permits . Float idea privately among villagers and if positive feedback can be itemised for future meetings.

11. adjourned to September meeting.

12. Resolved to permit the Country Fair Group to use the Pavilion for an event on Saturday 19th August 2023.subject to any event being insured and trustees in place.

13. discussion of items but no resolutions required.

14. No time to discuss this and Clerk will liase with JB on handover.

15. Planning Decisions

23/02487/FUL Response: Resolved that JT will draft a text of a response for clerk to file.

16. JB can incur a cost of £18 for hire of Village Hall for September Environs Committee meeting.

17. Future meetings and agenda items not discussed.

Meeting closed 10.15pm..

**Approved as a true minute of the meeting of 12th July 2023 by resolution of Council at the meeting of 13th September 2023.**

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**John Bravin**  
**Chairman of Corston Parish Council**