



COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH COUNCIL

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COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held virtually on ZOOM on Thursday 12th November 2020 at 18:30

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Coucher, Cllr Woodford, Cllr Lisa Davies, Cllr Hutson, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Davies, Cllr Reeves (co-opted at the meeting)

There were three members of the public at the meeting.

Clerk: Louisa Gillett

87/20 Apologies

PCSO Henderson

88/20 Declarations of Interest

None declared

89/20 Co-option of Kieran Reeves as councillor

Donna Beaufoy resigned as a councillor on 8th October creating a councillor vacancy. The post was advertised for the statutory 14 days during which time one application was received from Kieran Reeves. Kieran introduced himself to the meeting and gave a short summary of his relevant experience and interests after which the councillors voted to co-opt him to the Parish Council. He will sign the Councillor Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a future date. He joined the meeting. The parish council has its full remit of seven councillors.

Action: Clerk to organise a generic email address for Cllr Reeves.

90/20 Matters arising from PC meeting of 8th October 2020

There were no matters arising.

91/20 Approval and signature of minutes of meeting of 8th October 2020

The minutes were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting, to be signed by the Chair at a future date.

92/20 Questions from the public (up to 15 minutes)

A member of the public reported that public footpaths across local farmland are being misused. Litter and dog mess are being left on the paths and in the newly planted fields. The landowner has raised the issue on the CSL Facebook page. It is thought the majority of misuse is due to ignorance of some walkers and it was suggested that sharing information and advice about the countryside would reduce the misuse. It was decided to discuss the issue with the landowner to find out how he would like the matter dealt with.

Action: Cllr Lisa Davies to discuss the issues with the landowner and report back to the PC meeting in December.

Cllr Coucher reported that parking infringements continue to be a problem in the village. Photographs of parking violations have been forwarded to PCSO Henderson, but she is unable to act as they are outside of

her remit as a PCSO, instead they must be passed to a Parking Enforcement Officer. In the meantime, photographs and the highway code will be posted on the PC Facebook page.

Action: Cllr Coucher and Cllr Lisa Davies will record infringements.

A member of the public asked if the parish council has considered improving mobile telephone coverage in the village. It was explained that vulnerable members of the community are not always able to use their telephones in an emergency due to the limited signal. The parish council has investigated doing this, but the cost is prohibitive. One suggestion is to use wi-fi calling where wi-fi is available.

93/20 Community matters

93/20.1 Junction of Orchard Vale and Aveline Court

The parish council has received more complaints that the junction is unsafe with requests for white lines to be painted on the junction. Cllr Lisa Davies carried out a survey of 36 houses in Aveline Court and Orchard Vale with 20 questionnaires returned. There were 11 reports of near misses, and the overwhelming response was for lines to be painted at the junction. Traffic Management at SCC has already been approached about this matter, but their response is that the road is 'low speed' and therefore does not require markings. It was decided that a warning sign could be erected at the junction. Traffic Management will be sent a copy of the results of the survey.

Action: Cllr Lisa Davies and Cllr Coucher will investigate making a sign for the junction.

93/20.2 No cold calling stickers

There have been several street traders in the village recently and it was suggested the PC might purchase some No Cold Calling stickers to give to residents.

Action: Clerk to source @ 200 stickers to be given to residents.

94/20 Update from the Media and Communications Working Party

Cllr Davies and Cllr Lisa Davies have discussed communication between the parish council and the parishioners. The parish council Facebook page has daily participation, and the web site is regularly accessed. The noticeboards are regularly updated with meeting and other information. Public attendance at meetings could be increased, possibly by sharing the agenda on the Facebook page as well as the web site.

95/20 Update on estates

Cllr Hutson updated his report. An inspection of the trees in the village has been carried out with Jonathan Stevens and Mark Holloway of SWTC. Several trees require dead branches to be removed and three trees need to be felled, one due to Ash Dieback and the other two have been poisoned and killed. Responsibility for the cost of the required work was agreed with reference to a map provided by the district council. Work will get underway in the next two months. It was confirmed that SWTC is responsible for the cost of refurbishing the bus stop next to the school. They will get in touch with the parish council about doing this work.

96/20 SCC Councillor: update by Mike Rigby

A report was not received.

97/20 SW&T Councillor: update by John Hassall

The Clerk read out Cllr Hassall's report. There were no questions.

98/20 Police update for October 2020

The report from the PCSO was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions. The PCSO apprehended several youths with drug paraphernalia behind the Community Hall and in the youth shelter. She reported that the area is very dark and asked if the parish council would consider lighting

the area. There is not mains electricity at the shelter and a solar alternative will be investigated. The Community Hall area could be funded by S106 funds.

Action: The Clerk will investigate solar power options for the youth shelter.

Action: Cllr Davies will investigate lighting for the outside area of the Community Hall.

99/20 Cotford St Luke Community Association

Cllr Davies gave an update.

1. The guttering and down pipe on the front of the building need replacing. The Clerk will clarify who has financial responsibility for the repairs.
2. The rear of the building is being used for one-way access due to CV19 precautions. Lighting is required (see note 98/20).
3. Vegetation is growing through the fence into the tennis court and needs to be cut back. Cotford Corners were asked to consider doing the work.
4. The CH treasurer will supply the parish council with a quarterly financial report.
5. Narke Web Design will be asked to add a booking system for the hall to the new web site.
6. Cllr Davies is designing some cartoons with messages of some of the issues in the village to be posted on the Facebook page.

100/20 Finance

100/20.1 Payments

100/20.1.1 CSL 390 HP printer & LG salary update £241.94

100/20.1.2 CSL 391 SALC Planning training £25.00

RESOLUTION: The councillors resolved to make these payments.

101/20 Expenditure of S106 funds: update

A list of projects has been agreed and will be posted on the Facebook page for public consultation. These will be decided at the December meeting of the parish council.

102/20 Proposals

102/20.1 To change use of weedkilling budget to clearance of culverts and Merrifield

RESOLUTION: The councillors adopted this proposal.

103/20 NALC Climate Change Survey

The councillors discussed whether the parish council should implement some of the climate change ideas suggested in the survey, but it was decided that this should be dealt with at a district council level.

104/20 Planning

104/20.1 Application No 53/20/0012/CQ - proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house was discussed. There were no objections from the council.

The meeting ended at 19:50

Signed

Dated