



COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH COUNCIL

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COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held virtually on ZOOM on Thursday 10th December 2020 at 18:30

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Coucher (Chair), Cllr Pete Davies; Cllr Hutson; Cllr Lisa Davies

Clerk: Louisa Gillett

Rev. Clarissa Shaw Notice was in attendance.

105/20 Apologies

The councillors accepted apologies from Cllr Reeves, Cllr Woodford and Cllr Perrett.

106/20 Declarations of Interest

A declaration was received from Cllr. Pete Davies as Acting Chair of the Community Association Management Group.

107/20 Matters arising from PC meeting of 12th November 2020

Item 92/20 Local Rights of Way

Cllr Lisa Davies had a discussion with Richard Payne, a local farmer, about the misuse of public footpaths across his farmland. He was pleased the PC had contacted him. It was agreed that the PC will display information on village noticeboards about the crops and wildlife on his farm, as well as maps of the rights of way, with the aim of giving walkers a better understanding of the areas they walk through. Information will also be shared on the PC Facebook page.

Item 92/20 Parking infringements

PCSO Henderson cannot prosecute people who park where there is no white line, even if they cause an obstruction to the highway. The PC will organise a campaign of Facebook explaining the difference between illegal and inconsiderate parking.

Item 93/20.2 No cold calling stickers

PCSO Henderson has offered the PC 200 stickers and has asked how the stickers will be distributed in the village. Cllr Lisa Davies will ask PCSO Henderson to distribute them.

98/20 Lighting for outside the Community Centre

Lighting is required to illuminate the back of the Community Centre. It will be included in the plans for changes to the Community Centre under S106.

108/20 Approval and signature of minutes of meeting of 12th November 2020

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

109/20 Questions from the public (up to 15 minutes)

Rev Clarissa explained that some of the younger members of the community have said that there isn't anything for them to do in the village. She would like the PC to consider providing facilities for young people. Their suggestions include lighting for the MUGA and tennis court so that these facilities can be used after dark, a skate park, and opening the hub at the church. It was suggested they should be included in deciding and planning facilities for young people.

110/20 Community matters

110/20.1 Speedwatch survey results

PCSO Henderson carried out two speedchecks in the village. Less than 10% of those checked were exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Although these results are low, the village can run a community speedwatch scheme if desired. Volunteers and a co-ordinator are required to run the scheme.

Action: Cllr Woodford to set up the scheme.

110/20.2 Facilities for Young People

The PC is committed to producing a plan to provide improved facilities for young people in the village. A youth worker from the youth work charity Young Somerset, will be carrying out a consultation with the youth and community in the village on what support can be given to the 8-25 year olds. Cllr Lisa Davies will liaise with Young Somerset.

111/20 Update from the Media and Communications Working Party

The newsletter will be revived to share information with everybody in the village.

112/20 Update on estates

Cllr Hutson reported on several issues.

112/20.1 The area behind North Villas has been cleared of brambles revealing debris and hardcore that has been dumped there. A message will be posted on Facebook asking if anybody can move it.

112/20.2 The PC is waiting for a response from SWTC on several outstanding matters which are taking a long time to resolve, and the PC has received conflicting information regarding the responsibility for repairing the bus shelters and management of unhealthy trees. Cllr Hutson will write to the Leader of the Council with a list of outstanding matters. A copy of the letter will be added to the PC Facebook page.

112/20.3 An estimate for £400 has been obtained from Kingfisher Tree Services to remove dead branches from an oak tree near Burge Crescent, and to cut down a dead ash tree. Kingfisher will contact SWTC to get permission to do the work. It was proposed that the work is done as soon as possible.

Proposed: Cllr Hutson Seconded: Cllr Coucher

RESOLUTION: To pay Kingfisher to carry out the tree works.

113/20 SCC Councillor: update by Mike Rigby

114/20 SW&T Councillor: update by John Hassall

115/20 Police update for November 2020

The police report had been circulated previously. There were no questions.

116/20 Cotford St Luke Community Association

116/20.1 Financial statement third quarter

The financial statement was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

117/20 Finance

117/20.1 Payments

117/20.1.1	CSL 392 PKF Littlejohn External audit	£360.00
117/20.1.2	CSL 393 SALC Clerk Training	£30.00
117/20.1.3	CSL 394 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	£1941.17

RESOLUTION: The councillors resolved to make these payments.

118/20

Proposals

118/20.1

Parish Council budget for 2021/2022

RESOLUTION: The councillors adopted the budget for 2021/22.

118/20.2

To finalise projects for expenditure of S106 funds

The Community Hall Management group will discuss the various projects for the hall and report to the PC in February. SWTC are responsible for the village play areas and will be consulted about spending the play area fund. Some of the proposed arts fund projects could be developed with the participation of the young people in the village (item 110/20.2). Cllr Lisa Davies will include these proposals in her discussion with the Young Somerset youth worker. S106 projects will be decided at the February meeting of the PC.

Action: Clerk to ask SWTC about spending the funding for play areas.

118/20.3

To adopt the external audit including exceptions

RESOLUTION: The councillors noted the external auditors report.

The meeting ended at 20:20

Signed

Dated