



COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH COUNCIL

The Community Centre, Bethell Mead, Cotford St Luke, Taunton TA4 1HZ www.cotford-st-luke.org.uk

MEETING OF COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH
Held in the Community Centre on 13th January 2022 at 18:30

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Coucher (Chair), Cllr Davies, Cllr Reeves, Cllr Hutson

Clerk: Louisa Gillett

Cllr Mike Rigby, Cllr John Hassall and two members of the public were in attendance.

142/21 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Woodford.

143/21 Declarations of Interest

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

144/21 Co-option of new councillor Leigh Taylor

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Taylor asked to be allowed to introduce herself to the meeting in private because she was nervous about speaking publicly, having not done it for some time. This was permitted as a 'special reason' under Standing Order 3d. Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting room while she spoke.

Leigh introduced herself to the meeting and gave a short summary of her relevant experience and interests after which the councillors voted to co-opt her to the Parish Council. She signed the Councillor Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk and joined the meeting. The Parish Council has six of its remit of seven councillors.

145/21 Matters arising from the parish meeting held on 9th December 2021

There were no matters arising.

146/21 Approval of minutes of the parish meeting held on 9th December 2021

RESOLUTION: the minutes were adopted unanimously as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

147/21 Finance

147/21.1 Payments

147/21.1.1 447 Reimbursement of Cllr Hutson for Land Registry searches £18.00

Proposer: Cllr Reeves

147/21.1.2 448 HMRC 3rd quarter NI & PAYE £396.80

Proposer: Cllr Reeves

147/21.1.3 449 Proludic play equipment £1799.45 (s106)

Proposer: Cllr Reeves

147/21.1.4 450 Donation to Taunton CAB £200 (s142)

Proposer: Cllr Reeves

147/21.1.5 451 Reimburse Tony Freeman new battery for defibrillator £126.75

Proposer: Cllr Reeves

RESOLUTION: To make payments listed above.

148/21 Planning applications

There were no applications for consideration.

149/21 S106 update

149/21.1 *Allotments* Cllr Reeves has contacted the owner of the potential site for allotments and is waiting for a response.

150/21 Village projects

150/21.1 *Pedestrian crossing* A proposal was circulated prior to the meeting with three options for developing the project. The Parish Council does not have sufficient funds to install a safety crossing, estimated at £60,000, plus £15,000 maintenance fee. If the PC match funds the project, roughly £55,000 would have to be raised. It was decided to investigate alternative methods for traffic calming.

Action: LG to contact PCSO Henderson about speed checks.

Action: Cllr Coucher to investigate.

150/21.2 *Proposal: dog waste bins* Cllr Reeves is waiting for SWT to supply a cost for installing the new bins.

151/21 Estates

151/21.1 *Estate report* Cllr Hutson reported on estate matters. One of the fence panels at the MUGA has been vandalised and needs to be repaired. A local welding company has removed the panel and will repair it at their workshop. The cost is estimated to be approximately £250.00. An estimate for an alternative surface on the proposed path between Bethell Mead and Burge Meadow has been requested. West Country blacksmiths will be asked to estimate to design a bridge to replace the wooden bridge over the culvert at Burge Meadow. Two contractors have been asked to estimate the repair of loose slabs at Baileys Gate and Grenville View because the original contractor was unable to do the work. Estimates are being obtained to remove dead trees at Healys Meadow and to clear the culvert upstream from Healys Meadow.

151/21.2 *Mechanical weed control* Cllr Hutson and Cllr Woodford will present the costs of purchasing equipment for mechanically controlling weeds.

Action: LG to obtain and estimate for mechanical weed control to compare to the cost of purchasing the equipment.

152/21 Community matters

152/21.1 *Young people's questionnaire: results* Cllr Woodford was absent from the meeting and will present the figures at the next meeting.

153/21 Police update December 2021

The Clerk read out the December police report. There were no questions. It was noted there were not reports of ASB during December.

154/21 Cotford St Luke Community Association

Cllr Davies reported on the recent meeting of CSL CA. There is almost £30,000 in the bank account of the Community Association, which has been amalgamated into two bank accounts which can be managed online. There has been little response to the advert for a Booking Manager. The job description will be re-written to explain the requirement to respond to 'call outs' and the post will be re-advertised. An estimate is being obtained to bolt the picnic tables to the ground to minimise vandalism. Projects are being developed in partnership with the school to use art and photographs to decorate the interior of the hall. Maintenance will be done on the roof, interior paintwork, and the interior and exterior of the windows. There are plans to install a telephone and wifi. All Community Hall work will be funded from the S106 Community Hall fund. There are two volunteers involved with plans for Jubilee celebrations.

Action: LG to find out from Coomber Security services if their annual service fee includes CCTV.

The meeting ended at 19:32

Signed

Dated