

Coln St Dennis Parish Council

Coln Valley Village Hall

DRAFT Minutes of meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.30 pm.

**Present: Councillors:** Nick Dummett (NTD)Chairman, Malcolm Carmichael (MC), Phillip Allen (PA), Harry Talbot Rice (HTR) & Angie Kaye (AK)

**In attendance:** Wendy James (WJ) - Clerk

**Residents:** Mukul Chawla

**1. Apologies.** None.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting and actions arising.**

Minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were read out at the meeting and approved.

Action: WJ to put on the website. NTD informed the meeting that future minutes of meetings would be published on the website in draft form after each meeting and then updated with the signed minutes.

**3. Matters Arising**

AK confirmed that there was very little response from the residents regarding the notice given out on the Neighbourhood watch email about Calcot Common.

NTD – has sent the notice regarding dog fouling to the residents.

HTR/NTD contacted potential painters to quote for painting the 2 telephone boxes without success so far. It was agreed that this would be looked at again in the Spring 2022.

**4. Budget & Precept for Year 2022/2023**

The councillors agreed that there could be some extraordinary expenses in the year to come i.e Village Greens and tree at Calcot, Bus Shelter maintenance and painting of telephone boxes x 2 by a contractor but the Precept for 2022/23 should be £2000 and if these expenses occurred then the budget could deal with these expenses and the reserve reduced. NTD reminded the councillors that any money spent by the Parish Council should benefit all of the residents not individuals.

NTD to check the ownership of the Top village green at Calcot

**5. Planning Applications Received.**

WJ reported that there had been four planning applications received since last meeting: 21/03341/TCONR, 21/03171/TCONR, 21/03674/TCONR & 21/03373/FUL the councillors had no objection to them. 21/03175/FUL had been withdrawn by resident.

**6. Calcot Common (not parking as listed on the agenda)**

NTD reported that the land of Calcot Common has been damaged due to cars parking on it. It is not illegal to park on this ground but now the land has been damaged the councillors have to find a way to stop this happening. NTD suggested to the councillors that there were two ways this could be done, 1) by putting a mesh on top of the grass to protect it or

2) install barriers to prevent parking on there. NTD reminded councillors that this was only a Parish council matter if land had been damaged and that they are not responsible for the parking of residents in Calcot. There was a discussion at the meeting that if shrubs and undergrowth were to be cleared from the right-hand side of the street (below No 13) there would be space for cars to park. The councillors agreed that the residents of Calcot would need to be informed and asked if this is acceptable as it was not a matter for the councillors to decide. This work could be done as a resident's voluntary working party but any small expenses could be paid by the Parish Council if agreed.

NTD offered to draft a circular to residents outlining the options and seeking their views. If positive HTR/AK to contact residents to organise a working party.

## **7. AOB**

The councillors reconfirmed the decision made at the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April that there would not be an alternative of a zoom link to meetings except where a resident could not attend in person for compelling reasons but had expressed a wish to speak on a particular agenda item. Councillors have always encouraged residents to attend in person. There is not sufficient equipment in the hall to accommodate Zoom easily at the moment.

Action WJ to discuss with village hall committee technology requirements for Zoom if this was to change in the future.

MC reported that at the PCC meeting he attended the Queens Jubilee Celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 was discussed and that the Chedworth Band had been booked for an event in the valley to celebrate this occasion by the PCC. It was discussed as to whether the Parish Council should help with this event or take the lead with it.

NTD to speak to Neil Irving (PCC) about the PCC plans and WJ to discuss with the village hall committee.

HTR took the opportunity to raise the following points for discussion at possible future meetings:

A river survey is due to be done early December on the River Coln (North of Stowell Park to Bibury)

Consideration of bench repair Calcot

The signpost by the bus shelter is broken and needs repairing. NTD had taken this action and is going to take a photo and send a request to Highways for repair.

Could the water pump in Coln Rogers be repaired, this could perhaps be a project for the residents of Coln Rogers to investigate.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm