

Coln St Dennis Parish Council

Coln Valley Village Hall

Minutes of meeting held 10th August 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: Doug & Claire Petersen, Joanna Chawla, Siobhan Paine, Andrew Pease, Virginia Stourton, Mrs Carmichael, Nicky Talbot Rice, Anne Williams

1. Apologies. None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and actions arising.

Minutes of the meeting on 9th March 2021 were read out at the meeting and approved.

Action: WJ to put on the website.

3. Matters Arising

In relation to the action to form a subcommittee for the restoration of Calcot common, AK informed the meeting that she had asked 50% of the Calcot residents how they would like the Calcot Common used/maintained. NTD asked if she could ask all residents of the valley for comments/views on the Common too. Andrew Pease agreed he could include this on a Neighbourhood Notice via email. Action: AK to send a notice to Andrew Pease.

NTD asked NTR if he was able to maintain the common twice a year, NTR would like to see what resident's views are on using the common before committing himself.

The councillors agreed that there would not be an alternative of a zoom link to meetings except for exceptional personal circumstances such as someone who has an interest in attending but is unable to do so for health reasons. Such residents would be identified in advance and offered the opportunity individually to be included in meetings virtually. The committee will look into ways of accommodating this by Zoom or live streaming.

NTD confirmed the AGAR forms had been filed.

Costs of installing Dog Waste bins in the community had been investigated by WJ. The councillors agreed that the cost was too high to justify installing bins and doubted their effectiveness in the context of the valley. Those residents present didn't appear to see a major problem with dogs fouling at this time if owners acted responsibly. Andrew Pease agreed to send a reminder out on the Neighbourhood Watch to residents about clearing up after their dog in the valley. Action: NTD to draft a circular.

4. Appointment of Deputy Chair

NTD asked if any councillors present would like to take this position, but no one volunteered. NTR commented that this was usual practice in case there was ever a conflict of interest.

It was then agreed that if the situation arises it would be dealt with appropriately at the meeting by one of the councillors temporarily taking over the chair from NTD.

5. Planning Applications Received.

WJ reported that there had been three planning applications received since last meeting and that the councillors had no objection to them.

6. Traffic Calming in Fossebridge

Siobhan Paine and Andrew Pease (residents of Fossebridge) are concerned that the traffic on the lane had increased, travelling fast and signage near the A429 was not clear to drivers. They had been gathering views from residents on this and shared with the meeting. NTD agreed for them to send this information to him and he would draft a letter to Highways. Before sending the letter to Highways he would send the draft to MC so he could discuss this with residents before sending.

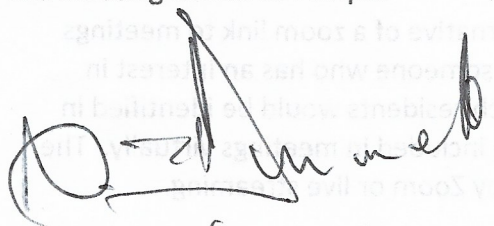
7. Phone Box Maintenance

Calcot phone box will be maintained by Doug Petersen as agreed at a previous meeting FOC but the other two need attention. If nobody from the valley comes forward to do this, then the Parish Council will need to find a paid contractor.

8. AOB

AK expressed concern that horses and bicycles could not use the path at the bottom of Calcot due to obstruction. NTD said parking in Calcot was not a Parish Council matter and that the residents need to resolve the matter among themselves.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm


18th Nov 2021