

CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting on Thursday 2 September 2021 at the Wesleyan Reform Church meeting rooms, The Hillock, Curbar

Councillors present:	Ann Ironmonger Tony Crook	Charlotte Cooper	Apologies:	Cllr Mark Carroll Cllr Caralyn Denver Cllr Martyn Games Cllr Kath Potter (PDNPA) Cllr Hellen Froggatt (DDDC)
Others:	Susan Hobson (DCC) Lesley McGowen	Sarah Porter Pip Gilbert		

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

*Report /
Action Required*

808. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Martyn Games, Cllr Caralyn Denver, Cllr Kath Potter (PDNPA) and Cllr Helen Froggatt (DDDC).
Pip Gilbert was welcomed as the new Clerk and Sarah Porter thanked for being the Locum Clerk
809. Variation of Order of Business – None
810. There were no Declaration of Members Interest
811. No items from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
812. Public speaking:
- Cllr Susan Hobson –
 - Cllr Hobson is the newly elected County Councillor and looking forward to getting to know her patch. Keen to attend meetings where she can but also liaise with Pip over any matters.
 - She is also a DDC councillor and works closely with Cllr Helen Froggatt
 - DCC working with the Government to support the Afghan crisis
 - She has some funding available to support local items and would like to attend local events.
 - Cllr Hobson is meeting the Crime Commissioner to look at the issues around speeding and is keen to link in across the area.
 - Road matters now need to be reported online via their website.
 - Cllr Crook explained there is a lot of confusion over the varying speed limits at New Bridge.
813. The Minutes of 6th June 2021 were approved subject to Cllr Kath Potter being present and Anthony Crook being noted as Cllr Tony Crook.
814. Clerk Appointment Update – Pip Gilbert has been appointed and had an initial meeting with Sarah Porter and Cllr Ann Ironmonger. Sarah and Pip will meet again. Pip's contract started on 1st September 2021
815. Planning:
- New:
- NP/DDD/0821/0921 - Proposed single storey rear extension to the coach house, re-opening of the coach arch and internal re-arrangement. - The Coach House, Curbar Lane, Curbar – A good application and it was agreed to support this in the conservation area.
 - NP/DDD/0821/0878 - Entrance relocation to create a new recessed porch to the front elevation, updated windows and doors to rear elevation, roof covering and a ground floor interior remodelling. - The Willows, Riddings Lane, Curbar – It was agreed to support this application.
 - NP/DDD/0721/0817 - New Store in garden - The Nurseries, Bar Road, Curbar – It was agreed to make no comments on this application.
 - NP/DDD/0721/0777 - Proposed single storey side extension. – Brookside, Riddings Lane, Curbar - No comments on the email consultation
- Appeal:
- Land at White Edge, The Bent, Curbar – This came in today and will be circulated to the Councillors
816. Burial Ground Committee Update
- The Locum Clerk has advised that the bank account should be closed completely.
 - She has drawn up an electronic plan which needs to be populated.
 - The Clerk needs to take over the running of the burial ground and working with the funeral directors and stonemasons.

Clerk

817. Playing Field Update
- Thank you to Cllr Cooper for meeting Calloo on site and overseeing the installation.
 - It all looks great.
 - Cllr Games was the playground inspector and need to have copies of the inspections. It was agreed that inspections should be monthly.
 - Not moved forward with the adventurous piece of kit as there is a backlog on materials and so companies do not want to take any more orders.
 - Fruit trees look great.
 - The sign completed by Cllr Carroll is absolutely wonderful. The Parish Council agreed to offer to pay his expenses. Clerk
 - Dog poo bin needs emptying more regularly, and this will be reported on the District Council website. Cllr Ironmonger
818. Snow Plan
- A plan needs to be developed. There was a discussion about what DCC are offering. It was agreed that a working party will look at this, made up of Cllr Ironmonger, Cllr Copper and the Clerk, and put it out to tender ready for the next meeting. Clerk
819. Correspondence
- Visibility at Hilllock junction and turning right onto Curbar Lane. Vehicles drive up Curbar Lane very fast and with the visibility being limited it's very difficult to turn right safely – Reported to DCC who responded "The Department for Transport (DfT) – which governs all local highway authorities – no longer authorises the use of mirrors on the highway This is because they have found to be unreliable. Drivers can find them confusing as distances and speeds, as viewed through a mirror, are difficult to judge. There is also a tendency for drivers to rely too heavily on the mirror image, leading them to ignore their immediate surroundings, which can include vulnerable road users (such as cyclists and pedestrians). Additionally, mirrors can prove to be counter-productive as a safety measure as they can lead to an increase in the speed of emerging vehicles in some circumstances. There are practical issues too, such as problems in keeping the mirror clean. The road alignment of the junction is fixed there's nothing that can be done to physically improve visibility. I see we have SLOW road markings on both approaches to the junction and junction warning signing from the Curbar Lane approach. The direction signing to the junction should also help in advising approaching motorists of the presence of the junction though in saying this I of course appreciate visibility of this will not be ideal. In conclusion, I'm very sorry but there's nothing DCC could do here that would significantly improve conditions.
 - Parking on the Hillock was also discussed.
 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Organise an event potentially on 2nd June 2022. Following a discussion, it was agreed to arrange a village picnic.
820. Meetings
- 18th September – Parishes Day 2021 with the theme of Future Strategies for the National Park – 10am until 1.30pm – No one from the meeting is able to attend
 - PPPF Annual General Meeting, 18 Sep, 9.20am – No one from the meeting is able to attend
821. Finance
- Audit - Receipt of documents – notification of exempt status, 2021 was noted
 - Income:
 - Local Projects Fund - £250
 - Burial ground - £900
 - Payment noted:
 - Ground maintenance - William Brindley – 3 invoices - £630
 - Ground maintenance – Dean Conrad-Hill – 2 invoices - £700 – It was agreed that more information is required about which footpaths are being strimmed.
 - Ground maintenance – G E Davis 2 invoices - £180
 - Training on cemetery and burial ground - DALC - £50
 - Playground – Caloo - £4,039.20
 - Clerk advert – JPI Media Publishing Ltd - £318.00
 - Payments approved: Clerk
 - Ground maintenance – William Brindley - £210
 - Locum Clerk – Sarah Porter 10 hours - £150
 - Training on Planning - DALC - £50
 - J T Payroll - £39
 - Cllr Ironmonger has been informed by the previous clerk that she is still being paid by Standing Order and so this needs stopping and reimbursement made.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - All meetings held at 7.30pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church meeting rooms subject to the local restrictions otherwise via Zoom - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

- 4th November 2021