CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr P Burford (Chairman), Cllr N Davis, Cllr G Bruce, Cllr D Preston, Cllr T Jones and Cllr B Buck

Apologies: Cllr M Jones

Also present: 4 members of the public attended

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
   Cllr M Jones

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   No declarations were made.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 6th September 2016**
   Cllr N Davis proposed approval of the Ordinary Meeting minutes as a true record this was seconded by Cllr G Bruce and agreed by all Cllrs present.

4. **Matters Arising**
   - Cllr G Bruce advised the School that the crossing light was not working and this has now been fixed.
   - Tim (PEPs Electrical) has inspected the light at the bus shelter and a new bulb has been ordered – this will be fitted as soon as possible.
   - The relocation of the existing bench and the installation of the new memorial bench has not yet taken place – this will be arranged as soon as possible.

5. **Public Consultation**
   The Clerk has contacted Suzanne Hopes at the FoDDC regarding the stiles on footpaths in the area – it is down to the landowner to repair/replace but financial help can be given in some circumstances – specific stiles and footpaths need to be passed to the Clerk so that Suzanne can investigate.

   The Parish Council were advised that the tree stump remains in place but some works have been undertaken on the footpath to repair the cracks. The Parish council advised parishioners that Highways have advised that the tree stump is not seen as essential work and will not be removed.

   Cllr P Burford and Clerk met with the Staunton Parish Council to discuss the possibility of an open public space for Corse and Staunton following the previous meeting where concerns were raised. It was agreed that Cllr Burford would enquire as to any planning options that may be taken to preserve the discussed area and that both Parish Councils would discuss this again at a later date.

6. **District and County Reports**
   - **6.1** District Councillor Burford spoke to Councillors on several matters including County Council elections May 2017, the full council meeting, the allocations plan and gypsy/traveller allocations.
   - **6.2** County Councillor Robinson was absent.

7 **Highways**
   - **7.1** The Village meeting held on the 14th September was successful and all areas of concern were covered – the Clerk has subsequently submitted a list of the points raised and we are waiting for feedback from Rhodri Grey and Brian Robinson.
   - **7.2** There is no police report and any matters for discussion.

8. **Finance**
   - 8.1 **Accounts for payment:** the payments as presented and attached to the minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr N Davies this was seconded by Cllr G Bruce and unanimously agreed – the cheques were signed.
   - 8.2 **The financial statement and cash re-conciliations** for the month were approved and are attached to the minutes. These were agreed by all Cllrs present.

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8.3 **External Audit Completion**
The external audit has been completed and signed off by Moore Stephens – the recommendations were noted and will be undertaken by the Parish Council

8.4 **Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Removal**
The Parish Council were advised that the Grant has now been removed – on council tax demands this will appear as an increase.

8.5 **Budget and Precept**
It was proposed by Cllr P Burford and seconded by Cllr G Bruce that an annual amount is set aside for The Pound and a Community Initiative Reserve these are both to be set at £500 for 17/18 and £500 will be placed into the Community Initiative Reserve from the underspend in 2016/17. All councillors were in agreement.
The budget for 2017/18 was accepted as proposed and it was proposed by Cllr N Davis and seconded by Cllr G Bruce that the precept for 2017/18 remain the same at £4200. All councillors were in agreement.

8.6 **Donations and Forest of Dean Road Safety Liaison Group**
It was proposed by Cllr N Davis and seconded by Cllr G Bruce that £50 be donated to the Forest of Dean Road Safety Liaison Group, all councillors were in agreement.

9. Planning

Application Reference	Property	Details	Comments
P1488/16/AG	Seymour Farm, Oridge Street	Prior notification for an extension to existing agricultural building	No comment
P1312/16/FUL	Corse Villa, Straight Lane	Extensions and alterations to dwelling	The Clerk is to seek an extension, send plans to Mike when received and arrange a special meeting.

9.2 **Consultation from Wychavon/Malvern Hills District**
Receipt was noted – no response is to be made.

10. Memorial Bench
See Agenda Item 4

11. Royal Mail – re Post Box
The Clerk is to liaise with Cllr M Jones and Bas Allen – points to include the new developments and crossing the main road – this request will then be submitted.

12. Proposed New Base Station – Gorse Garage
The information was received and noted – no response is needed.

13. Consultation from BT
The Parish Council do not wish to express and interest in the purchase of the phone box. No response is needed.

14. Other items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

- A letter has been received from Stroud Town Council with regard to frakking in the Forest of Dean – no comment is to be made.
- Cllr G Bruce advised that some tidying and landscaping is due to take place in the Playing Field area.

15. Dates of forthcoming meetings:

3rd January 2016	**7th March 2016**	**18th April 2017 Annual Parish Meeting**	**2nd May 2017 incl Parish Council AGM**

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 9.10 pm

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