CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 via the remote platform of Zoom.

Present: Cllr P Burford (Chairman), Cllr M Jones (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Hall, Cllr T Jones, Cllr D Preston, Cllr B Buck. District Councillor B Lewis
The meeting was chaired by Cllr P Burford and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.

3 members of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence
No apologies for absence were received.

2. Declarations of Interest
No declarations of interest were received.

3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
It was proposed by Cllr D Preston that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 3rd November 2020 be accepted as a true record this was seconded by Cllr R Hall, this was agreed by all Councillors present.

4. Public consultation
2 members of the public were present to discuss the planning application for Cedarholm, School Crescent and Dave Williams attended as the Staunton Parish Council representative.

5. Reports

5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford spoke to Councillors about the Council Tax support scheme, the appointment of a new Returning Officer, the cabinet meeting and the budget, planning fees and climate change officer.

5.2 District Councillor Brian Lewis sent his apologies.

5.3 County Councillor Brian Robinson spoke to Councillors about the infection rate increases, the new adult care and public health director, the budget and the County Council tax increase and the Worcester Road patching.
Cllr Philip Burford advised that the patching/surfacing is not good quality work as it is already starting to come out and lift off, the patching does not appear to be sealed around the edges to the adhere it to the existing surface. Brian Robinson is to investigate this with Highways and arrange for the works to be carried out to a satisfactory standard.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts for payment
It was proposed by Cllr T Jones that the payments were made as previously circulated, this was seconded by Cllr R Hall, this was agreed by all councillors present and it was resolved to sign the cheques.

6.2 Financial Statement and Cash Reconciliation
It was proposed by Cllr R Hall and seconded by Cllr D Preston that the financial statement and cash re-conciliations for the month were approved this was agreed by all Councillors present and are attached to the minutes.

6.3 Quarterly financial Check
Cllr M Jones carried out a quarterly internal audit and confirmed that all was in order.

6.4 Band D Figures
The Councillors were given the Band D figures for information.

6.5 Internal Auditor 2020-2021
The Clerk advised the council of the costs for the internal audit to be carried out by GAPTC, it was agreed that this was a robust and all-round audit that the Clerk found to be useful and valuable. It was proposed by Cllr M Jones that GAPTC be appointed to undertake the internal audit for 2020/2021 at a cost of £175, this was seconded by Cllr B Buck and agreed by all Cllrs present.

6.6 SID Warranty
It was proposed by Cllr D Preston to purchase the warranty on the SID at a cost of 123, this was seconded by Cllr T Jones and agreed by all present at the meeting.

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It was proposed by Cllr M Jones and seconded by Cllr R Hall to ratify the purchase of the brackets for the SID as discussed at the previous meeting.

7. Planning

To make recommendations to the Planning Authority upon the suitability of the following planning applications/appeals

Planning Ref	Property	Description of Application	Comments
P1893/20/FUL	Cedarholm, School Crescent	Erection of a single storey extension to rear of dwelling. Demolition of existing conservatory.	The Parish Council considered this application at their recent meeting and have no comments to make.

The comment to be submitted regarding the Forest of Dean District Local Plan 2021-2041 Preferred Option is to be worded as follows:
'The Parish Council disagree with the proposal that is being consulted on and maintain their view that dispersed growth would be more beneficial to the District.
The changes to working patterns and the way people commute/travel has changed and would make modest growth to each of the Villages in the District more reasonable'

The Parish Council are to monitor the development in Straight Lane, Cllr Burford is to discuss with FoDDC.

8. Asset Register

An inspection of the assets has taken place and all are in order, there are no items to be written off. The bench by the Price of Wales is to be repaired, Cllr Burford, Cllr M Jones and Cllr D Preston are to arrange for this work to be carried out.

9. Highways

- The manhole cover in Barn Lane has been knocked and there is now a large hole forming.
- The metal pole opposite the Village Hall (Bridleway sign/Rights of Way) is eroding away and needs replacing.
- Flooding took place over the Christmas and New Year period at Fourways and Nutshell Cottage as the brook that goes under the road is blocked. Highways reported that this had been cleared in June but the work carried out was not enough to prevent the flooding. Brian Robinson is to ask if the clearing actually took place or was it deemed unnecessary as there was no flooding at the time. Investigations also need to be made as to whether the duct under the road is large enough for the volume of water in this area.
  A meeting took place in 2007 regarding this issue but no reports have ever been received by the Parish Council – can these pleased be located and provided?
- Malcolm Harley reported that the chamber cover at the end of School Crescent has still not be repaired – this has been outstanding since 2018.
- The dirty signs around the Village are to be reported to Highways for the lengths men scheme.

10. Ash Die Back Programme

Cllrs are to provide any relevant information to the Clerk by the 20th January.

11. OPCC 'Safe and Social Roads' Survey

Cllrs are to provide any relevant comments to the Clerk by the 10th January or Cllrs can complete directly online.

12. Remembrance Sunday Wreath

The Parish Council thanked Cllr B Buck for laying the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Buck is happy to continue to undertake this for the Parish Council and all Cllrs agreed for this to continue. It was agreed to contact Claudia at Corse PCC to ask of the wreath could be brought to Corse Church after the ceremony at Staunton.

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13. Dates of Meetings – 2021-2022

The dates of the meetings for 2021-2022 were all agreed, the May meeting may need to be moved according to the Election date in May.

14. Matters for Future Discussion

No matters were received.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2nd March 2021

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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