# CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 via the remote platform of Zoom.

Present: Cllr P Burford (Chairman), Cllr R Hall, 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.

1 member of the public attended.

**1. Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Jones (Vice Chairman) and Cllr T Jones.

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

**3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)**
It was proposed by Cllr B Buck that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 5th January 2021 be accepted as a true record after the amendment was made to the minute on flooding, this was seconded by Cllr D Preston, and agreed by all Councillors present.
It was proposed by Cllr R Hall that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on the 27th January 2021 be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr B Buck and agreed by all Councillors present.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020.
These minutes were approved by all Councillors at a virtual meeting of the Parish Council held under the above regulations during the Covid 19 lockdown period on 2nd March 2021 and are deemed to have been signed as of that date.

**4. Public consultation**
There were no items to be discussed under public consultation.
Dave Williams attended as the Staunton Parish Council representative.

**5. Reports**
5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford spoke to Councillors about the budget, deficits reserve and the estates management team.
5.2 District Councillor Brian Lewis spoke to Councillors about the County Council elections
5.3 County Councillor Brian Robinson spoke to Councillors about the budget, flooding and the scrutiny committee meeting, the investment in nuclear fusion, the Worcester Road surface dressing after the patching – Cllrs advised that the recent patches are already starting to come out and have been circled to be done again and that this should be taken up with the contractor as the work is not up to standard.

**6. Finance**

**6.1 Accounts for payment**
It was proposed by Cllr B Buck that the payments as previously circulated should be made, this was seconded by Cllr D Preston and 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 B Buck and seconded by Cllr D Preston that the financial statement and cash reconciliations for the month be approved this was agreed by all Councillors present and are attached to the minutes.

**6.3 Parish Council Insurance Renewal**
The previously circulated insurance renewal was discussed, this is the final year of the current three-year long-term agreement. The Parish Council assured itself that the current cover is sufficient for its needs and it was proposed by Cllr B Buck to continue with the renewal, this was seconded by Cllr R Hall and agreed by all present.

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**6.4 Internal Audit 2020-2021**

The previously circulated Internal Audit was discussed including the recommended actions. It was agreed by all Cllrs present to undertake all the recommended actions and the Clerk is to ensure that these are undertaken.

It was also noted that the Parish Council has assured itself that the auditor is independent and competent'

**6.5 Defibrillator**

The Parish Council discussed their responsibilities with regard to the defibrillator and the necessity for the pads and battery to be replaced. As the pads were near to their expiry date and the battery may have led to the unit not being operational these were replaced as a matter of urgency. The Clerk spoke to the Councillors about the 4 year cover plan for the defibrillator at a cost of £135 per year and the cover that the plan provides including re-supplies of pads and batteries. It was proposed by Cllr B Buck that the plan be undertaken, this was seconded by Cllr D Preston and agreed by all Cllrs present.

**6.6 Dog Waste Bin**

Following a request from a parishioner in Straight Lane regarding a dog waste bin at Pillow Green End the Parish Council discussed the feasibility of a dog waste bin in this area. The Clerk is to obtain the cost of a bin and the contract for emptying on a regular basis. This will be discussed at the May meeting with a view to a decision being made on the way forward with this issue.

The Parish Council will place a notice in the Parish Magazine to remind people of the importance of picking up and the dangers of not doing so.

**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 |
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| P0188/21/FUL | Five Acres, School Crescent, Corse | Construction of an all-weather menage (Private use) | The parish Council considered this planning application at the meeting and have no comments to make. |
| P0268/21/TCA | The School House, School Crescent | Pollard 1 x Sycamore | The Parish Council have no comments to make on the works, but they would like to see every effort made to protect and preserve the trees. |
| P0266/21/TCA | The School House, School Crescent | Horse Chestnut (T2) – 25% crown reduction | The Parish Council have no comments to make on the works, but they would like to see every effort made to protect and preserve the trees. |

**8. Highways / Police Matters**

**8.1 Highways Report**

The most recent Highways update had been circulated and was discussed , it was noted that the two new slabs that have been installed at the bus shelter are not level and are creating a trip hazard, this is to be reported to Highways.

It was also noted that the eroding post is opposite The Pound and not the Village Hall, this is to be notified to Highways.

**8.2 Flooding Issues**

The Parish Council were advised that there is a flood alleviation scheme run by the County Council that can provide a grant if properties are flooded regularly, this can be accessed by contacting Laurence King at the FoDDC.

The Parish Council were advised that the ditch at the side of the Village Hall is blocked and flooded, Highways are to be advised.

**8.3 A417**

At the previous Parish Council meeting it had been agreed to make no comment on the A417 proposals. Following the recent correspondence from Matt Fuller and Mark Harper the Parish Council agreed that they would still make no comment.

The Parish Council are of the opinion that if money is available that would be great but not if the funds have to be found from County funding.

**8.4 Public Rights of Way and 2026**

The Parish Council have been advised that all footpaths need to be on the definitive map by 2026 to be protected. It was agreed that this would be discussed again at the May meeting when Cllr T Jones will be in attendance so the Parish Council can agree a way forward with the footpath project, Cllrs are to consider this prior to the next meeting.

**8.5 Police Matters**

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the visits to the Parish and the results from those visits.

**9. Right to Regenerate**

The Parish Council discussed the circulated information regarding the right to regenerate but do not wish to make any comments.

**10. ERS Licensing and Applications**

The Parish Council discussed the circulated information from the FoDDC on the policy for ERS Licensing and applications but do not wish to make any comments.

**11. Matters for Future Discussion**

The Annual Parish Meeting was discussed and it was agreed to add this to the Agenda for May to arrange at date for late May.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th May 2021**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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