CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Burford (Chairman), Cllr M Jones (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D Preston, Cllr T Jones, Cllr B Buck. 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 R Hall, these were accepted by the Parish Council.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. Correspondence and Questions

Alan Steele was invited to speak to the Councillors regarding the correspondence submitted and the questions raised and explained to Cllrs that the points raised were not meant as a criticism but rather just concerns regarding how the Parish Council will be able to comment on anything in the future that they have expressed an interest in at past meetings.

The chairman then summarised what he felt the concerns were as follows:

The concerns are that if Parish Council have an interest in obtaining and developing land at Treeona that it may prejudice their view on any development of the site.
Sitting in the meeting it is clear that the Parish Council have no interest in acquiring ort developing the site and have made no formal enquiries, however, in the past some discussion has taken place to see what alternatives there might be to avoid any planning on the site.

Tha Chairman felt that the Parish Council would need to decide what they would want to accept on the site as it is not appropriate for it to continue in the future as it is. Planning applications in the past have failed and although it is unlikely to happen under the current planning regime in the future a plan may be submitted that may be approved.

Cllr Preston wanted to reiterate that the Community Initiative is for any initiative that benefits the community and has not been earmarked for any specified project. Treeona has been mentioned previously but was more of a maybe not a proposal, Cllr Preston would not be in favour of this due to ongoing costs and upkeep.

Cllr Buck remembers talking about the site as it was not being kept up together, however, she would have reservations on taking this on due to existing responsibilities i.e. The Pound, bus shelters, seats, telephone box, grass cutting, noticeboards, defibrillator, speed indicator device and milestones that the Parish Council already have.
And that the reserves in hand are not enough to purchase anything significant, Cllr Burford pointed out that it would have to be done through applying for grants.

Cllr M Jones agreed with Cllr Buck that the Parish Council have enough to look after at the current time and that the ongoing maintenance and associated costs would be too much for a small Parish Council.

A discussion took place about promoting the Parish Council as it is felt that the community do not realise all that is carried out by the Parish Council or all that they are responsible for. It was agreed that the Parish Magazine is too limited and not everyone visits the website or passes the noticeboard, and so the use of Facebook and Twitter should be a future consideration. These forums could also be used to advise people of information perhaps answering questions before they are asked or to give more people notice of the meetings as this is where questions should be asked or comments made and not through social media. If comments on social media break the law, the code of conduct or the principles of public life these can be reported to the monitoring officer.
The introduction of Facebook and Twitter will be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

 Chairman's signature…….. Date ……..

Cllr T Jones asked if the Parish Council be asked to comment on further available land for development or protection as it will always be a battle to prevent development on the Treeona site.
Cllr Burford advised that the single settlement development is unlikely to be successful and that the future plan will most likely result in development in all Villages but if an application for Treeona was submitted prior to 2026 it would not count toward the 2026 allocation. Cllr M Jones felt it was best to wait to see if an application is submitted and discuss then.

The following response to the correspondence and questions was agreed, and although Alan was in attendance at the meeting it was agreed to also send this to him.

> The current Parish Council have no ambition to acquire or develop any additional asset for the Village and have not entered into any discussions with that aim. The Parish Council would however emphasise that this is the current position but should future Parish Council circumstances change the Parish Council's view may also change.
> If any future acquisition were to be considered the Parish Council would at that time seek legal advice and would ensure that any previous minutes were disclosed.
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> The Parish Council would also like to confirm that the community initiative is available for any initiative in the village that would be of benefit to all or most of the community as a whole and it has not been earmarked for any particular project.
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> As explained at the meeting the Parish Council feel that the use of the phrase 'commercially sensitive' has been misinterpreted.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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