**HOLCOMBE ROGUS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the June Meeting**

**Held in the King George V Memorial Hall on Friday 24th June 2022**

**At 7.00pm**

**APPROVED**

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| **6.1** | **Present**:  Councillors: Nikki Orchard (Deputy Chairman), Rupert Snook, Jane Lock, Sally Barker and George Triggs  One member of the Public | **ACTION**  **TO BE TAKEN** |
|  | **Apologies**:  Parish Councillors: Adam Pilgrim, Andy Cooling, John Butler,  County Councillor Ray Radford |  |
|  | **OPEN FORUM**  No matters raised. |  |
| **6.2** | **Declaration of Interests:** None declared |  |
| **6.3**  **6.3.1**  **6.3.1.1**  **6.3.1.2** | **Minutes of Previous Meetings and Matters arising**  The May Minutes were approved and signed by NO as a true and correct record and unanimously approved by all Councillors.  Matters Arising:  Street lights: The PC had received a letter from DCC acknowledging there are nearly 30 street lights in the village and they are not in the Talensa system which would allow DCC to dim/control the lighting remotely. HR is not a priority as it is a small village. Councillors were not satisfied with this reply and have requested the Clerk to respond that:   1. We would like our fair share of the funding which is limited but currently concentrating on the larger towns in Devon. 2. In the past 10 years the programming of the lights has changed so if it was possible then why not now? 3. The PC is keen to be as environmentally friendly as possible and reduce the ambient light for the wildlife and particular the birds.   Prince of Wales update: The Clerk has not received a response yet from the agent and there is concern that the building is continuing to fall into further disrepair, especially the roof. It is difficult for residents wishing to sell their property in the vicinity as the future of the building is unknown. Any searches for new properties or properties being sold currently do not show the current situation. Clerk was asked to investigate with MDDC and the Assets of Community Officer if there is anything that can be achieved to prevent further damage and to contact the agent to see if things are progressing.  Cllr Snook will be resurrecting the Community Group which will be outside the remit of the PC to discuss the way forward for the pub. | **LF**  **LF**  **RS** |
| **6.4** | **Environment**  Public Rights of Way: Cllr Triggs confirmed that the new gates have now been installed on footpaths 16 and 20. The next project is to change the tall stile on footpath 15. |  |
| **6.5**  **6.5.1**  **6.5.2**  **6.5.3** | **Highways**  Work carried out: NTR  Repairs to be reported: The roads past the Pondground quarry and Whipcott are still full of dangerous potholes. Clerk to raise with the Highways Officer and Cllr Radford. Clerk to invite the Highways Officer to make a visit to HR and discuss the Councillors concerns.  Temporary Road Restriction  The road from Beacon Cross to the Devon border, from the junction with Greenham Quarry Road heading a short distance towards lane to Wiseburrow Farm will have a 40mph speed limit from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th Aug in enable safe access to underground network. | **LF** |
| **6.6**  **6.6.1**  **6.6.2** | **Planning**  The Minutes from the Planning Meeting on the 9th June were approved and signed by Cllr Orchard.  It was clear at the time of the Planning Meeting that the residents felt extremely let down by MDDC in regard to the application at Pondground Quarry. There had been no rush to enforce any restrictions by the Enforcement Officer or the Planning Officers after it was revealed the current planning application had lapsed in 2014.  The new MP for Tiverton and Honiton had been made aware of the situation at Pondground Quarry and had given his support to the village opposing the new application.  The following planning application was discussed:  **22/01121/CAT** Notification of intention to remove 6 branches of 1 Sycamore tree within the Conservation Area at Pear Close *– No objections* |  |
| **6.7**  **6.7.1**  **6.7.2**  **6.7.3**  **6.7.4**  **6.7.5**  **6.7.6**  **6.7.7** | **Play Area**  The equipment and matting should be completed by the end of play Monday 27th June. The fencing around the equipment will remain in place until the post installation inspection has been carried out and the report is with the Clerk. The play area will then be open.  The Chairman and Clerk will order the signs shortly.  The official opening of the play area was discussed and the following was unanimously agreed:   1. The date will be Saturday 13th August at 3pm. 2. The ribbon will be cut and the Mary Fewings Playpark opened by the Fewings Family. 3. Refreshments will be provided for the invited guests but Families encouraged to bring a picnic. Details of the refreshments to be finalised at the July meeting and confirmation of any dietary requirements. 4. Cllr Barker will be responsible for organising the media 5. Cllr Orchard will design an invitation for the invited guests. Clerk to liaise with Cllrs to finalise the list of guests. Invitations will be sent by email.   The Clerk has informed the Insurance Company that the new equipment is installed and to be included on the insurance cover.  Clerk will be in touch with MDDC to carry out a risk assessment once the post inspection is completed.  Once the invoice has been paid and the VAT reclaimed the next project for the funding will be the building of a small shelter, using traditional materials. Cllr Snook will investigate further and report back to the Council.  Clerk will inform all those who donated money to the playarea that the project is now completed. | **AP/LF**  **SB**  **NO**  **LF**  **LF**  **RS**  **LF** |
| **6.8**  **6.8.1**  **6.8.2**  **6.8.2.1**  **6.8.2.2**  **6.8.2.3**  **6.8.2.4**  **6.8.2.5** | **Clerk/Finance**  **Income received:**  Public Rights of Way Grant £160.00   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **The following expenditure was approved:** | | | | | Amount |  | Payable to | Comments | | 476.96 | BACS | A Steaggles | Jubilee celebration donation | | 156.00 | BACS | MDDC | Emptying bins at playarea | | 28.00 | BACS | Lifesaver Technology | Defibrillator service | | 35.00 | DD | ICO | Annual subscription | | 266.47 | BACS | Community First | Extra premium for play equipment | |  |
| **6.9** | **Correspondence**  All correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors.  Connecting the Culm open Forum on 14th July from 7-9pm. Cllr Snook attending. |  |
| **6.10** | **Matters brought forward for information or future agenda**.  Councillor vacancy. We have one vacancy, if anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk for further information. | **ALL** |
|  | There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next Council Meeting will be on Thursday 22nd July at 7pm. Lucy Jefferson from the Connecting the Culm project will be giving a presentation to the Council and any members of the public who wish to attend. | **ALL** |

Nikki Orchard

Deputy Chair

Holcombe Rogus Parish Council