

**Minutes of Crowcombe Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 3rd July 2014 at Church House, Crowcombe at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs J Chipp (Chair), B Druitt, R Harbour, T Brooks and J Loader (clerk). Also in attendance was Christine Lawrence (SCC Cllr), Anthony Trollope-Bellew (WSC Cllr), 1 member of the public and 2 representatives from Build A Dream.

64/14 Apologies: Cllrs D Lock, J Hughes & T Motture

65/14 Election of Vice-Chairman: It was agreed to get confirmation of acceptance from him at the September meeting.

66/14 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations: None

67/14 Public Participation: None

68/14 Build A Dream Presentation - Valerie Bearne and Paul Richards from this company outlined their position regarding custom build housing. This was based on self-build schemes where land and properties could be built at below market value due to the company not being a large building developer. Various options were available which you could adapt to your needs and requirements. The PC were keen to ensure local people could be part of this scheme and to ensure once these houses were built not to be able to sell them at market value, but to remain in perpetuity and affordable.

Cllr Druitt had shown other possible sites around the parish which they had not been unaware of. This opened up more possibilities for custom build housing, rather than just the area of land close to the new Falcon Housing site.

In summary, the PC were interested in this type of scheme but wanted to have more detailed information on the legal entities that could be put together on who would manage this project if a suitable site and plans were approved. All sites would require support from the village and these needed to be assessed by all concerned including WSC and landowners etc.

It was agreed to arrange a separate meeting with all Councillors for their thoughts on this type of project being proposed as a starting point.

69/14 Police Report – PCSO Peter Bolton had sent a report to the clerk:

Between 1 June - 1 July there had been 28 calls to Police via 101 and or 999.

6 Information calls

7 calls re an incident in Stogumber which resulted in an arrest and charges being laid against an offender

5 calls re Lamping and Foxing

9 Traffic related calls all on the A358

1 property alarm call - false alarm

There were 8 recorded crimes - all filed with the exception of one which is under investigation.

Remember to be aware of suspicious vehicles, suspicious persons etc, and report any incidents to Police via 101 or 999 if ongoing or urgent.

70/14 County Councillor's Report: Christine Lawrence reported the SID would be sited by Dave Graham soon. The Health & Well-Being department were starting a housing workshop wanting to find out what type of housing people actually wanted. BT Superfast Broadband – there seemed to be some confusion as to if and when Crowcombe would be getting this service. It was agreed that Cllr Druitt would contact Matt Ballard at SCC as he was project managing this alongside BT to find out what the actual position was. The Health and Wellbeing Fund was available again to support good causes. This would be available from 1st August until 14th December to put forward any proposals.

71/14 District Councillor's Report: Anthony Trollope-Bellow reported WSC had agreed to match fund the Government/SCC towards getting all areas with BT broadband. The council wanted to achieve the 95% cover across the area. The Council had voted to spend £240,000 over the next three years to try and achieve this. The Hinkley Point Impact Mitigation Fund was available for those communities affected by the building of the new Hinkley Point C project. Details could be found on the WSC Community Newsletter. The next Area Panel was meeting on 28 July. It was agreed to ask Cllr Hughes if he would attend. Agenda would be issued nearer the time. Reminder to use the brown food waste bins rather than the large black wheelie bins for food waste.

72/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May 2014 – There was one change on section 54/14 to read Slough Lane instead of Halsway Manor. It was then proposed, seconded and agreed the May minutes be adopted as correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

73/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes a) One accident had occurred mid June where a red Fiesta ended up in the woods opposite Halsway Cottage.

74/14 Highway Issues: The cattle grid at the top of the Coombe had been replaced. The Combe gullies had been cleared effectively. Rowe Buck gate gully required attention. Culvert opposite Crowcombe Court still not repaired. Gullies from West Bagborough to Combe Florey still not cleared.

75/14 Finances: a) **Payments:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay the following invoices: Clerks salary £367.57, Clerks expenses £38.36, The Play Inspection Company - £354.00, Fitzhead PC £33.67, RGB Builders £126.00, CPCL – balance of play area project £3,632.08. b) **Receipts:** HMRC Vat refund £3,074.17, Crowcombe Hall – rent £50.00, Tennis Club – rent £25.00. c) **Finances to date:** Balances as at 24th June 2014 was: Current a/c £7,679.85, Deposit a/c £3,220.52, Amenities a/c £2,680.68. Unpresented cheque £126.00. Unpresented bankings £3,149.17 Balance £16,604.22.

76/14 Mile Stone - painting of letters – Cllr Lock had informed the Clerk that he would paint the letters with suitable black paint if agreed by the PC. This was approved.

77/14 Play Area Update a) Cllr Chipp reported the issues resulting from the recent post installation inspection had been carried out. Still outstanding was a quote from Ian Lee for additional barriers which would be chased up. CPCL had given free of charge additional matting for around the tunnel which FOCPA would install. It was agreed to pay the final balance to CPCL of £3,632.08. Clerk to arrange for the final funds from FOCPA of £1,171.33 for the PC towards this payment.

78/14 Maintenance of Play Area: a) Minutes of a meeting between PC & FOCPA regarding the maintenance of the area had been circulated. It was agreed to obtain three quotes based on the work detailed in the report. b) It was agreed to contact Mr King again to ask him to cut the grass in 2 weeks' time, whilst quotes were being obtained. c) Crowcombe Hall Car Park Hedges – it was agreed to contact Mr Robertson to find out who cuts these hedges.

79/14 Planning Applications Received – None

80/14 War Memorial Renovation – An update on the progress of this project would be discussed at the September meeting. Cllr Harbour would re-send the link regarding funding of war memorials again.

81/14 Clerks Report – a) In the Mix Youth Project – the clerk provided a brief update on the meeting held on 29th May. After discussion, it was agreed to give the contact details of The Base to Val Plum the Vicar in Bicknoller who ran a youth group to see they could work together.

82/14 Clerks Report – a) The clerk read out the report received from Jamie Robertson regarding the activities of Crowcombe Hall, as he had not attended the recent KRG meeting on 8th June. b) Over hanging branches on the road by the Carew Arms required attention. Clerk to inform ATB for information.

83/14 Matters with Permission from Chairman a) Air Ambulance clothes bin showed incorrect signage detailing Western Air Ambulance. Agreed to contact supplier to ensure Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance sign is shown. b) The Pound ownership – agreed to contact Peter Meener for confirmation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th September 2014 at Church House.