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**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 19:30 on Thursday January 13th 2022 in the Village Hall**

**Present:** **Councillors** Andrew Green, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, John Smith, Jeff Burrows John Quick, Jim Sampson. Peter Heal MDDC

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson

**Apologies** Margaret Squires DCC

**Open Forum** No members of the public attended for this

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| 2021/22- 79 | **Welcome** | The Chairman welcomed Peter Heal to the meeting |
| 2021/22-80 | **Apologies** | Margaret Squires, who was attending another Parish Council Meeting |
| 2021/22-81 | **Declarations of interest** | None reported. |
| 2021/22-82 | **Minutes** | The minutes of the meeting of November 25th were approved and signed by the Chairman. |
| 2021/22-83 | **Matters arising**   1. **East Leigh Sewage update** 2. **Traffic calming in the village** 3. **Blackditch cross lane** 4. **Queen’s Jubilee** | Chris Burrows had cleared the pipe after the recent rain, but it has not solved the problem. Peter Heal offered to follow this up and try an arrange a site visit with Steve Denton MDDC and Stephen Tucker, DCC Highways along with the Parish Council. This may well be the most efficient way to resolve this and avoid a trail of emails.  No action yet on this, and the clerk was asked to follow up with Margaret Squires.  Yellow barriers and ramp signs were in place, and John Quick had spoken to a contractor who had attempted to jet the drain under the road, but this had not been effective. Clerk asked to follow up with Margaret Squires and Stephen Tucker as it is still a significant hazard  Dates are now confirmed as Thursday June 2nd for beacon lighting and Sunday June 5th for a Big Lunch. After a discussion amongst the Council the Clerk offered to call a meeting with representatives from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee to see if they would run a bar and barbeque on Thursday, and the Parish Council could co-ordinate the bring your own food Big Lunch in The Square, including road closure.  After discussion It was agreed to defer any decision on the purchase of souvenirs by the Parish Council for under 18’s. |
| 2021/22-84 | **Clerk’s report and Update** | **Defibrillators.** These have been purchased and set up. They talk you through exactly what to do. There is a child button which needs setting for anyone under 8 years old, and this clear to see and use.  These are in carry cases within the wall mounted boxes and were installed on December 7th 2021   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Location | Post code | What 3 words | | Village Hall in the outside yard | EX17 6AX | Harnessed.encodable.curable | | East Leigh in the old phone box | EX17 6BG | Stretcher.reaction.dolls |   With each defibrillator is a set of spare pads and an iPadAED Starter Kit comprising   * tough shears to cut clothing off * prep razor to shave any hairy chests * a pair of nitrile gloves * resuscitation face shield * 2 patient wipes   The information booklets and 2 spare iPadAED Starter Kits are in the high cupboard in the Village Hall kitchen to the left of the sinks  I have registered them with The Circuit, an online database which all ambulance services, and others can access. The user name is ColdridgeParishClerk p/w Defib2021!  **DCC Zoom meeting**  **Summary of John Hart (Leader of DCC) zoom meeting Thursday 16th Dec 17:30 – 18:30**  This replaced the usual face to face meeting about DCC Budget  Main points   1. Priority to ensure a strong recovery from the pandemic 2. Setting up hubs across Devon to encourage small start- up businesses, includes high speed IT and offices. 3. Revenue Support Grant from central Govt reduced from £140m in 2013 to nil currently 4. DCC had to save £300m since 2010/11 5. Reduced staffing from 6600 to 3800 with no reduction in services. Now 4500 as care workers/nurses have been brought back into DCC from contractors, giving more control and strategic direction. 6. Highways, the dragons worked from 05:00 to 20:00 using double shifts and they not only repair damage which is classified as an “official pothole” but also minor damage in the same area to stop them developing into potholes. Total reported potholes in Dec 2020 were 70,000 and it is now 45,000. 7. 4500 to 5000 mile of highways in Devon are cart tracks with little or no foundations and they cannot cope with large 30 tonne lorries or modern large and wide tractors. 8. Devon Climate Emergency task force   DCC working with Exeter Uni, which has most of the leaders in this field in Europe working there, ( 5 out of the top 7?). A report is due next spring/summer which will cover the existing issues and ways to reduce climate damage/change. DCC is the largest employer in Devon and needs to be seen to reduce its impact on global warming.   1. Plymouth freeport. This is still unresolved, with several interlinked issues, including the govts evangelical insistence on unitary mayoral authorities. These might work in some urban areas but not for the South-West. 2. Some anger that the govt has decided to give Cornwall the £100m which they would have received from the EU but for Brexit. Very unfair to Devon. John Hart aims to continue to work with Devon MP’s and the govt to improve Devon |
| 2021/22-85 | **Planning- Williamsons Wood** | The clerk explained that an email he had sent to Angharad Williams at MDDC in December had an error in the address, but it did not bounce back. A follow-up email did bounce back so he wrote again explaining the situation. Angharad sent a very clear explanation of the situation regarding national problems in recruiting staff, and Peter Heal, who had spoken to her, provided some more depth to this. A new appointment of Director of Place at MDDC, Richard Marsh, had been appointed and along with Angharad Williams will be making some positive changes to how planning and development operate.  Peter pointed out the permission was only given for 28 days a year use of the caravan, and the planning conditions had to be met before this could be done.  The Council agreed to keep an eye on Williamson’s Wood to monitor the use of the property, as requested by MDDC. |
| 2021/22-86 | **Highways** | Potholes in the Square are a danger. The clerk has had difficulty reporting these due to an error in the DCC software showing the Square is not a public highway. Clerks asked to resolve this with DCC.  A drain cover had broken at Frogbury Cross and been reported by Marion. Currently it has a cone and sign but will be monitored by Marion and Jim.  The drain blocked in Church Lane, which was reported over a year ago is causing sheet ice to form across the road for a length of 100 metres, and will be followed up  The hedge at the sewage plant needs trimming, Clerk to contact SWW about this.  Several finger posts are missing arms Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know of any which are missing, and what information should be on them, so can look into ordering replacements as a batch  The road at Mole End is now a sink hole and the road surface is decreasing such that a large vehicle may drop into the hole.  Andrew offered to rescue the Passing Place sign, which the hedge trimmer removed, to see if it can be salvaged and replaced on the pole  The Junction and Bend warning signs are still missing from the sign to the west of Allerbridge  Lay by rubbish – clerk to report this. |
| 2021/22-87 | **Finance** | The following payments were agreed  Clerks wages £320.17, Clerks expenses £8.04, St Mathew’s Churchyard £450, Allerbridge Chapel graveyard £350 |
| 2021/22-88 | **Councillor’s concerns** | Peter suggested the Parish Council should be looking at implementing Parish Council emails for all councillors, as if a Freedom of Information request was made then all the Councillors personal emails could be looked at. Clerk asked to investigate this for the next meeting.  Peter mentioned that following a trial in part of its area it is likely MDDC will be moving to a 3 weekly residual collection with the aim of improving recycling rates across the district. Recycling and food waste collections will NOT change from their current frequencies. |
| 2021/22-89 | **Training** | Andrew reminder all Councillors that in order to maintain the Quality Council standard the Clerk will need to provide evidence of all Councillors undertaking relevant training, and it is up to each Councillor to arrange their own with DALC offering low-cost courses which the Council will pay for. MDDC also offer some training, as mentioned in their newsletters. |
| 2021/22-90 | **Date of next meetings**. | The dates for meetings in 2022. March 17th, May 12th July 21st September 22nd November 24th |

The meeting closed at 21.00

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