

CRUWYS MORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting was held in Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 8 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs S. Smyth (Chairman), Mr D. Berry, Mr M. Lake, Mr G. Kingdom, Mr G. Hall, Mr N. Baker, Cllr P. Colthorpe (District Councillor), Cllr M. Squires (County Councillor), Mr A. Busby (Mid Devon DC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs J. Mitchell (Work commitment), Mr A. Chave (Lambing)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2016 had already been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposal: Agreement to the content of the minutes was proposed by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr Baker unanimously agreed by the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

MATTER ARISING

Mr Lake stated that he had refixed the 2 fingerpost signs that had fallen off.

GRASS CUTTING

Mr Busby from Mid Devon DC spoke about the changes to parish grass cutting which is the responsibility of Devon CC which had been sub-contracted to the district council. There was a discussion about the grass cutting area in Nomansland and that there was confusion about who owns the land and that the local landowners have been cutting most of the area.

Mr A. Busby left the meeting

Proposal: Mr Lake proposed and Mr Hall seconded agreeing to option 3 (Devon CC to cut verges to the reduced specification) and the meeting unanimously agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATION (15/01604/MFUL) – Erection of 5 poultry units (5040 sq.m) and biomass boiler unit; formation of attenuation pond, access track, and hardstanding; landscaping; and associated infrastructure at Gibbet Moor Farm, Templeton (Additional information)

The meeting discussed this application at length in particular a report from highways suggesting that to ease traffic problems a passing place should be created on the Back Lane at Nomansland.

Proposal: Mr Hall proposed and Mr Kingdom seconded refusal on this application for the reason given previously in November 2015 and these additional reasons:

1. A passing place on Back Lane should not be made as this would only encourage more heavy goods traffic to a road that is already in a poor state where the verges have collapsed due to drainage problems and increase heavy traffic.
2. Additional volume of traffic of heavy goods vehicles.

The meeting unanimously agreed.

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NORTH DEVON AND TORRIDGE LOCAL PLAN: Proposed Policy – Wind Energy Development

Mrs Smyth stated that the proposal was to identify suitable areas for wind energy development in the North Devon and Torridge area. The meeting discussed this issue and whether the parish council should oppose this proposal.

Proposal: Mr Lake proposed and Mr Berry seconded agreement to opposing this proposal and 5 councillors agreed with 1 against.

The clerk was asked to respond accordingly to the consultation.

TAP FUND

There was concern that time was running out to claim the TAP Fund monies whilst a decision was being made about what to spend the money on, so the clerk was asked to write to the District Council requesting an extension to applying for the monies allocated to our parish.

Some discussion took place about the possibility of employing someone from Templeton to do odd jobs around the parish, but there was concern about what jobs could be done, health and safety, equipment needed and insurance. The chairman stated that she would contact the chairman at Templeton to find out the position.

HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

None

Meeting closed 9:35 p.m.

Signed (Chairman)..... Date.....