**CUTSDEAN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**WEST BARN FARM 14th January 2020**

1. Present at this meeting – Cllr Butler, Cllr Smith, Cllr Beetson, Cllr Wright, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Moor.
2. Minutes of the November 2019 approved by all present.
3. Matters arising not covered hereunder:
   1. Contractor quotes – the question was asked again, can we do this ourselves. It comes down to safety and we do not have the appropriate insurances in place. Cllr Clarke to speak to Richard who maintains the churchyard.
   2. Defibrillator – no further information at this time. The option discussed at our last meeting seems to be the best option. All agreed to go ahead. Cllr Moor will start the application for the funding he is able to provide. Cllr Smith will contact the Heartbeat Trust.
   3. Parking Proposal – we have received two letters from residents regarding the proposed plans – one asking for a village meeting and the other against the plans. Since this meeting there have been two more letters against the plans. Residents have asked if there is an alternative i.e. changing the access from Church Ground to run behind the Manse. This would still incur work for the Stanway Estate, but it could be possible to make it more accessible.

Rhodri Grey from the council visited the village and met with Cllr Beetson and Cllr Smith. He suggested that he conducts two speed surveys, each at a different time if year, as the speed traffic runs through the village is a concern. It would help if Rhodri could provide us with a breakdown of what would be needed in terms of materials, level of work and any planning permissions.

One question raised was who is paying for the proposed work? Our understanding is that it would be Lord Wemyss.

It was agreed that we write to Lord Wemyss to explain what has been done so far and the feelings of the residents. Clerk to draft a letter and circulate to all for approval.

1. Report from Cllr Moor – It is disappointing that the application put in by Oathill Quarry has been agreed. The lack of traffic surveys will be raised at the meeting on the 29th January 2020.

A couple of points to note are that The Cotswold School is expanding and Cllr Moor has also been involved in the proposal of a Lengthsman Scheme and budget.

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Digging of the grips – Cllr Wright said that it had been done today but again not very well. During his visit to the village Rhodri agreed that they hadn’t been done effectively and Cllr Beetson explained the issues to him. Clerk to contact Rhodri to ask what can be done.

1. Financial Report and precept – Agreed on a precept of £1300 for the period 2020/2021 – Cllr Clerk agreed, and Cllr Wright seconded this decision. Cllr Beetson asked if the rate of pay for the Clerk was in line with other parishes – the Clerk will find out and report back at the next meeting.
2. AOB
   1. Tree at junction to Buckle Street – Rhodri had a look at this and said that it is on council ground. He agreed that it is a blind spot and he could arrange for it to be felled – he will report back.
   2. Burning of rubbish – agreed that the Parish Council have done as much as they can about this issue at this time.
3. Date of the next meeting. 10th March 2020

Meeting closed at 21.20

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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