

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Lynette Wilcox (Chairperson), S. Mather, P.Ashman, D. Bird and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

REF

Action

281/07 Open Forum

County Councillor Andrewartha advised the Council of the proposed post office closures, the Council was presented with a map of all the current post offices and an estimated timeframe for the post office consultation phase.

Cllr Andrewartha updated the Council on the summer floods, the report submitted by Mr Goring as formal evidence has been taken on board by the elected members. On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 18.30 – 20.30 at the Council office there is a meeting which will concentrate on urban and city flooding.

Cllr Andrewartha also advised the Council on the current situation regarding the repair and maintenance of the roads in the district, Knapp Lane is estimated to cost £836,000 to repair and within Coaley there are 13 roads below the red line therefore not considered critical.

Clerk

282/07 Apologies

Cllr Chalmers, Cllr Bryant, Cllr Randall and District Cllr Wood sent their apologies.

283/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None

284/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

285/07 Planning

The Council Considered:

- a) S.07/1909/FUL – Sage Cottage, Far Green – Construction of first storey over existing single storey and new dormer.

**The Council resolved to support this application.**

Accounts

286/07 a) Incomes received and payments for authorization

Income:

SDC	6700.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of the Precept
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Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	322.40	Wage (September 07)
Buckstops	212.00	Newsletter Oct/Nov
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter Editing

L. Thornton	4.78	Stamps
GAPTC	15.00	Mentoring Session
A. Eve	16.50	Poppy Wreath

b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts  
Approved by the Council

287/07 Clerks Report

1. The clerk advised the Council of the letter received regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Gloucestershire charter, GCC would like the Council to commit to the charter and they will contact the Council before the end of the year. An enclosed copy of GCC commitments to Town and Parish Councils was placed in the circulation envelope.
2. GCC have written regarding the summer flooding, they will be answering questions and offering advice at the Annual Parish Council conference on 10th October.
3. The Environment Agency are hosting a flood drop-in session for Dursley and surrounding areas on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Cam congregational church, 3-8pm.
4. Museum in the Park have invited the Councillors to attend the opening of Stroud Photographic Arts and Award Exhibition, 5-7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.
5. SDC have sent an e-mail regarding the on street parking enforcements which come into effect from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, in preparations for this the highways contractors will be in the area remarking faded road enforcement lines, yellow lines etc.
6. Further to the last meeting, the clerk has obtained a map of Coaley's street lights in order for the Council to consider the part operation of street lights. The map was placed in the circulation envelope for consideration.

288/07 Village Audit

Cllr Wilcox distributed a colour coded map to all Councillors; each Councillor has been allocated an area to monitor. Each Councillor will keep this area for a period of time and then move onto another one. The Councillors will report any problems at the monthly meeting.

289/07 Website Update

Nothing to report at present.

290/07 Grant Application

A grant application has been received from Coaley playgroup; they have provided the Council with a wish list of supplies, the Council agreed to purchase a water filter and stackable cushions at the cost of £189.00.

- 291/07 Cemeteries Update  
See Appendix I, page 866.
- 292/07 Allotment Update  
Cllr Bird updated the Council on the allotments; a letter of resignation from Mrs Pugh has been received. Mr Coopey has settled his outstanding invoice and tidied up his allotment. Cllr Bird has started to clear the reclaimed allotment. Cllr Wilcox thanked Cllr Bird and Mrs Bird for all their work at the allotments.
- 293/07 Village Maintenance  
Cllr Bird reported that the new bin has been installed at Hamshill and 1 of the no smoking signs has been erected.
- 294/07 Highway repairs and Maintenance  
Cllr Ashman stated that further to him reporting the exposed pipe, Cllr Ashman has investigated further and the situation is not due to the electricity company. A couple of parishioners excavated the pipe due to the flooding in that area and found that the pipe was broken. It has been reported to SDC.
- 295/07 Any other Business  
Cllr Wilcox read a letter which had been written to the Council by Mr Goring, the clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter. Clerk  
Cllr Bird reported that a lot of vehicles are parking on the pavement at Hamshill and causing an obstruction, which is of particular concern now the walking bus is in operation, Cllr Wilcox will report this to the Community Police Officer. Cllr Wilcox  
Cllr Wilcox had received an e-mail shortly before the meeting to report that an elderly couple on Cam Hopton had found a man standing in an internal doorway at 7.30pm, fortunately the intruder ran away when confronted by the resident.
- 296/07 Matters for forward consideration  
Precept  
Cemeteries Update
- 297/07 Items for Press Release and publicity on the website  
Minutes

Date of the next meetingTuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm