

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 5th December 2006** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Lynette Wilcox (Chairperson), D. Randall, L. Bryant, D. Chalmers, S. Mather and L. Thornton (Clerk)

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Action

117/07 Open Forum

Anne Anderson from Coaley Guides addressed the Council; she has put an application into the Council to obtain a grant towards the purchase of district tent. The cost to purchase all the necessary tents is £1750.00, £150.00 has been donated by Renishaws and Anne has also approached the Rotary Club. The Council asked who would own the tents as they would benefit all the guides in the district. Anne confirmed they would belong to Coaley but in order to follow guidelines the only viable way the guides can go on these outings is if all the packs in the area goes. The Council thanked Anne for attending the meeting and answering their questions.

District Councillor Janet Wood commented on the white paper, it is more about quality parishes; each Council has to produce executive powers. There has to be a directly elected cabinet, Cllr Wood suggested that a group leaders meeting is the best way forward.

Cllr Wood highlighted affordable housing. Land on the edge of the village envelope would be ideal as it is cheap. The survey states 5/6 is acceptable to Coaley we presently have 2. Parishes should come forward if they have any land which would be suitable, this would be done in conjunction with the housing association.

118/07 Apologies

None

119/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Chalmers declared an interest in agenda item 4.

120/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

121/07 Planning

The Council Considered:

- a) S.06/2636/FUL – Wragg Croft, Hamshill – Erection of a garage and two storey extension. **Council Supports**
- b) S.06/2591/COU – The Leigh, The Ham – Change of use of agricultural land to domestic and erection of stables. **Council Supports**

Cllr Chalmers left the Room at this stage of the meeting.

- c) S.06/2612/FUL – Lanterns, The Street – erection of dwelling and detached dwelling – **Application withdrawn prior to the meeting**
- d) S.06/2020/VAR – Lanterns, The Street – Variation of condition 3 of planning permission S.06/2020/FUL for the re-positioning of windows to bedroom 2 – **Council Objects**

122/07 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorization

Income:

Coaley Rovers	100.00	Hire of recreation ground
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Payments for authorization:

L. Thornton	322.40	Clerks Wages (November 06)
Moore Stephens	170.38	Annual Returns, external audit
Mrs J John	120.00	Clearing of litter
SLCC	75.00	Renewal of subscription
L.Thornton	127.20	Mileage (Aug-November 06)
L.Thornton	24.38	Stamps, ink cartridge
GAPTC	10.00	Training course for Clerk
Buckstops	212.00	Newsletter Dec/Jan
L.Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing

Accounts approved by Council.

b) Final draft of the precept 2007/8

All changes approved by Council.

123/07 Clerks Report

1. Dursley Parish Cluster meeting takes place on Wednesday 6th December, 7.00pm at Kingshill House.
2. The clerk advised the Council of the changes to the Cam and Dursley rail link service – 210.
3. Planning open house is taking place on Thursday 14th December 3.00pm at Ebley Mill.
4. A new online Parish Bulletin board is available for Councillors and Clerks to access, details placed in the circulation envelope.
5. A letter has been received advising the dates for David Drew, to be published in the newsletter.
6. The clerk has received a letter advising of the survey which is taking place on the rights of ways in the village. This may take several months to complete and then the results will be published.
7. At the last meeting the clerk was asked to write to the building company responsible for the development at the Lanterns. The Clerk read the response out and confirmed the company was being very obliging and all relevant contact numbers have been made available should we wish to contact them in the future.

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124/07 Parish Grants

Further to Anne Anderson attending the open forum and answering the

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Councillors questions regarding the guides grant application, the council resolved to award Coaley Guides £750.00. Clerk to write to Anne and request that the Council is invoiced when they are ready to purchase the tents.

125/07 Co-option of a New Councillor

The chairman advised the Council that she has been approached by Mr Peter Ashman who would like to join the Council. All the Councillors were in agreement that he should be co-opted onto the Council at the January meeting.

126/07 Clerks Training Programme

Cllr Wilcox told the Council that she had been approached by the clerk who would like to obtain her certificate in Local Council Administration. Cllr Wilcox stated that although at present the Council can not go for the Quality Parish Status, it would still be beneficial to all concerned if the clerk had this qualification. Proposed Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Bryant.

127/07 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report

128/07 Burial Ground

Cllr Wilcox had been in touch with GCC regarding the land at the back of the present graveyard, the Council wished to know if this land would be available to purchase to enable the Council to extend the present burial ground. GCC require the request to be placed in writing which the clerk will action. It is quite a large plot so the possibility of going into partnership with other groups in the village maybe pursued in the future.

Cllr Wilcox felt the ground would need to be surveyed as it is very wet and may not be suitable for the Councils requirements. District Cllr Wood advised it would be beneficial to speak to John Beckitt – Environmental Health when we are at the appropriate stage, also County Councillor Dennis Andrewartha. Cllr Chalmers questioned whether we are legally required to provide a burial ground, if the Parish Council do not provide this facility then the County Council becomes responsible, they may then choose to provide facilities outside of the village.

129/07 Scorcher Roadshow

The scorcher Roadshow no longer seems to be active the clerk could not source any information on them.

130/07 Playarea

Further to the last meeting when it was discussed if the playarea needs attention and maybe replacing, Cllr Wilcox looked over the paperwork, the present playarea has only been there for 5 years and it has a 10 year warranty. It was agreed that some general maintenance is required and a working party may need to be formed.

Cllr Wilcox had also been approached by Class 3 at the school who wished to discuss the improvements they would like made in the village for 7-12 year olds. Cllr Wilcox showed some very impressive drawing the children had done, but it was felt may ideas were unobtainable. In conclusion the Council will provide some top soil in the spring to improve the bike track and the clerk will write to SDC to discuss the possibility of adding to the playarea at Betworthy Green,

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specifically aimed at the 7-12 year old group.

131/07 Village Maintenance

Cllr Randall advised the Council that he has not managed to get to the Trenley Road allotments to clear plot that the Council has reclaimed.

132/07 Highway Repairs & Maintenance

Cllr Randall reported that Mr Portlock has become unobtainable, and has not been returning his calls. The potholes on Trenley Road have been filled in, at the top of Ashmead the drains have been cleared and gulley unblocked. Betworthy spur is on the list.

An incident occurred on Peak Lane which closed the road from 9.00am – 3.00pm and required police attendance, an artic truck tried to reverse back down and jack knifed. The clerk is to write to highways and chase the weight restriction signs also sending photographic evidence from the most recent incident.

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133/07 Matters for forward consideration

Elmcote Lane

134/07 Items for Press release & publicity on the website

Minutes

135/07 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2007

Meeting closed at 9.16pm