

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th  
January 2007 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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Action

136/07 Open Forum

District Councillor Janet Wood confirmed the recent report in the Gazette newspaper, Sainsbury's will be coming to Dursley. Cllr Wood is attending a stakeholders meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. She will raise the point of transport being provided from the villages to the supermarket, as Tesco refused to entertain this suggestion Sainsbury's may be willing.

Cllr Wood also commented on planning, policies on co2 emissions are being introduced. Any new property will have to provide 10% of their own energy, each new house will be assessed, there will be 6 categories, should a property have all 6 then this will enhance the value. After a certain period all houses old and new will be categorized. This is from central government.

Further to the recent environment paper, Cllr Wood advised the Council that there had been a large public interest, predominately relating to recycling. Cllr Bryant commented on a recent report that he had read that the government would start charging each house for their waste; cost would be dependant on the volume. Cllr Bryant was concerned this would lead to rubbish being dumped at inappropriate sites. Cllr Bryant felt that a government push was required to have companies such as Sainsbury's and Tesco reduce the amount of packaging etc that they use on items. Cllr Wood will bring this matter to the attention of Sainsbury's at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

137/07 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Chalmers and County Cllr Andrewartha

138/07 Co-option of new Councillor

Peter Ashman was welcomed to the Council and duly signed the acceptance of office document. A register of interest will be completed in due course.

139/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Wilcox declared an interest in agenda item 9.  
Declaration to be registered in the book reserved for the purpose.

140/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

141/07 PlanningThe Council Considered:

- a) S.06/2947/OUT – The Forge, The Street – Outline planning application for the erection of one dwelling.

**Council resolved to support this application, with a comment about the highway access.**

The Council had received permission for:

- a)S.06/2591/COU – The Leigh, The Ham – Change of use of agricultural land to domestic and erection of stables.  
 b)S.06/2458/FUL – The Cottage, Elmcote Lane – Erection of an extension and internal alterations.  
 c)S.06/2636/FUL – Wragg Croft, Hamshill – Erection of a garage and a two storey extension

142/07 Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorizationIncome:

None

Payments for authorization:

L. Thornton	322.40	Clerks Wages (December 06)
Attwools	750.00	Guides Grant Application
P.G. Day	164.50	Hedge Trimming
SLCC	70.00	Registration fee for LCA
L.Thornton	55.86	14 bottles of wine for distributors
L.Thornton	6.60	Paper & Stationary
GAPTC	80.00	Training course for Clerk & Councillor
SDC	220.00	Payment for elections 2006
GAPTC	1.33	Notice of Audit

Accounts approved by Council.

- b) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts  
 Approved by Council.

143/07 Clerks Report

1. Mrs John, the village litter picker had been in touch with the clerk requesting that the shrubbery at the back of the car park and by the new playarea be cut right back as there is a lot of litter in there. Cllr Bryant suggested a working party be brought together to tackle this, he is also planning a litter pick later in the year.
2. The clerk had received a letter from Dursley Town Council supporting the complaints CoJac has put to first great western railway, there is no action to be taken and the letter was placed in the circulation envelope.
3. The save Stroud hospital taskforce had written to the Council to gain support. They advised that Stroud Maternity unit has been saved from

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	closure, but Weavers Croft which is an inpatients service for older mentally ill patients may be lost along with two other facilities in the area and all transferred to Cheltenham. This would not be beneficial to the patients in anyway. The Clerk is to liaise With Cllr Chalmers and draft a letter and also put an article in the newsletter to highlight the situation.	Chalmers
	4. A thank you letter had been received from Mr/s Coleman for the wine and also the clerk had received a phone call from Mrs Underwood.	
	5. Further to the Clerk writing to highways regarding the ongoing saga on Peak Lane, a response has been received and once highways have an opportunity to investigate this matter they will respond. Cllr Wilcox requested that Cllr Randall keeps a record of any more incidents so this matter can be pursued.	Cllr Randall
	6. David Drew had written to the Parish Council further to a letter to him from Dursley Town Council. Dursley felt there was a lack of representation by Parish /Town Councils regarding licensing. The letter was placed in the circulation envelope.	
	7. A waste management questionnaire had been received and was handed to Cllr Bryant to be completed.	Cllr Bryant
	8. The clerk requested the date of the Annual Assembly be set. Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm was agreed. Clerk to book the village hall. All councillors to give some thought to a guest speaker.	Clerk
	9. The clerk reminded all Councillors of the next edition of the newsletter and requested any contributions.	All
	10. The clerk circulated the training programme from GAPTC, the clerk is booked onto a course regarding VAT and the Council is holding a space on Cemeteries and closed churchyards which takes place on Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February. As the Council will have a situation in the next few years with the village cemetery it was felt it would be beneficial for someone to attend.	
	11. Cllr Wilcox brought to the attention of the Council a letter she had received today. Cllr Wilcox felt the letter was slanderous and not appropriate to be read at the meeting but it would be handed around once the meeting had closed for Councillors to read. The letter was from Mr Richard Carter who is having a boundary dispute with Mr Ron Plumb, Cllr Wilcox spoke to the enforcement officer at SDC who confirmed the matter was of no concern to the Parish Council and any queries should be taken up with him personally. All Councillors will draft a response to Mr Carter.	All Councillors
	12.	
144/07	<u>Elmcote Lane</u> Further to the December meeting the clerk had been in contact with the enforcement officers regarding the building on the site at Elmcote Lane. The enforcement officer visited the site and confirmed the structures are temporary pens and being used in connection with agricultural purposes, and there is no development that requires planning application.	
145/07	<u>Parish Grants</u> The Parish Council has received a letter from Dursley Rugby under 11's team, they have been invited to play in the Gulliver's mini and junior rugby festival in Nottingham during the Easter weekend, the cost will be approx £175.00 per	Clerk

player/coach to attend. The club is seeking a grant to purchase tour shirts and other equipment and keep the cost of the trip to a minimum. The Councillors felt as the team consists of a least 20 Coaley residents/school pupils it was village orientated and a grant of £500.00 would be awarded. Clerk to write to the secretary.

146/07 Burial Ground

The clerk has been given contact details from Cllr Andrewartha for Simon Tyrell at GCC. Mr Tyrell is presently on annual leave and a message has been left for him to contact the clerk.

Cllr Wilcox advised the Council that she has recently read some literature relating to the County Council selling off land. Once a tenancy comes to the end of its life which is the lifetime of the present tenant, the land will then be placed on the open market. As the length of time left on the piece of land the Parish Council is interested cannot be determined this land may not be suitable.

147/07 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report

148/07 Highways & Repairs

Cllr Randall has still not managed to converse with Mr Portlock, Cllr Wilcox suggested Cllr Randall contacts Mr Roberts who is head of the highways department. The spur road in Betworthy needs urgent attention. On Trenley Road a hedge has collapsed and thus has reduced the width of the road. The residents of Old Pigeon House have contacted the County Council as two of the culverts at the end of there road have collapsed so has the one at the bottom of Peak Lane.

Cllr  
Randall

149/07 Matters for forward consideration

Guest speaker for the Annual Assembly  
Parish Grants  
Area of responsibility for Cllr Ashman

150/07 Items for Press release & publicity on the website

Minutes

151/07 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Meeting closed at 8.36pm