

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 6th March 2007** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF

Action

168/07 Open Forum

Ann Cheshire objected to planning application S.07/0526/FUL, Ann has not received any notification from SDC regarding this application. Ann feels if the dwelling goes ahead the hedgerow on her boundary will be destroyed as will the trees, also there is a very limited road access. The original plans were for 6 houses on this site there are now 7 with the request for 8.

District Councillor Janet Wood advised the Council that the increase in Council tax in more than inflation, a property which is band D will increase by 3.56%. The increase is due to the police authority. The increase for Council staff was recommended of 1.9% the union has objected.

Cllr Wood commented that parking offences have been decriminalised by the police, Dursley has no parking enforcement officers. The County Council will take the responsibility on and will be delegating to the District Council.

Catherine & Matthew Jones introduced themselves to the Council as the new owners of The Grove, Knapp Lane. They plan to renovate the property as environmentally friendly as possible, manage the woods and avoid chemicals. The planning application is on the agenda and they wished to give the Parish Council the opportunity to ask any question regarding their plans. The Council did not have any queries.

169/07 Apologies

County Councillor Andrewartha had forwarded his apologies.

170/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Duncan Chalmers declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, planning. Declaration to be registered in the book reserved for this purpose.

171/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2007 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

172/07 Planning

The Council Considered:

S.07/0262/LBC: Trenley House, Trenley Road – proposed change of window in Drawing Room, retention of 2nd floor replacement windows and retention of ground floor French windows.

Council resolved to support this application.

S.06/2947/OUT: The Forge, The Street – Outline application for the erection of one dwelling.

Council resolved to support this application.

S.07/0387/FUL: The Grove, Knapp Lane – Erection of a two storey extension and detached garage.

Council resolved to support this application.

S.07/0436/FUL: New Buildings, The Street – Erection of a two storey rear extension and demolition of existing garage.

Council resolved to support this application.

S.07/0517/FUL: Barn 2, Elmcote Lane, Cambridge – Erection of a barn.

Council objected to this application.

Cllr Chalmers left the room

S.07/0526/FUL: Plot 8, Cider Orchard – Erection of a dwelling and garage,

Council objected to this application

Cllr Chalmers re-entered the room.

173/07 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorization

Income:

T W Hawkins & Sons	45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Everhot Ltd	45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Hodgecombe Farm	45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
R P Jones	45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Cotswolds Surfacing	45.00	Newsletter Advertisement

Payments for Authorisation

SLCC	50.00	Working with your Council
L. Thornton	322.40	Wage (February 2007)
Top Line	1175.00	Parish Grant, Village Hall Chairs
GAPTC	137.52	Renewal of Subscription
Coaley Village Hall	112.00	Jubilee Room Hire
Richard Belliss	20.00	Retirement Gift

174/07 Clerks Report

1. Richard Belliss the County Secretary for GAPTC is retiring, the Council voted to contribute £20.00 to his retirement gift.
2. The bin at the bus stop near the shop has lost its inner casing and therefore it is not possible for it to be emptied. Cllr Bryant suggested it

- be exchanged with the bin up at Far Green, Cllr Bryant will arrange this.
3. The clerk has received a letter back from Gloucestershire highways regarding the corner by Ford Farm. Gloucestershire highways will be installing more signage in the near future.
 4. The 2nd edition of the Gloucestershire Charter is to be published; the letter was placed in the circulation envelope.
 5. Stroud Valley Projects has written to request funding to assist in the publication of cycle maps, literature placed in the circulation envelope.
 6. Moore Stephens have been appointed as the Councils external auditors.
 7. The clerk read out a letter from Here to Help who had written to express their gratitude for the grant which the Council had allocated them.
 8. The clerk had received a copy of an e-mail that Sue Jones of Knapp Lane had written to Mr Portlock regarding the potholes on Ticks Hill and Uley Lane.
 9. Kidney research UK had written requesting an article to be placed in the newsletter regarding their forthcoming fundraisers. The Council agreed this could be published.
 10. The Clerk had been approached to provide a link on the Councils website to an unbiased Bristol airport news page. The Council felt this was not appropriate.
 11. The Dursley Parish Cluster meeting takes place on Wednesday 14th March, the clerk agreed to attend as the Councils representative.
 12. The clerk gave Cllr Bryant an e-mail regarding a grant which is available to assist Parish Councils with producing their Design Statements.
 13. SDC have written regarding the spring clean which they would like to take place in the village, Cllr Bryant is happy to organise an event in the near future.

175/07 Golden Jubilee Award

The Council voted for Ruth Hobbs to receive the Golden Jubilee Award for 2006. Clerk to advise Ruth of the recognition

Clerk

176/07 Website Update

Cllr Wilcox has spoken to John Hobson who is responsible for the Parish website and he has assured her that he has done all the necessary work to update the site and this will take place shortly. Cllr Wilcox urged all the Council to ensure the small article on themselves is forwarded to John ASAP.

177/07 Area of Responsibility for Cllr Ashman

Cllr Ashman was appointed as the Councils representative on the CoSPA committee.

178/07 Guest Speaker for the Annual Assembly

The clerk advised the Council that the woodlands trust will be attending the annual assembly and doing a short presentation.

179/07 Parish Grants

The clerk read through all the grants that the Council has awarded this year and a balance of .23p remains in the pot.

180/07 Village Maintenance

Cllr Wilcox advised that CoSPA have approached her to advise they will be applying for a parish grant to apply a special paint to the roof which will deflect the sun in the summer and stop the building getting so hot. CoSPA is also applying for Coaley to be recognised as a fair trade village.

A rat problem has been detected in The Close, unfortunately the pest control officers who came out from SDC advised the residents that the problem is being caused by compost bins. This is not the strict truth it is the mis-use of the bins which is causing the problem. Isobel Gammon has agreed to write an article to go in the next newsletter to try and educate everyone on how to use the bins correctly.

181/07 Highways repairs and Maintenance

Cllr Randall has spoken to Mr Portlock who was unaware that the spur road in The Close is at the top of the list to be resurfaced. The potholes which are being reported are being repaired within 24 hours. The work taking place by Old Pigeon House is presently taking place, the culvert was broken due to other services, work should conclude by 9th March.

182/07 Matters for Forward Consideration

Annual Assembly
Burial Ground

183/07 Items for press release & publicity on the website

Minutes

Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm