

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 3rd April 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)

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Action

184/07 Open Forum

District Councillor Janet Wood advised that things were relatively quiet at SDC as it is election time, although there is a lot of effort to go green, reducing CO2 emissions through planning and building control.

Cllr Woods also brought to the attention of the Council village agents who are available to assist the older community, Cllr Wilcox suggested Cllr Wood speaks to the friendship group in the village.

County Councillor Andrewartha advised that The Close will be re-surfaced this year, although the date has not been confirmed. Also it was requested of the Council to report any potholes which are not being repaired within 24 hours of being reported, they should be cut out and replaced not cow patted.

Also Rednocks school has been given approval for a bio mass boiler which in time may be used to heat other facilities in Dursley. Cllr Andrewartha reported contrary to all the negative comments regarding the library in Dursley they are up by 33% on visitors and 52% on items loaned.

Cllr Andrewartha reported that Dursley Rugby Club has acquired another 8 acres to enable the club to expand.

County Councillor Margaret Nolder reported that she is on a task force for day-care services and they are looking at alternative services beneficial to families. Also global warming is being pushed by GCC.

Cllr Wilcox asked District Councillor Wood to report to the Council about the work which will be carried out at the Council houses in the village which involves boring into the ground. Cllr Wood confirmed she would investigate this matter.

185/07 Apologies
None

186/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Duncan Chalmers declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, (a) planning.
Cllr Randall declared an interest in Agenda item 4, (d), planning
This has been recorded in the book reserved for this purpose.

187/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2007 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

188/07 Planning

The Council Considered:

Cllr Chalmers left the room

a) **S.07/0603/FUL – 3 Cider Orchard** -Proposed conservatory to rear of property.

Council resolved to support this application

Cllr Chalmers re-entered the room

b) **S.07/0387/FUL –The Grove, Knapp Lane** - Erection of a two storey extension and detached garage (revised plans received 12/03/07).

Council resolved to support this application

c) **S.07/0517/FUL – Barn 2, Elmcote Lane** - Erection of a barn (re-submitted)

Council resolved to neither object or support but to comment

Cllr Randall left the room

d) **S.07/0709/FUL – Upper Orchard, Garter Court** – Erection of a conservatory.

Council resolved to support this application

Cllr Randall re-entered the room.

e) **S.07/0695/ful – Haw Cottage, Haw Street** - Erection of single storey extension.

Council resolved to support this application

189/07 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorization

Income:

Sue Bird	11.00	Allotment Rent
Ron Plumb	45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Central Networks	58.61	Wayleaves Rent
Mr Greenaway	48.40	Allotment Rent

Payments for Authorisation

NALC	13.500	Subscription Renewal for LCR
L. Thornton	322.40	Wage (March 2007)
Buckstops	212.000	Newsletter Apr/May
L. Thornton	65.002	Newsletter Editing

Coaley Village Hall	32.50	Jubilee Room Hire
L. Thornton	159.00	Mileage Dec to March Inc
L. Thornton	83.33	5 months office usage
ELC	81.00	Playgroup grant
The Consortium	60.67	Playgroup Grant (part payment)

190/07 Clerks Report

1. The clerk reported she had received the statement of community involvement; this was placed in the circulation envelope for all Councillors to review.
2. Coaley Village Hall have distributed the pricelist with effect from March 2007, the rent on the Jubilee Room will remain unchanged.
3. GCC have written to advise of the changes to the bus timetable, these will come in effect from 30th April 2007.
4. The clerk has received a letter from LaMIS which have produced a Parish Map on CD Rom. There is quite a large fee to obtain the CD Rom and the Council agreed it was not necessary as all the information can be obtained from the GCC website.
5. The clerk advised that she had received the form to enter the Bledisloe Cup, the Council did not feel it is appropriate this year with all the work taking place at Cider Orchard.
6. Merci Rebati the development officer from Volunteer and Community has now left the company.
7. A letter has been received from post watch regarding the effect of the post office closures. The letter was placed in the circulation envelope.
8. Dursley Rugby Club invited the Council to a view the plans for the area of land they have purchased and also to watch a match. Cllr Wilcox and Cllr Ashman attended on behalf of the Council.

191/07 Appointment of an Internal Auditor

Mr David Chapman has agreed to do the internal audit on behalf of the Council.

192/07 Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly takes place on Tuesday 24th April, Tea and Coffee will be served beforehand. Cllr Wilcox had drafted a flyer to do a mail drop, all Councillors were happy to target a certain number of houses. Cllr Wilcox also asked if all the Councillors would be happy to sit at the table at the front of the meeting rather in the audience which has happened in recent years. All Councillors were happy to do this.

193/07 Burial Grounds

Cllr Ashman attended a training course recently which highlighted the following:

Local authority cemeteries are legally governed by statutory instruments established by Parliament:-

1977 No 204 Burial, England & Wales and the Local Authorities Cemeteries

Order 1977.

All aspects of Management, operation, maintenance etc are covered by these instruments together with the Local Government Act of 1972 & The Local Authorities Cemeteries Order Of 19724.

The legislation covers the following areas:-

A] Disposal/Burial of bodies as regulated by the Births & Deaths registration Act of 1926

B] Responsibilities of District & Parish councils together with Parish Meetings relating to Burials as detailed in the Local Government Act of 1972

C] The Management of Cemeteries is detailed in The Local Authorities Cemeteries Order of 1977.

This covers aspects of Maintenance, layout, function of the Officer appointed to authorised burials, provision of consecrated & non consecrated areas, granting of rights [purchase of burial plots for exclusive use], forming of graves, record keeping & maps, reuse of graves & management of Memorials including provision for safety testing at prescribed frequency.

It also prescribes the forms required to control disposal/burials of bodies & deeds of grant in respect of burial plots & memorials.

1] Declaration of issue of registration certificate

2] Assignment of Exclusive Right of Burial

3] Deed of grant of exclusive Right

4] Statutory declaration of Grant of Exclusive Right

5] Deed of Grant to Erect & Maintain a Memorial.

It was agreed by all the Councillors that a sub-committee to look at the proposal of the Council purchasing land and managing a burial ground would be beneficial. Cllr Ashman and Cllr Bryant were happy to create the sub-committee.

194/07 Review of the Councils Bank Accounts

The clerk had been asked to look at other banks to see if the Council could get a better rate of interest on the current account, at present the Council have two accounts one with C&G and the other with NSB. Cllr Bryant had spoken to John Hobson regarding the history of having the two accounts, the original idea was the bulk of the money is placed in the NSB account as it is high interest and then a working capital in the C&G. The Clerk was instructed to move £10,000 over in the NSB.

Clerk

195/07 Allotment Update

Cllr Randall reported everything was fine at the allotments. Cllr Wilcox reported that due to the unfortunate death of Mr Simpson at Hamshill there is a free allotment and interest has been shown.

196/07 Village Maintenance

Cllr Bryant reported that he had removed the inner bin from Far Green and placed it in the bin near the shop as mentioned at the last meeting. It has been noted that the bin near the playarea is in a very poor condition and needs replacing, the clerk is to look at the cost of replacing it.

Clerk

197/07 Highways repairs and Maintenance
The clerk was asked to chase the interactive sign.

198/07 Matters for Forward Consideration
Burial Ground
CoSpa –Resolution for Fair Trade

199/07 Items for press release & publicity on the website
Minutes

Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st May

Meeting Closed at 8.58pm

Clerk