

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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Action

248/07 Open Forum

Mr D George advised the Council of the scheduled meeting with Severn Trent Water on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, which he is hopeful they will turn up for. Cllr Wilcox highlighted the meeting which had taken place with residents and GCC in July, GCC are now looking into the pipes in the village Mr George was advised that a reed bed in the village would help solve a lot of the present issues, this could be on the field just past the school on the right as this is owned by GCC, grants are available for such projects, Nadine at Stroud Valley projects would be able to offer some advice. The clerk will look into this. An incident number has been logged for the recent flooding.

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Mrs S Goring advised the Council that they are still objecting to the planning application at Pigeon House Farm.

Mrs C Jones offered the Council the opportunity to question the planning application which has been submitted for The Grove, Knapp Lane. Unfortunately Mr & Mrs Jones have had no choice but to demolish the existing building and submit an application for a new dwelling. When they started work on the present building they discovered there was no foundation on the roadside of the building and the gable end cracked they were also trying to underpin into sand 3 metres deep. The only change to the new application is a window overlooking the road. Mr & Mrs Jones also plan to cut into their wood to enable cars to pass more easily once the scaffolding goes up as this was a problem in the past.

District Cllr Janet Wood advised speaking to Mr Mooney at Shire Hall regarding the flooding as he is extremely helpful.

249/07 Apologies

Cllr Randall and Cllr Bird sent their apologies.

250/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None

251/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

252/07 Planning

The Council Considered:

a) S.07/1582/FUL – The Grove, Knapp Lane - Erection of a replacement dwelling.

**The Council supported this application.**

b) S.07/1271/FUL – Pigeon House Farm, The Ham – Retention of Agricultural building and erection of additional agricultural building. Retention of drainage ditch.

**The Council resolved to neither support or object, but to make comment.**

The Council has received permission for:

- a) S.07/1114/FUL– 2 West End, The Street – Erection of ground and first floor side and rear extension.
- b) S.07/1172/FUL – New Buildings, The Street – Resubmission following permission for the erection of a two storey rear extension and demolition of existing garage..
- c) S.07/1232/FUL – Victory Cottage, Silver Street – Erection of 2 metre high dry stone wall next to highway boundary.

Accounts

253/07 a) Incomes received and payments for authorization

Income:

Here to Help	73.00	Difference from grant awarded
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Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	322.40	Wage (July 07)
Buckstops	212.00	Newsletter Aug/Sept 2007
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
Moore Stephens	158.62	External Audit
L. Thornton	9.88	Stamps

Accounts approved by the Council

254/07 Clerks Report.

1. GCC are seeking Parish Council's who are willing to take part in the Part night operation of street lighting, the street lights would be turned off between 12.00pm and 05.30am. The Councillors requested the clerk obtain a map of the street lights to see if this is viable for Coaley.
2. The clerk has received the cycle map from Stroud Valleys, these maps are available to purchase for £1.70. Cllr Wilcox suggested that the shop maybe willing to sell them. The Clerk is to write to the committee.
3. A speed management conference is taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, to be passed to Cllr Randall. (this event is cancelled)
4. GCC has written regarding the highways and transport's situation post flooding, after an initial assessment of the damage due to recent flooding there is an estimated repair bill of £25 million. Less serious defect such as potholes will not be dealt with in the immediate future, any reported will be assessed to ensure they are not a safety

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defect, only those deemed in this safety category will be fixed within 24 hours.

5. Flood damage to right of ways, GCC have requested any damage to paths, bridges etc be reported to them immediately to enable them to assess the damage in the county.
6. An annual Highways maintenance and Transport Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (This event has been cancelled)
7. The clerk read an e-mail which had been received from Richard Brisland, he felt the website did not truly reflect the village. The Councillors asked the clerk to write to Mr Brisland to see if he would be interested in taking over the update and maintenance of the site with their full support.
8. Further to the last meeting the clerk has received a response regarding the Parish Council funding the weight restriction sign on Peak lane. The Council were thanked for their kind offer but advised it was not necessary, a member of staff has returned to work and they have been assigned the project. GCC are confident we will see some progress shortly.

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255/07 Storm Drain Update

The clerk has not received any information further to the site meeting which took place in July.

256/07 Code of Conduct

4 Councillors voted in favour of the new code of conduct one abstained.

257/07 Cemeteries Update

The sub-committee met on the 30<sup>th</sup> July to identify the areas to be assessed. Another meeting will take place shortly which will be reported on at the September Council meeting.

258/07 Allocation of duties for Cllr Bird

Cllr Bird has agreed to take over the responsibility of the allotments and to assist Cllr Randall with Highways and Maintenance.

259/07 No Smoking Update

The Council will erect signs in the 3 bus shelters owned by the Council as they have three enclosed sides. Cllr Bird to source the signs.

Cllr Bird

260/07 Allotment Update

Cllr Bird has dropped a fence between his plot and the vacant one adjoining his to enable the plot to be grazed and maintained.

261/07 Village Maintenance

Cllr Bryant has noticed the yellow markers identifying the footpaths are missing in a few places, the clerk is to source some more. Also there is a dead tree on Lapley Lane, Cllr Bryant is happy to remove it but the owner needs to be identified.

Graffiti on the playarea was reported this has been cleaned away; also fires were being built on the recreation field. Cllr Wilcox reported that the culprits are visiting children and not residents.

Cllr Chalmers reported that he visited Betworthy due to a complaint to the clerk regarding a fire a neighbour had lit in their garden, the fire seemed to be electrical cables and this created a thick black smoke. Other residents felt this was the first time this had occurred so Cllr Chalmers will keep an idea on the situation.

262/07 Highway Repairs & Maintenance

Cllr Chalmers asked when The Close will be repaired; this is scheduled to happen before the end of March 2008.

Cllr Wilcox reported that agricultural vehicles are being parked in the village over night, but they are being considerate to neighbours and do not appear to be a nuisance.

Speeding is still a problem through the village

263/07 Any other business

None

264/07 Matters for forward consideration

Cemeteries Update

Website Update

265/07 Items for press release & publicity on the website

Minutes

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Date if the next meeting

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm