

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 8th**
January 2008 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Also Present: District Councillor Janet Wood, County Councillors Dennis Andrewartha and Margaret Nolder.

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Action

329/07 Open Forum

Mrs Barbara Tong asked the Council when the spur road into The Close will be resurfaced as it is scheduled to be done within this financial year.

Cllr Randall responded that he had spoken to David Portlock regarding this matter and was advised that no funding was available.

Mrs Tong did not feel this was acceptable as it has been in the budget for the last 4 years.

Cllr Wilcox confirmed it is still within the top 100 roads scheduled for resurfacing but due to the flood damage other roads have taken precedence over it.

Cllr Randall has been advised that there is not enough people available to do the amount of work which is required in the County.

Mrs Tong wanted to know why Frocester Road was given precedence.

Cllr Wilcox responded that it is a through road and endures a higher level of traffic use. Cllr Wilcox confirmed that the Council has raised their concerns to GCC and SDC.

Cllr Bryant feels the Parish Council should write and express the concerns, the flood damage repairs should be funded through the money from Central government, the Council need to be advised of the County Councils plans for the foreseeable future.

County Cllr Andrewartha will e-mail the Council the list of the roads scheduled for repair and this will show the position of The Close.

District Councillor Janet Wood showed the Council the SDC magazine which all households should have received, none of the Parish Council had received these through the post. Cllr Wood will investigate.

Cllr Wood confirmed that SDC had a successful prosecution for dog fouling and dogs without tags, hopefully this will be a deterrent for others.

Cllr Wood advised that the Hunts Grove enquiry is underway, the Parish Council should be aware that villages will become vulnerable if the originally plans are turned down.

Cllr Wood advised the Council of the planning design award, this is for the recognition of any building which has an impressive design.

County Cllr Andrewartha advised the Council of the proposed Council tax increases, there are three options and you can vote via the internet for your preferred choice the closing date is 16th January. All the details the clerk advised

were in the circulation envelope.

Cllr Andrewartha encouraged everyone to make their views known.

County Cllr Margaret Nolder has been appointed to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and one of her first jobs on that committee is part of a Task Group (covering several Counties) looking in to the performance of the South Western Ambulance Trust following many complaints about their performance. Great Western ambulance service is weak, Gloucestershire is doing quite well. Avon and Wiltshire not doing very well, but it is planned that Avon & Wilts will meet with GCC to plan improvements.

Cllr Nolder reported that Gloucestershire hospitals are getting to grip with MRSA and other infections associated with hospitals.

Cllr Andrewartha reported that the ambulance station at Cam has been re-instated as a 24 x 7 service which is great news.

330/07 Apologies
None.

331/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None

332/07 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2007 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

Accounts

333/07 a) Incomes received and payments for authorization

Income Received

Middle Hall Farm`	60.00	Newsletter Advertising
Coaley Rovers	100.00	Hire of recreation field
e-on	60.57	Wayleaves

Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	322.40	Wage (December 2007)
The Consortium	135.07	Grant for Coaley Playgroup
P.G. Day	164.50	Hedge Trimming
L. Thornton	55.42	Newsletter Distributors

334/07 Clerks Report

1. The conservation area statement has been received; this was placed in the circulation envelope.
2. An e-mail has been received from walking in Gloucestershire who

have requested a link from our website, the Council approved the link.

3. Stinchcombe PC have also requested a link from our website which they will precipitate, Council approved the link.
4. The clerk advised the close of Trenley Road/Silver Street/The Ham, these road will be closed on a rolling programme from 18th February to 22nd February 2008 for essential carriageway works.
5. Tickshill to Uley Road will be closed 25th February to 7th March 2008 for essential carriageway works.
6. GCC have adopted their licensing policy details were placed in the circulation envelope.
7. The Clerk has received the details of the proposed Council tax increases, these need to be commented on by 16th January 2008 at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
8. An application has been received by GCC for the re-instatement of a BOAT within the parish, the details were placed in the circulation envelope.
9. John Hicks has written to the Council to offer there services to inspect the playarea. Cllr Wilcox requested that the clerk contacts rospa to determine the fees for 2008 and when they are scheduled to inspect.
10. The clerk has received a letter from Coaley playgroup which was read out the meeting, it thanked the Council for the grant w3hich was approved.
11. An update on the July flooding has been received from GCC, this was placed in the circulation envelope.
12. Emma Binn has written to the Council to request the use of the recreation field on 17th May for a playgroup fund raiser. The Council does not object in principal but requested the clerk responds and ask the playgroup to communicate with the other village organisations which hold similar fund raisers and ensure there is no conflict of interests.

Clerk

335/07 Website Update

Cllr Bryant updated the Council that Richard Brisland is not interested in taking over the website but John Hobson is keen to be relieved of the responsibility. Cllr Wilcox will contact Ann Morgan who is a parishioner and see if she is interested in re-modelling the website.

336/07 July Flooding Update

Cllr Ashman has received a telephone call from Mr Goring who is unhappy with the way the Parish Council has dealt with the submission of his report. Mr Goring felt the council should have been more supportive and they should have submitted evidence to the Michael Pitt report which other Parish Councils have done. The Council felt in response that the flooding which had taken place in the village was minor compared to other areas of the County, but Mr Goring's comments have been noted.

337/07 Allotment Update

Cllr Bird reported all is quiet at the allotments, he is considering introducing a competition in the spring this could be linked to the produce show.

338/07 Village Maintenance

Rubbish is still present at Hamshill, number 4 is clear but problems have occurred at number 3 as it is mixed rubbish, Cllr Bird has spoken to District Cllr

Janet Wood and the matter is in hand. Cars are still being parked on the pavement.

Cllr Ashman inquired about the missing light by Cider Orchard, the clerk has reported this matter but it is not considered high priority. The Council requested that the clerk writes and reiterates the slop in the pavement and the health & safety issues which are being created.

339/07 Highways Repairs & maintenance

Cllr Randall was unable to meet with Mr Portlock last week, but he is planning to have a site meeting before work commences on Trenley road as the culverts need attention before the road is resurfaced.

Cllr Randall advised the Council that the weight restriction signs are now in place for Peak Lane, although they are not sited for the best visibility. The clerk will forward the contact details for the person responsible at GCC for Cllr Randall to contact.

340/07 Any other business

Cllr Bird reported that the non smoking signs have been removed from the bus shelters, 2 days after being erected.

Cllr Bird requested a copy of the letter the clerk sent to Leyhill prison, the clerk will re-mail.

Cllr Wilcox reported that Mr Goaman had very kindly given her a copy of all the footpath numbers for the parish, Cllr Wilcox is placing these on a board to be used when the village audit is on the agenda.

Cllr Bryant reported that there is a dead tree in the field near him but the owners are unknown.

341/0 Matters for forward consideration

7 Website

342/07 Items for Press Release and publicity on the website

Minutes

Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 5th February 2008

Meeting closed at 9.19 pm.