

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COALEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6
May 2003 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs C Dickinson (Chairman), J Hobson, L Wilcox, C Prout, D Poole, M Burgess, D Chalmers
 S Smith (Clerk)

REF		Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
24/04	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies				
25/04	Election of Chairman for 2003/04	CD	CP	JH	All
26/04	Election of Vice Chairman for 2003/04	JH	CP	MB	All
27/04	Appointment of Planning Committee and sub committee for 2003/04	Full Council Any 3 Cllrs	CD	JH	All
28/04	Appointment of Recreation & Leisure Committee and sub committee for 2003/04	Full Council LW/CD/JH	DP	CP	All
29/04	Appointment of Tree Warden for 2003/04	LB	CD	DC	All
30/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on Village Hall Committee	LW	CD	MB	All
31/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on CoSPA	DC	CD	LW	All
32/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on Coaley School Governors and on matters of Education	DP	CD	LW	All
33/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on matters of Policing and Community Safety	DP	CD	MB	All
34/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on matters of Footpaths and Public Rights of Way	LW	CD	JH	All
35/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on matters of Transport	CP	JH	MB	All
36/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on matters of Environment	DC	CD	JH	All
37/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on matters of Highways Repair and Maintenance	CP	DC	DP	All
38/04	Appointment of Council's Representative on matters of Health	MB	DC	JH	All

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ACTION

OPEN FORUM

Mr Eve enquired whether the Council had a policy of dealing with dog fouling on the Recreation Ground. The Chairman replied that advisory signage was in place around the Recreation Ground stating the fine that may be imposed and that newsletter articles have regularly highlighted the issue. Mr Eve asked Council to consider signage indicating that dogs should be kept on a lead in that area. He thought this might reduce the incidents of denial by owners. He also pointed out that the children's play area did not show a sign indicating the age range for which the equipment was designed.

Mr Morris noted that no action had been taken to repair pavements from the School to Westend since he raised the issued twelve months earlier. He considered that they were worse since contractors had been working at the school. Cllr Prout replied with the GCC highways policy.

Both Mr Morris and Mrs George spoke in connection with the CoSPA planning application for a temporary building. Mr George speaking on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group, in the context of the development of a 'village centre' advised that the footprint of the terrapin would be removed if the temporary shop was integrated into another building.

District Cllr Wood gave her annual report by e-mail and all Cllrs acknowledged receipt. Recent election results at Stroud District Council were given.

County Cllr Nolder advised Councillors of her appointments to the NHS Scrutiny Committee for the County, the Adoption Panel and Education and Social Services Committees.

On matters relating to Coaley, County Cllr Nolder advised that she had held discussions with Officers regarding Ford Farm bridge. Issues raised by the Parish Council had been noted and they would take account of the points made. It had been suggested that the £60-£80k retained for pavement work in Coaley could be diverted towards the bridge project. However, there would still be a shortfall in funding and the decision to postpone pavement work would not be popular. The current programme of work commencing in mid-late July with a 6 week road closure would stand. It was acknowledged that warning signage was essential on the alternative route and consideration would be given to installing temporary traffic lights at the narrowest points of Elmcote Lane together with passing places. In conclusion County Cllr Nolder advised that the Officers request a further meeting with the Parish Council to explain their position.

An invitation was extended to Council's representative on Coaley School Governors to visit Shire Hall with Coaley School on 10 and 11 June. Cllr Poole acknowledged and thanked County Cllr Nolder for her kind invitation.

39/04 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

Cllr Chalmers declared an interest in the matter of planning application S.03/544 Land at Fox & Hounds, The Street

- 40/04 **Apologies** There were no apologies for absence.
County Cllr Nolder, District Cllr Wood, and 4 parishioners attended the meeting.
- 41/04 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 1 April 2003 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Prout; seconded Cllr Hobson and agreed by all.
- Minutes** of the meeting held on 22 April 2003 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Chalmers; seconded Cllr Poole; agreed by all.
- 42/04 **Matters Arising**
Minute 23/04 Vacancy for Parish Clerk The Clerk explained that the cost of advertising in both the Gazette and Citizen was prohibitively expensive and could not be accommodated within the Council budget. Therefore only one advertisement had been placed in the Gazette for one week only. SDC had been extremely helpful regarding the display of posters and use of the Council's internal communication system for promoting the vacancy.
- 43/04 **Planning**
The Clerk drew attention to a communication received from the agent acting for the applicants on S.03/427 West Winds, Far Green – erection of 2 storey extension. She read out a letter from him outlining his reasons for drawing the plans in that way.
- Council discussed:
- a) S.03/544 Land at Fox & Hounds – approval of reserved matters for the erection of one dwelling
- Cllr Chalmers left the room for the duration of the discussion.
- Cllr Dickinson proposed that Council object to the application siting policy G1 of the SDC Local Plan in relation to the overbearing effect on neighbours in terms of privacy. Seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour.
- b) S.03/550 Land adjacent to Village Hall – siting of a terrapin building for temporary use as a Community shop
- Cllr Dickinson proposed that Council support the application and draw attention to policy B1A of the SDC Local Plan in relation to security. Seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.
- Council received permission for:
- a) S.03/100 5 Betworthy – erection of extension
 - b) S.03/317 Flowers Orchard, Garter Court – erection of a two storey side extension and rear conservatory
- Conditions attached to the permissions were read out at the meeting.
- Council received refusal for:
- a) S.02/2125 Corner Farm, Corner Lane – change of use from agricultural to equestrian

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- b) S.02/2124 Corner Farm, Corner Lane – creation of a 60x20m manège with post and rail fencing and lighting
- c) S.02/1750 Lanterns, The Street – erection of 8 dwellings with associated works (revised plans)

Reasons for refusal were read out.

44/04 **Accounts**

Mr Hall of The Firs, Westend had agreed to undertake the internal audit of the Parish Council accounts for year ended 31 March 2003.
The Chairman proposed that he be appointed Internal Auditor for the last financial year; seconded Cllr Chalmers, agreed by all.

45/04 **Correspondence received since agenda issued**

A letter dated 3 May from the Village Hall Management Committee was circulated to all Cllrs for consideration at the next meeting.

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An envelope of magazines and journals was circulated amongst Councillors.

46/04 **SDC Local Plan Inquiry Response Proof re Betworthy Farm site**

Following Council's submission to the Inquiry in August 2002 in support of the site being included in the Local Plan, SDC had issued a 6 page report in reply. All Councillors had received a synopsis of the report. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond as recommended.

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47/04 **Village Maintenance**

Areas for attention in connection with the Bledisloe Cup application were discussed. Area behind the rear car park to be tidied up by rotovating and grass seeded. Mr George offered to prepare signs indicating that the area was seeded. Cllr Dickinson agreed to liaise with the occupants of Wisteria House in connection with hedge overgrowth. Cllr Wilcox to relocate the sign for Betworthy and The Close buried in the hedge at the entrance. Cllr Dickinson advised that Mr Roe had offered the use of his Landrover for use as the 'Bledisloe Battle Bus' to tour the route on 17 May. Coaley School had agreed to prepare hanging baskets and tubs for display at the front of the school. Cllr Burgess to approach Mr Leach of Watkins Terrace to oversee watering. Cllr Wilcox gave apologies for absence from the Bledisloe working party on 17 May.

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The overhanging hedge at Little Paddocks had been addressed.

Issues brought up during the Open Forum were discussed. Cllr Wilcox advised that dog fouling did not just occur on the Recreation Ground. Crops were ruined annually by dogs fouling in the mowing field. Some owners allowed their dogs into fields without Public Rights of Way. The dangers of toxocariasis were just as prevalent on farmland as recreational land. Cllr Wilcox offered to provide a veterinary information leaflet for insertion into the next newsletter.

LW

The Clerk was asked to follow up signage on the play area stating age range.

Clerk

48/04 **Highways Repair and Maintenance**

Reports of meetings on 15 April and 23 April prepared by Cllr Prout having been circulated previously were accepted by Council. County Cllr Nolder offered assistance

in ensuring that important works were carried out.

Complaints had been made about vehicles parking outside 1-3 The Street close to the blind bend. It was acknowledged that this was a problem for drivers. Signage saying 'Slow, Bend' might draw attention to the problem. Cllr Nolder agreed to speak to GCC's Traffic Manager (South) Mr Lindsay regarding possible signage.

A proposed timetable for works to be carried out in Coaley was given. Water to be disconnected to allow connection to new reservoir. Severn Trent renewal of water main from The School up through the village to meet up with Uley was due to start in July during the school holidays. Temporary traffic lights would be used through the village.

Following this the pavement works to be undertaken by GCC from Applegates to Far Green would be carried out.

Further tidying up works to be carried out in Peak Lane when Frocester Hill completed. Held up due to discovery of a cave under the road.

Statutory notices had been prepared for implementation of the 30mph speed limit throughout Coaley. Advertisements would appear shortly in the Gazette.

The appointment of Andrew Turner as the new Divisional Surveyor was notified. Ford Farm bridge – GCC could apply for EU funding if the reason for repairs were necessary due to EEC legislation. Council agreed that Officers from GCC should attend the next meeting to enable further discussion to take place on the road closure issue.

49/04 **Request from Allotment Tenant for Fencing**

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that Mr Simpson be allowed to install, at his own expense, an agricultural type fence, no barbed wire, to a height of no more than 4'. Such fence to be removed if necessary upon request of Council. The allotment plot to be used for horticultural purposes only.

Clerk

50/04 **Report on CoSPA AGM**

Cllr Wilcox had been delayed at the earlier meeting in Cam and hence missed the start of the AGM. However she was able to report that the minutes of the AGM were on the CoSPA website. New chairman was Mr D George and the Secretary, Mrs M George. Members were worried about the lease with the Village Hall not being agreed however morale remained high with members wanting to continue to support the shop project.

51/04 **Report on Joint Meeting Wheeled Sports Facilities on Jubilee Field at Cam**

Cllr Wilcox. reported on a meeting of the joint parish steering group held on 23 April. The meeting was poorly attended however resident consultation had been positive. The site was surveyed and a Constitution agreed. Rednock school to design a logo. The name of the group to be Peak Wheels unless any other ideas put forward. Hoping that Dursley Town Council and other neighbouring Parishes might joint in. An Action Plan had been drawn up. A promotional event was planned for 26 July on the old Co-Op car park. Parental assistance requested. Future management of the Jubilee Field site to be considered. Cam PC will maintain the land. Cllr Wilcox brought to Council's attention the opportunity to be involved in the future running of the project.

Notes of a meeting of the Recreation & Leisure Committee meeting on 2 May were circulated. Quotes to be available at the next meeting of Council.

LW

52/04 **Report on SDC New Cultural Framework 2003-2006**

CLlr Prout advised that he had studied the consultation document issued by SDC and had commented on behalf of Council. His comments were circulated for information.

53/04 **Matters for Forward Consideration**

- (i) The Clerk gave an update on the number of enquires received thus far for the vacancy for Parish Clerk.
- (ii) Sale of allotment land for affordable housing.
- (iii) Letter from the Village Hall management committee.
- (iv) Congrats to allotment holders at Far Green for work carried out thus far.

54/04 **Items for Press Release and publication on the website.**

Council agreed to publish on the website minutes of meeting held on 1 April 2003 with the exception of minute number 06/04 relating to accounts and minute number 20/04 relating to Clerk's terms and conditions.

The next newsletter to carry articles on dog fouling on the Recreation Ground and a message from local vet in relation to farmland.

55/04 **Date of next meetings**

Tuesday 3 June 2003

The meeting closed at 10.05pm