

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2003 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors C Dickinson (Chairman), J Hobson, L Wilcox, C Prout, D Poole, H. Targett (Clerk)

REF

**ACTION**

**OPEN FORUM**

County Cllr Margaret Nolder reported that matters were fairly quiet at county level, attention and effort was being put into the budget setting process for 2004/2005.

District Cllr Janet Wood had received correspondence from a Coaley resident who had voiced concerns about the possibility of Grammar School closures in Gloucestershire. Consultations were taking place to include a review of Sixth Forms.

The revised plans for the Lanterns site showed that one plot had been moved and that the two neighbours most affected previously would not be quite so affected with the changes made. There was still however a highways issue to overcome.

The residents voting result, on the proposed transfer of Stroud District Council housing stock to Hill and Vale Housing would be announced the next day.

171/04 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

There were no declarations of interest.

172/04 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Chalmers.

173/04 **Minutes** of the meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hobson; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.

174/04 **Matters Arising**

a) The Chairman enquired about the boundary map for land at Trenley Road, requested from SDC. The Clerk had been in contact with Alison Fisk, who was currently attending to the matter.

b) Some flooding had been noted at Ford Farm Bridge. Culverts had been dug into the bank to allow water drainage.

c) Surveys had taken place on board the Little Green Bus, as part of the assessment process by GCC to determine if a funding offer would be possible.

d) A village scrapbook for recording events would be an agenda item in the future.

175/04 **Planning**

Council discussed:

S.03/1877 Trenley Road. Revised plans, erection of two dwellings.

The Council felt that the revised plans showed no real changes from the original plans, except a slight alteration to the vehicular access. The Council resolved to neither support nor object to the application, but to reiterate the comments made previously, in respect of loss of privacy to No. 4 Severn View and highways considerations. Proposed Cllr Dickinson; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.

Planning sub committee reported on:

- a) S.03/C0138/FUL 2 Hamshill. Erection of garage and two storey extension.

The Planning Sub Committee had objected to the application. In their opinion the proposal would be overbearing and too large for the site, in contravention of Policies G1 and H23. Mr Wyatt, the applicant, was present at this time and given permission to speak. He felt that the extension was reasonable but agreed that the proposed garage could be too large for the setting.

Full Council formally adopted the Sub Committee's view. Proposed Cllr Prout; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.

Council had received permission for:

- a) S.03/1623 The Leigh, The Ham. Erection of new garage with room over.  
Conditions attached to the permission were read out.  
b) S.03/1622 The Leigh, The Ham. Demolition of outhouses and re-roofing of shed.  
Conditions attached to the permission were read out.

Council had received refusal for:

- a) S.03/1391 Lower Silver Street Farm. Erection of extension to Holiday Unit 4.  
Reasons for the refusal were read out.

Council had received appeal withdrawal notification for:

- a) S.02/1750 The Lanterns, The Street. Erection of eight dwellings with associated works.

Planning correspondence received since agenda published:

- a) Appeal Ref: APP/C1625/A/03/1124382 Sage Cottage, Far Green. Erection of lighting to manege previously refused. The appeal was upheld subject to certain conditions. The conditions were read out.  
b) An Enforcement Officer had visited 1, Hamshill to inspect the development currently being built there. The building does not require planning permission.

## 176/04 **Accounts**

a) The following monies were received:

Hodgecombe Farm	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
A – Z Service	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Countryside Agency	£426.82	Little Green Bus
T. Hawkins & Sons	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
R P Jones	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Refreshment Donations	£6.30	Planning Training Session

Payments for authorisation:

Colin Hoskins Mini Coaches	£159.20	Little Green Bus Nov.2003
P. G. Day	£141.00	Allotments hedge cutting
Joy John	£120.00	Litter clearing Dec 02 – Dec 03
Mr L. Smith	£17.50	Remembrance Day wreath
Mr J. Carter	£65.60	V.O. T. Y. Refreshments

H R Targett	£288.20	Clerks salary (November)
H R Targett	£57.64	Newsletter Dec/Jan
H R Targett	£4.98	Clerks Expenses

b) Precept 2004/2005

The Council considered the final draft for the precept. Precept set at £13,090. Proposed Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour.

## 177/04 **Items for discussion**

### **Village Of The Year Competition**

The Chairman reported that following the final round judging, a decision was awaited and would be announced by Calor on 9 December 2003 at a presentation lunch. Sian Smith and Dudley George would attend. The Chairman explained, at the request of Cllr Poole, how this representation had been decided upon.

The Sunday Times would be publishing an article regarding the competition and featuring Coaley residents the Porter family very soon.

A live broadcast by Radio Gloucestershire would take place on 5 December from midday until 3pm from Coaley School. The Chairman distributed a schedule for the programme.

County Cllr Margaret Nolder and District Cllr Janet Wood congratulated the Council on the success of the village in the competition so far.

## 178/04 **Highways repairs and maintenance**

Cllr Prout reported that the pavement work had now finished. The Chairman reported that some highways activity had been noted at the entrance to The Ham off of Ticks Hill. The Clerk reported that Mr D. Portlock, Highways Department, GCC had informed her that the setts removed during the recent pavement work had been retained by the contractor as part payment for the work carried out. The Clerk also reported that the 30mph speed limit through the village was now in force, signage to this effect would be in by Christmas. The proposed road markings at Lapley Bridge, discussed at the November meeting, had been discussed with the Highways Department who would look into the matter.

**179/04 Highway Maintenance Regional Meeting – 8 January 2004**

Cllr Prout to attend.

**180/04 Allotments check November 2003**

Cllr Prout presented to the Council a report for November 2003. A rotovator was still present at the Far Green allotments. Clerk to seek removal again.

**CLERK****181/04 Village maintenance**

The notice board at Far Green had once again been defaced. Ken Webb had kindly agreed to attempt a repair. The Council generally agreed that if the problem continued, taking the notice board out of the bus shelter and creating a free standing version by the Far Green allotments would be an option. The Clerk to put up a notice in the bus shelter informing that vandalism to the notice board could result in legal action.

**CLERK**

A notice was missing from the play area referring to ownership. A new sign to be ordered.

**182/04 Halmore Mill – Boundary Change**

SDC had again sought a response from the Council regarding a requested boundary change, which would bring Halmore Mill out of Cam Parish and into the Parish of Coaley. Council agreed that the Clerk should respond as before in support of Mr & Mrs Vatcher's wishes that the boundary change be permitted.

**183/04 Kick Wall Project**

Cllr Wilcox reported that the project was not proceeding, due to the fact that a site for the wall could not be agreed upon. Starting up the youth club again, was the priority. Booking the Village Hall on a regular basis had proved difficult, so a new regular night for the club might need to be investigated. The youth club needed funding for new equipment and perhaps contributions towards the hall hiring charges. Cllr Wilcox considered that money would be better spent attempting to meet these needs rather than expenditure on a kick wall at present.

**184/04 Clerk – Hours of work**

The Clerk reported that the work required had been managed within the contracted forty hours per month during November. However, the Clerk would continue to record hours worked and report back to the Council if necessary.

**185/04 Resignation of Cllr Burgess**

The resignation of Cllr Burgess had been received. The statutory notices were in place. SDC would inform the Clerk in writing soon after the closing date of 11 December 2003, to inform if an election had been requested. If there has been no qualifying request for an election, the vacancy could be filled by co-option. The Chairman to write to Marion Burgess thanking her for her services to the Council.

**CHAIR**

186/04 **Correspondence received since agenda issued.**

No new correspondence had been received.

187/04 **Matters for forward consideration**

- a) Coaley scrapbook.
- b) Village Of The Year. Terms and conditions relating to the prize money to be circulated before the next meeting.
- c) Quality Parish Status. The Clerk will be attending two meetings regarding this issue and will report to Council at the January meeting.
- d) Footpaths map. Cllr Wilcox and Clerk to liaise.

188/04 **Items for press release and publication on web site**

The usual minutes to be appear on the web site.

189/04 **Date of next meeting**

6 January 2004.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.