

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2005 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors J. Hobson (Chairman), D. Poole, C. Prout, S. Mather  
H Targett (Clerk)

REF	ACTION
<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>No residents attended.</p>	
<p>67/06 <u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>68/06 <u>Apologies</u></p> <p>County Cllrs Nolder and Andrewartha. District Cllr Wood and Cllr Bryant. Cllr Wilcox had advised she would be late for the meeting.</p>	
<p>69/06 <u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM and Parish Council meeting held on 3 May and the extraordinary meeting held on 17 May were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.</p>	
<p>70/06 <u>Planning</u></p> <p><u>The Council considered:</u></p> <p>a) S.05/0590/FUL. Mill Court, The Street. Conversion of part of double garage to independent persons annexe.</p> <p>The Council resolved to neither support nor object to the application but to make comments. The Council questioned the need for further accommodation, as the existing dwelling appeared to afford ample.</p> <p>b) S.05/1089/FUL. Waterend Farm. Erection of a six bay portal framed cattle building and a two bay extension to the existing steel portal framed cattle building.</p> <p>The Council resolved to support the application.</p> <p><u>Council had received permission for:</u></p> <p>a) S.05/0617/FUL. 34, The Close. Erection of a conservatory.</p> <p>b) S.05/0404/FUL. Lower Silver Street Farm. Erection of two storey and single storey extensions.</p> <p>c) S.05/0419/LBC. The Old Vicarage, The Street. Minor internal alterations and installation of new French doors.</p>	

71/06 Accounts

## a) Income received and payments for authorisation:

Income

Ernest Armstrong	£60.00	Newsletter Advertisement
VAT	£172.98	Annual reclaim
Allotments	£60.20	Annual rents
Allotment	£48.40	Annual rent

Payments for authorisation

Buckstop	£185.00	Newsletter printing
Playground Management	£69.33	Annual inspection
Village Hall	£62.00	Room Hire

H. R. Targett

H. R. Targett	£303.24	Clerk's salary (May 2005)
Newsletter editing	£30.32	June/July

Expenses

Parish Line	£43.46
Pegs & string (to mark our allotments)	£8.80
Newsletter mailing list postage	£2.30
Envelopes for mailing list	£5.49

Total £60.05Total Due £393.61p

Council approved the accounts.

b) Annual Return 2004/2005

The Internal Auditor, Martin Hall had approved the accounts. The Council completed the Statement of Assurance and the Chairman and the Clerk duly signed the Annual Return.

72/06 Clerk's Report

- 1) Correspondence had been received from the Environment Agency enclosing the Severn Vale Abstraction Management Strategy. Included in circulation envelope.
- 2) Correspondence had been received about the Walking Festival, 'Strolling in Gloucestershire' taking place from June 11-19<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) The Stroud Area Crime and Disorder Partnership Strategy 2005-2008 had been received. Included in the circulation envelope.
- 4) An Advisory Freight Route map, April 2005 edition, had been received. Included in the circulation envelope.
- 5) Further correspondence had been received regarding Sites Inspection Panels. Parish

- and Town Councillors would be invited to attend but would not be able to comment with their Council's views.
- 6) Correspondence had been received from GCC about bus stops. Timetable updating and the installation of new display cases were underway as part of a County rolling programme of improvements. Grants were available in some cases for bus shelters.
  - 7) A thank you letter had been received from the 'Here to Help' scheme who had been awarded a parish grant.
  - 8) Correspondence had been received from Mark Newcombe, Senior Planning Officer at SDC. A printed version of the Local Plan, as proposed to be modified, would be available soon. The public consultation period would run from 13<sup>th</sup> June for six weeks until 25<sup>th</sup> July.
  - 9) Correspondence had been received from the Gloucestershire Geoconservation Trust, who hope to create a 'Geopark Development in the Gloucestershire Cotswolds'. Coaley resident Sue Childs to be given the information.
  - 10) A report had been received from SDC concerning the need for affordable housing within Town and Parish Council areas. The report was included in the circulation envelope.
  - 11) The Clerk requested permission to attend the 'Updating for Clerks and Councillors Conference' to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June at The Park Campus, University of Gloucestershire. The Council agreed to the £30 cost for the Clerk to attend the evening session.
  - 12) The Clerk had been made aware of golf being played on the Recreation Field. This had resulted in a golf ball being hit across the road and striking a resident's car. The Council resolved to ban golf on the Recreation Field for safety reasons. The Clerk was delegated the power to procure notices to this end.
  - 13) An invitation had been received to attend a 'Community Event' to held by the Cotswolds Conservation Board, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. No Councillors were able to attend.
  - 14) Notice had been received of the Annual Community Safety Panel meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am at Ebley Mill. No Councillors were able to attend.
  - 15) Advice had been received from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association about their seminar training programme for 2005. The information to be passed to Cllr Wilcox.
  - 16) The Great Gloucestershire Debate, tackling the subjects of traffic speeding and congestion would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. No Councillors were available to attend.
  - 17) Notice had been received of the Stroud District CVS AGM to be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. No Councillors were available to attend.
  - 18) The next Gloucestershire Area School Review panel meeting for Stroud would take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm at Nailsworth Town Council.
  - 19) The Clerk advised that a lunchtime site-opening event of the two new affordable housing properties in Trenley Road would take place on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. One of the properties is the 100<sup>th</sup> that Gloucestershire Housing Association has built. Councillors would receive a personal invitation to the event.

#### 73/06 Little Green Bus

Notice had been received that Colin Hoskins the current operator of the Little Green Bus service would cease operating the service from the beginning of July 2005. What GCC would do next was unclear, but it appeared that the service might not be put out to tender again. Surveys of passenger use were underway and a meeting of the Little Green Steering Group it was assumed would take place soon, when further information would be available.

74/06 Request for use of Recreation Field during Summer months

The Clerk had received a request from a resident that the football team he plays for could have the use of the football pitch during the summer months. The Clerk had contacted the secretary of Coaley Rovers Football Club, who advised that their goal posts would not be available on the field during the summer. He also advised that re-seeding of the goal areas would be undertaken and that the club would prefer to allow the entire pitch to recover before the start of the new football season. The Council resolved to turn down the request for these reasons.

75/06 Request for use of Recreation Field for the 2005/2006 football season CRFC

Coaley Rovers Football Club had requested the use of the Recreation Field for the 2005/2006 football season. The Council supported the request and resolved not to raise the rent, the cost remaining as last year, £310.

76/06 ROSPA report, annual inspection of play area

Due to the absence of Cllr Wilcox, this item was not discussed.

77/06 Recreation Field Project

The Clerk advised that the total cost of the project would be £17,500. Almost £10,000 had already been raised. The outcome of four outstanding applications was awaited. The Clerk advised the Council on the colour schemes available for the equipment. The Council resolved to allow Coaley Community Action Group to make their own decision on this issue. The Clerk also advised that Coaley resident, Ron Plumb, had very kindly moved the earth mounds at the bottom of the Recreation Field free of charge using a mechanical digger.

78/06 Coronation Oak, Parish insurer's requests

Due to the absence of Cllr Bryant this item was not discussed.

79/06 Parish Plan

In his absence, the Clerk advised that Cllr Bryant had given her a report of the current situation. Despite numerous requests to the Parish Plan Group Chairman, the completed project so far had not been made available in order for progression to be possible. There was now a risk that the Countryside Agency would demand their money back as the completed Parish Plan had not materialised. The lack of the Parish Plan could also now hamper attempts by village groups, particularly the Village Hall Committee, to attract funding. The Council resolved that a letter be sent to all the Parish Plan Group members and Councillors, signed by the Parish Council Chairman, requesting that the project be handed back to the Council immediately in order to progress to printing.

80/06 Allotments Check May 2005

Cllr Prout had produced a report, which had previously been circulated to Councillors.

**CLERK**

81/06 Allotment site Trenley Road – update

Since the extraordinary meeting held on 17 May 2005, the Clerk had received correspondence from A.J. Wilcox & Sons. They had decided not to graze sheep at the site for the coming year due to the fencing costs this would incur the Council and the rent requested by the Council. Due to the need to move forward, the Clerk had already advised the new allotment tenants that the Council would not be providing fencing. If they wished to do so, it would be at their own expense and either post and rail or post and single strand wire fencing would be acceptable.

82/06 Village maintenance

The stile at the end of the public footpath, adjacent to Old Chapel, Far Green had been inspected by John Lane of Public Rights Of Way, GCC. He had advised that the stile would be renewed, the costs being shared with the residents of Sage Cottage. The electric fence issue would be dealt with at the same time.

The bus shelters had now been attended to with the shelters being checked for safety and tiles replaced where required.

83/06 Tickshill Hedging

Cllr Bryant had advised the Clerk that he had inspected the hedging. It was of significant height and too much for a working party to undertake. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for the work required.

**CLERK**84/06 Highways repairs and maintenance

Cllr Prout reported that there was still a problem with water on the road in front of Streamleaze in The Ham. It was understood that David Portlock of County Highways would be liaising with Mr R. Carter about this matter. Water had also been seen collecting under the bridge at Lapley.

The Clerk reported that heavy lorries appeared to be using Peak Lane as a short cut despite the signs advising 'unsuitable for heavy vehicles'. A skip lorry had recently been encountered on the lane. The driver advised that he used the lane on a regular basis. The company name and address of the lorry was noted. The Council resolved that a letter should be sent to John Lindsay, Traffic Manager at GCC, requesting that the company in question be contacted and that a weight restriction be imposed on the lane.

**CLERK**85/06 Speed Gun – data collected.

Cllr Poole reported that his collation of the data received showed similar results to those of last year, with some 53% of drivers observing the 30 mph speed limit. A summary of the results would appear in the next newsletter.

86/06 Advanced warning of road closures

The Clerk had been advised of the following road closures. The advice had been published in the last newsletter.

- Peters Street will be closed on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June to allow a safety inspection to take place on the Lapley railway bridge.

- Elmcote Lane will be closed on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to allow re-surfacing to take place.
- The Street, will be closed at the railway bridge on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to allow a safety inspection to take place on the bridge.

87/06 Bledisloe Cup

The first round of judging takes place from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. The second round from 10<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk and the Chairman had attempted a tidy up around the judging route on Bank Holiday Monday. The Highways Department had also been contacted who were hoping to clear some of the weeds from the Close and Betworthy.

88/06 Parish Councillor vacancy

Permission had been formally granted by SDC to co-opt a new Councillor as an election had not been requested. Councillors to consider possible candidates to approach, with a view to co-opting a new Councillor at the July meeting.

89/06 Matters for forward consideration

- 1) The Parish Plan.
- 2) Councillor vacancy.
- 3) Coronation Oak.
- 4) ROSPA Annual play area inspection report.
- 5) Tickshill hedging.
- 6) Little Green Bus.

90/06 Items for press release and publication on web site

The usual minutes to be published on the web site.

91/06 Date of next meeting

Due to the Clerk not being able to attend on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting to be held on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.