

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2005 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF

OPEN FORUM

Mr S. Board commented about the planning appeal submitted for land at Silver Street Farm, for change of use from agriculture to a grass landing strip. He remained concerned about the safety issues, as the proposed strip would be close to his house. The criteria for such a strip, issued by the British Microlight Aircraft Association, did not appear to have been fulfilled. Mr Board had contacted a planning representative at the BMAA who advised that the group submitting the application had made no contact. It was normal practice when a facility such as the proposed was planned, for contact to be made and the plans considered by the BMAA for their comments and to elicit support. If the proposal went ahead Mr Board would also wish to see limits put on use and movements specified.

The Clerk read out a letter in support of the appeal from Mr M. Burak. In summary, he reiterated that he would find conditions if imposed acceptable. He also felt that some objectors had not had the opportunity to read the original proposals and if they had, that certain points subsequently might have been ignored or misinterpreted. He felt that the strip could be operated in away that would not cause any additional distress to nearby residents. In conclusion Mr Burak felt that the proposal would not have a negative impact on the local community.

Mr J. Goman advised that he had read all the documents pertaining to the application. His view was that the Parish Council should support the SDC decision to refuse the application. Some twenty residents had objected and he felt the Council should support them. He quoted objections about noise, safety, public footpaths, bridleways, loss of privacy and a threat to an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

District Cllr Janet Wood advised that the SDC decision to refuse the application was in her view correct. She also referred to the SDC Local Plan Inspector's Report. A site in Coaley adjacent to The Close, behind Betworthy Farm, had not been included for future development. Poor transport links and few employment opportunities were cited amongst other points raised by the Inspector. The report was being challenged by GCC as it sought a reduction of 1000 homes from a large development proposed at Hardwicke. This challenge could jeopardise the adoption of the report and the plan itself and lead to the public enquiry being re-opened.

Mr D. Randall spoke about the proposed grass landing strip. He felt that the if regulations and limits were put upon the usage of landing strip, that the concerns that residents had about escalation would not be realised.

167/05 Apologies

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Margaret Nolder.

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168/05 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

169/05 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2004 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

170/05 PlanningCouncil discussed:a) Planning Appeal APP/C1625/A/04/1168773, Land at Lower Silver Street Farm, Silver Street, Coaley.

Change of use from agriculture to grass landing strip. The Council resolved to stand by their original comments made when the proposal was first considered in August 2004. The following additional comments were made and to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

- Parishioners have now had the opportunity to see the proposed plans and supporting documents and have come forward to the Council with their concerns.
- A resident advised Council that no contact had been made by the group submitting the application, with planning advisory representatives at the British Microlight Aircraft Association. A planning representative at the BMAA had apparently advised that it was common practice when a new facility was being planned, for the BMAA to be consulted regarding the plans for their comments and to elicit their support.

b) S.04/2574/CPE Riverside, Halmore Lane. Certificate of lawfulness for a breach of conditions for occupation of a dwelling by persons not employed in agriculture.

The Chairman advised that the current occupiers of the property had not kept livestock since 1992. For at least ten years the property had been occupied solely for residential use. A certificate of lawfulness was required to maintain residency. Council resolved to support the application.

c) Stroud District Local Plan Inspector's Report November 2004

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the Inspector's report on land situated adjacent to The Close, behind Betworthy Farm. The site had apparently been included in the plan for possible future development in 1997, but this was subsequently reversed due to a change in policy. The village development boundary had never changed. The current plan would be reviewed again in 2011.

Council had received permission for:

- a) S.04/2221/FUL Betworthy Farm. Erection of porch to side of farmhouse.
- b) S.04/2217/FUL The Homestead, The Ham. Installation of dormer windows in garage and erection of external staircase.
- c) S.04/2324/FUL The Firs. Replacement of boundary fence/brick wall with dry stone wall.

Any relevant conditions attached to the permissions were read out.

171/05 Accountsa) Income and payments for authorisation

The following monies were received:

Ron Plumb Homes	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
A – Z Services	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
T. Hawkins	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Everhot	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Coaley Rovers Football Club	£100.00	Hire of Recreation Field

Payments for authorisation:

Paul Lane	£627.45	Felling of Lime Tree
SLCC	£82.00	Annual subscription

H.R. Targett

H.R. Targett	£303.24	Clerk's salary (December 2004)
Newsletter	£30.32	Dec/Jan editing

Expenses

GAPTC	£14.98	Electronic Standing Orders
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Total £348.54

Accounts approved by Council.

b) Third Quarter's Income and Expenditure Report to 31 December 2004.

Copies of the report had previously been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk reported that the accounts were in good order with no reasons for concern.

172/05 Clerk's Report

- Correspondence had been received from SDC about the Independent Remuneration Panel which is due to meet in February 2005, to consider pay allowances or expenses payable to Town and Parish Councillors. The Council resolved that a written representation should be made to the panel, requesting a recommendation for travelling expenses and other expenses incurred whilst carrying out specific council business.
- A list of invitations received had previously been circulated to Councillors.

SLCC Midlands Regional Conference for Clerks and Councillors. Wroxall Abbey, Warwick. Tuesday 25th January 2005. The Clerk indicated she would try to attend. Council approved the conference attendance cost.

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The Gloucestershire Rural Partnership Conference. Cheltenham and Gloucester Moat House, Shurdington. Monday 17th January. No Councillors were able to attend.

Rural Transport Partnership/Community Transport in Gloucestershire Awareness Day. Friday 4th February, Cheltenham Racecourse. No Councillors were able to attend.

Safety Camera Partnership. Tuesday 25th January, Winter Gardens Pavilion Weston super mare. No Councillors were able to attend.

- A map of preferred lorry routes had been received from GCC for the area. The routes marked did not affect Coaley. The map was included in the circulation envelope for Councillor's information.
- Notification of a county transport plan had been received from GCC. Cllr Prout took the information for his perusal.

173/05 Coaley Community Action Group – request for Council to participate in Gift Aid

A donor who wished to contribute to the Recreation Field project had recently approached Coaley Community Action Group. The preferred method of donation was via Gift Aid. As the Recreation Field is a registered charity in its own right, donations could be made to the Council who could then claim back an additional 28p in the pound from the Inland Revenue on any sum given. The donations could then be passed on to Coaley Community Action Group. The Council resolved to support this.

174/05 Lime Tree on Recreation Field

The Clerk reported that the Lime Tree had been felled. The parish insurers Allianz Cornhill had been advised of this in writing. Village residents had been able to take advantage of the resultant logs when the tree had been felled. Paul Lane the tree surgeon who had carried out the work, had confirmed that the stump had been poisoned by dosing with unleaded fuel, the preferred method in a public place. Paul had provided a quotation for grinding the stump down below surface level. The Council would consider this at the next meeting.

175/05 Vehicle speed recording data

Cllr Poole had collated the data collected and had produced various pie charts in explanation. It appeared that the speed limit through the village was working well. An item to be included in the next newsletter explaining this and to advise residents that persistent speeding offenders had been reported to the police. The speed gun would be borrowed again in the spring when evening recording could also take place with the benefit of summer time.

176/05 Allotments Check

Cllr Prout had produced a report to December 2004. No further action was required at present.

177/06 Village Maintenance

Village resident Paul Cheshire had carried out work to the bridge across the stream at the

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bottom of the Recreation Field. A letter to be thanks to be sent. Mr R. Plumb had been sent written confirmation of the work required on the bus shelters. The work would be carried out as soon as possible. The gate at the top end of the children's play area was reported as missing, Cllr Wilcox agreed to investigate. A car had been broken into just before Christmas in the rear car park of the Village Hall. Cllr Poole would be taking this matter up with the police.

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178/05 Highways repairs and maintenance

Cllr Prout had produced a report of the inspection he carried out with Mr D. Portlock of GCC on 14th December 2004. GCC had agreed to sweep Knapp Lane and to deposit some hardcore onto the turning area at the top end. An overflowing ditch was noted at Far Green as was the poor road surface along Trenley Road.

179/05 Matters for forward consideration

- 1) Lime tree stump.
- 2) Parish Plan.

180/05 Items for press release and publication on website

The usual minutes to be published on the website.

181/05 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1 February 2005

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

