

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **12 July 2005** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF		ACTION
	<p>OPEN FORUM</p>	
	<p>County Cllr Margaret Nolder apologised for having to leave early. She reported that GCC had been slow in commencing new initiatives since the election. The new Conservative administration was changing the way in which portfolios were being held, using a more corporate approach.</p>	
	<p>County Cllr Dennis Andrewartha had brought with him a list of issues, which he thought, were of interest to Coaley. The take over of Cam Co-op by Tesco and the development of Littlecombe being among them. The cessation of the Little Green Bus service was mentioned, as was the re-surfacing of Elmcote Lane due to be started soon. With the Area Review of schools underway, it would appear that Coaley School might be at risk, however the Headteacher felt that this was a pessimistic view and did not take into account the reputation of the school.</p>	
	<p>District Cllr Janet Wood reported that at district level, a working party would be supporting the cabinet member to look at the whole situation regarding Tesco's purchase of Cam Co-op and the subsequent implications for Dursley. Reference was made to the planning permission given for Balmoral, The Street, (conversion of garage to office provision) no separate commercial use had been made a condition of the permission.</p>	
	<p>The Chairman announced that Items 16 and 17 on the agenda would be held in camera.</p>	
95/06	<p><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
96/06	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Poole.</p>	
97/06	<p><u>Minutes</u> of the meetings held on 7 and 21 June were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.</p>	
98/06	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>The Council considered:</p> <p>a) S.05/1142/LBC. Rose Cottage, Haw Street. Listed building consent, partition of outhouse to install bathroom and create small window.</p> <p>The Council resolved to support the application.</p>	

The Council had received permission for:

- a) S.05/00274/FUL. Balmoral, The Street. Conversion of existing detached garage/workshop to office ancillary to existing dwelling with front garden wall.

Council had received notification that a recent planning application for Mill Court, had been withdrawn.

99/06 Accounts

a) Income received and payments for authorisation

The following monies were received:

Allotment Rent	£5.50	Annual payment
Allotment Rent	£33.00	Annual payment

Payments for authorisation:

H. R. Targett

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

Expenses

Colour ink cartridge	£20.90
Black ink cartridge	£6.95

Total £361.41

Council approved the accounts.

- b) The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter's Income and Expenditure Report was distributed to Councillors. The Clerk reported no concerns about the accounts.

100/06 Clerk's Report

- 1) The Little Green Bus had ceased operation due to Colin Hoskins the operator withdrawing the service. The Clerk had been in contact the Integrated Transport Unit at GCC to try and secure a replacement service. A draft timetable had been produced and would be confirmed.
- 2) Contractors, who had carried out a safety check on the railway bridge, The Street had left a lot of removed vegetation lying around. Some had been thrown into a nearby ditch, which when blocked can cause flooding. A resident living nearby had reported this to Network Rail. She had received a visit from two of the contractors employees who verbally abused her. The Clerk had contacted Network Rail on behalf of the Council and had been advised the incident would be investigated and the Council advised of the outcome.
- 3) The Clerk had procured four 'No golf' signs as instructed at the last meeting. These would be erected on the Recreation Field. Cllr Prout agreed to assist with this.
- 4) Correspondence had been received from John Lindsay, Traffic Manager GCC. He agreed that a weight limit should be applied to Peak Lane. He would look into this

and contact the Council in due course with further information.

- 5) The residents of Waterend Farm had contacted the Clerk and requested that either a litter bin or at least a sign be erected in the layby at the top of their drive. The Clerk to contact the environment department at SDC.
- 6) Correspondence had been received about the 'Clean Neighbourhoods Bill'. This bill will permit Parish Councils to impose fines on those responsible for dog fouling and fly tipping. A period of consultation was underway. The information was included in the circulation envelope.
- 7) A booklet entitled 'Pointers of good practice' was included in the circulation envelope.
- 8) An invitation had been received to attend a training session entitled 'Well I do declare or do I?' to be held at Longford Village Hall, Longford on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July from 1.45pm to 4.30pm. No Councillors were available to attend.
- 9) Councillors confirmed that they had received invitations to attend the opening of the two new affordable houses in Trenley Road on Friday 22 July.
- 10) A copy of the SDC local strategic partnership community strategy had been received. Included in the circulation envelope.

101/06 ROSPA Report, annual inspection of play area

Cllr Wilcox advised Council on the content of the report. A few items had been highlighted as requiring attention. Cllr Wilcox had already been in contact with Playline who had supplied some of the equipment now needing rectification. Other hazards identified had already been rectified. The report was included in the circulation envelope.

102/06 Coronation Oak, Parish insurer's requests

Cllr Bryant reported that Allianz Cornhill had maintained their position that a survey was required to be carried out on the tree, the Clerk to obtain a quotation for the survey.

103/06 Parish Plan

Krista Harris and her colleagues from SDC had not yet responded to the draft document sent to them. The next stage however was to put the recommendations from the Parish Plan Group and the responses from the Parish Council, out for public consultation before publication. This would be done in the next edition of the newsletter, August/September. Residents would be given the chance to respond with further comments, closing date to be set at August 21<sup>st</sup> 2005.

104/06 Allotments Check June 2005

Cllr Prout had carried out the check and produced a report. No further action was deemed necessary at present.

105/06 Village Maintenance

Cllr Prout reported that fly tipping had taken place near Lapley railway bridge. Various debris and rubbish had been dumped. Cllr Prout had reported this to SDC.

106/06 Tickshill Hedging

The Clerk contacted Mrs Conway the owner of the house from whose land the overhanging trees originated. A contractor had now completed the work and Mrs

Conway had agreed to pay for the work. A cheque from her would be given directly to the contractor.

107/06 Highways repairs and maintenance

The continual presence of water running across The Ham at Streamleaze had been brought to the attention of County Highways again. Cllr Prout also reported that water had been seen collecting under Lapley Bridge.

108/06 Bledisloe Cup

Coaley had made it through to the second round of judging. The second judging period would run from July 9<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

109/06 Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk was requested to obtain clarification about the rules on filling Councillor vacancies. The Chairman would contact a couple of residents in the village who had expressed some interest in the vacancy.

110/06 Allotment Site, Trenley Road – recent developments

The Clerk had received a letter from a resident living on Hamshill via the Chairman, complaining about the perceived inappropriate use of a neighbour's second allotment at the Trenley Road site. The Clerk had visited both parties in an attempt to find out the facts. In doing so a level of hostility had been encountered and a further letter received from the tenants of the allotment in question. The Clerk requested that any further contact about this issue be made through the Chairman or individual Councillor, as she did not wish to remain in the midst of the argument. The Council resolved to monitor the situation and to develop guidelines for use of allotment land. A letter to be sent in reply to the original letter received, the Chairman would sign this.

111/06 Clerk's resignation

The Clerk announced her decision to resign as Parish Clerk. This was due to several factors. An advertisement would appear in the next newsletter and the Council agreed that an advertisement would also appear in the Gazette. Closing date for applications would be August 14<sup>th</sup> 2005. The Clerk would serve out her period of notice, which would end on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2005.

112/06 Matters for forward consideration

- 1) Parish Councillor vacancy.
- 2) Parish Clerk vacancy.
- 3) Parish Plan.
- 4) Allotment guidelines.

113/06 Items for press release and publication on the website

The usual minutes to appear on the website.

114/06 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

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