

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 May 2005 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF

ACTION

OPEN FORUM

Mrs J. Prout requested that paint be purchased in order to repaint the floor of the bus shelter near to the Recreation Field. She also requested the purchase of hardcore to be placed in areas around the bus shelter where puddles form.

County Cllr Margaret Nolder reported that there was no significant news from the County Council. County Council elections were about to be held in which Margaret was seeking re-election. Margaret thanked the Parish Council for all their support and commented about the good atmosphere, which existed within the Council. In the event that Margaret was not successful in the election, she wished the Parish Council well for the future.

District Cllr Janet Wood advised that applications were being invited from voluntary groups to the SDC Community Investment Scheme. An application deadline date had been set for 30th June 2005. A meeting would be held at Ebley Mill on the 11th May at 7pm, to give advice to all voluntary groups regarding applications.

37/06 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

38/06 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Wilcox declared an interest in Agenda Item 11, review of allotment sites and requests for allotments. The declaration was recorded in the book kept for the purpose.

39/06 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2005 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

40/06 Planning

Council discussed:

- a) S.05/0617/FUL, 34, The Close. Erection of a conservatory. Council resolved to support the application.

Council had received permission for:

- a) S.05/0300/FUL, 1, The Close. Erection of a conservatory.
- b) S.03/1706, The Lanterns, The Street. Erection of six dwellings with associated works.

41/06 Accountsa) Income received and payments for authorisationThe following monies were received:

Isabelle Gamman	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
SDC	£6472.00	1 st instalment of precept
Inland Revenue	£282.05	Gift Aid tax credit

Payments for authorisation:

Galt International	£184.36	Science kit for playgroup (parish donation)
ADC Office Supplies	£74.86	Paper guillotine (Here to Help, parish donation)
Dursley and District Council	£157.80	Guide unit flag (parish donation)
Paul Lane	£296.10	Grinding of lime tree stump
Classy Glass	£22.56	Golden Jubilee Award
Coaley Community Action Group	£1282.05	Recreation Field Gift Aid Donation

H.R. Targett

H. R. Targett	£303.24	Clerk's salary (April 2005)
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Expenses

CPRE	£4.00	Bledisloe Cup entry fee
Paper	£5.78	
Ink cartridge	£16.90	
Postage stamps	£3.60	

Total £363.84

b) Income and Expenditure Report for financial year 2004/2005

The report was approved by Council and signed by the Chairman

c) Audit arrangements as advised by Moore Stephens

The date of audit announcement will be 18 May 2005. The inspection period starts 1 June 2005 and ends 28 June 2005. Submission for audit 29 June 2005.

42/06 Clerk's Report

- Gloucestershire Area School Reviews. A DVD had been received entitled 'Step Ahead'. The DVD was included in the circulation envelope.
- Correspondence had been received about the Trafalgar Weekend, which will take place 21-23 October 2005. Celebrations will be held to mark the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar. NALC is supporting the event. Town and Parish Councils were invited to take part in their locality. Council decided not to take part. The information to be passed to the W.I. to see if they would consider taking part.

- Correspondence had been received from SDC advising that ‘pre- committee’ Sites Panel Meetings would be held for Development Control Committee members to visit planning application sites. Parish or Town Council representatives would be not be invited to attend. Town and Parish Council representations would still be detailed to the Committee and if a formal Sites Panel visit were deemed to be necessary, a Town or Parish Council representative would be invited.
- An invitation had been received to attend the ‘Stroud District Transport and Accessibility Forum’ to be held on 17 May 2005, 7pm venue to be advised.
- The Clerk advised that the travellers currently occupying the old Wisloe Road had received an ultimatum from GCC that they either got rid of their dogs or undertook to keep them securely tied up. The travellers had opted to keep their dogs under strict control. Other legal measures were apparently being considered by GCC.
- The Clerk advised that she had recently attended a ‘New terms and conditions for Clerk’s session facilitated by the Gloucestershire Training Partnership. The session confirmed that the Clerk was at the correct place in the new salary banding system.
- The Clerk had met with Alan Watson of GCC Estates at the Recreation Field and the trees requiring attention behind the tennis court were pointed out. Mr Watson confirmed his intention to schedule the work needed.
- The Clerk advised that in accordance with Council instructions she had purchased on behalf of the ‘Here to help’ group a paper guillotine after receiving a parish grant for the purchase of the item. A science kit had also been purchased for the Village Playgroup and a unit flag for 1st Coaley Guides in the same manner. The Clerk was given permission to present the items and photographs would be taken for the newsletter.
- The Clerk advised that the Council would probably receive before the end of the week, a speed radar gun in order to undertake a second session of vehicle speed monitoring. All Councillors agreed to take part in monitoring sessions.
- An invitation had been received from Vale Vision to attend a launch of the Vale Vision Plan to be held at Kingshill House on Friday 20th May, 2 – 4pm. A community launch was planned for Saturday 21st May.
- An invitation had been received from SDC to attend a Parish Community Plans Forum, Tuesday 23 May, commencing at 7pm. No Councillors expressed an interest to attend.
- Correspondence had been received from GCC about the ‘Great Gloucestershire Debate’ a consultation and promotional campaign designed to get people living and working in Gloucestershire talking about issues that matter to them. The debate would be launched on 23 May with the subject being transport.
- An application form had been received from SDC for village halls to apply for funding. The form was passed to Cllr Mather.
- The Clerk reported that a bonfire, which had been lit on Bank Holiday Monday in The Ham, had caused problems for nearby residents. The Environment Department at SDC had been contacted and was dealing with the issue.

43/06 Review of insurance provision for 2005/2006

Cllr Bryant had checked over the Public Liability cover within the current policy. Cllr Bryant advised that all was in order. The Council resolved to renew insurance cover for a further year with Allianz Cornhill.

44/06 Parish Plan

Cllr Bryant advised that he had contacted Patrick Roe of the Parish Plan Group. Cllr Bryant had suggested that the Council take back the plan in its current state for consideration and endorsement and also to enable the District Council to advise and endorse. The Chairman of the Parish Plan Group was currently on holiday and on his return Cllr Bryant hoped progress would be made.

45/06 Allotments Check April 2005

Cllr Prout had produced a report that had been circulated to Councillors.

46/06 Review of allotment sites and requests for allotments

Cllr Wilcox having declared an interest left the room and took no part in the discussion.

The Clerk had received advice from Richard Belliss of GAPTC. He advised that allotment provision had to take priority over any other tenancy arrangements on allotment land. Two further residents had requested allotment plots at the Trenley Road site. The Council agreed to the allocation. Mrs Bird had requested a second plot. The obvious plot would be the one adjacent to the one she already had tenancy of. As a matter of courtesy a letter would be sent to neighbouring residents Mr & Mrs Coopey to advise that this was a probable course of action the Council would take and if they had any interest in the plot themselves to make this known to the Council. If Mr and Mrs Coopey did want to take up the offer of the plot, then a second plot would need to be allocated elsewhere forming the beginning of a second row of plots. Debris from hedge cutting and rubbish had been dumped on the allotment site. Council agreed that those responsible should remove the debris before allocation of plots and additional fencing would go ahead. A. J. Wilcox and Sons had requested a further agreement to graze sheep on the allotment land not allocated. Mrs R. Gwynn had requested permission to erect some fencing around her plot at Far Green. Council agreed to this.

CLERK

47/06 Independent Parish Remuneration Panel Reports

All statutory notices required advising of the receipt of the reports had been displayed in the village. All Councillors had received and read the reports. Cllr Hobson proposed that the Council adopt the Travelling and Subsistence Allowances in accordance with the Panel's recommendations, for any duty approved by the Council undertaken outside of the Parish. Council resolved to support the proposal.

48/06 Village Maintenance

The Council resolved to support the request made by Mrs J. Prout during the Open Forum, for the purchase of paint for the bus shelter and for the provision of hard core for use in the surrounding area. The Council agreed that the sum of £35 be made available for the purchases. Cllrs Bryant and Wilcox agreed to oversee the purchases and work required.

LW/LB

An electric fence had been installed running over the stile at the end of the footpath alongside Old Chapel in Far Green. The electric fence had been insulated in the immediate vicinity of the stile and a warning notice was on display. However, it was felt that the installation could still be hazardous to those using the stile. The Clerk had

contacted the Public Rights of Way department at GCC who would send out a representative to check the stile.

The contractor who had agreed to carry out rectification work on the village bus shelters had been sent a letter requesting that the work be carried out as a matter of some urgency.

49/06 Tickshill Hedging

The Clerk had managed to contact the owner of the residence from whose land the hedging was emanating from. The owner had agreed to contribute towards the cost of work required to reduce the height of the hedging. Cllr Bryant to advise on the best method of achieving this.

50/06 Highways repair and maintenance

The kerbing outside of the new affordable housing units at Trenley Road had caused some concern. A representative from GCC Highways had attended the site and had requested changes on the entrance layout from the contractors carrying out the work. This had now been completed.

51/06 Advance warning of road closure

The Clerk had been advised that The Street would be closed at the railway bridge on 27 June from 9.30am to 3.30pm in order for work to be carried out on the bridge. Diversions would be in place.

52/06 Bledisloe Competition 2005 judging route

The Council agreed that the route should start at Little Orchard, The Street, continue up past the school and church into Betworthy and The Close and then back out on to The Street up as far as Little Court.

53/06 Parish Councillor vacancy

Due to the resignation of Cllr Chalmers a vacancy for a Parish Councillor had been created. Statutory notices would be displayed with a closing date for residents to call an election set at 24 May. If an election were not called the vacancy would be filled by co-option.

54/06 Matters for forward consideration

- 1) The Parish Plan.
- 2) The Bledisloe Cup.
- 3) The Annual Return for 2004/2005.
- 4) Parish Councillor vacancy

55/06 Items for press release and publication on web site

The usual minutes to be published on the web site.

LB

56/06 Next meeting

Tuesday 7 June 2005

The meeting closed at 9.13pm