

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **2 July 2002** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors C Dickinson (Chairman), J Hobson, L Wilcox, C Prout, D Poole, D Chalmers S Smith (Clerk)

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**ACTION**

**OPEN FORUM**

County Cllr Nolder advised that District Audit had examined GCC's work processes and a report was awaited. There was nothing to report on the movement of travellers from Coaley Peak. It was thought likely that an eviction order would be served at the end of the school term as some of the traveller's children were attending local schools. The Chairman urged County Cllr Nolder to bring pressure to bear on the relevant department to ensure that the travellers move away from the Coaley area.

The Clerk read a written report from District Cllr Wood covering the sale of SDC housing stock, SDC's Rural Project Grant scheme and proposed changes to the Cotswold Way in Coaley.

84/03 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Hobson declared an interest in the matter of the lime tree on the Recreation Ground adjacent to Bramble Cottage.

His declaration was duly noted in the book kept for the purpose.

85/03 Apologies were received from District Cllr Wood and Cllr Burgess who was on holiday. County Cllr Nolder attended the meeting.

86/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2002 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

87/03 Matters Arising

Confirmation had been received from the Traffic Manager, South that Coaley's reduced speed limit would be included in the GCC budget for 2003/4.

The planning application at West Winds, Far Green had been referred to the SDC Development Control Committee for a decision.

Cllr Hobson's piece prepared for SDC's E news had been rejected by e-mail and would be submitted again.

88/03 Report on Footpaths

Cllr Prout gave details of a proposal by the Cotswold Way National Trail office to create a new stretch of path within Coaley Wood. He had discussed the matter with local residents and the Clerk read out a letter sent to the National Trail office by Mr & Mrs Jones of Coaley Wood. Council agreed with the points raised by the Jones' and supported the proposal with the proviso that if the footpath was created it should be properly maintained thereafter.

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89/03 SDC Rural Project Grant Scheme

Council was briefed on a proposal that Coaley should be excluded from the next round of grants as it might benefit from funding that may be given to Cam and Dursley under their joint bid to the South West Regional Development Agency under its Market and Coastal Towns Initiative. As Council was not involved in the bid and had not been promised any funding it felt it was being unfairly discriminated against by SDC and the Clerk was urged to make this view known to the Leader of Council. The suggestion that future applications should be submitted by e-mail was not supported.

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- 90/03 Report of Recreation & Leisure sub Committee  
Cllr Wilcox gave her report, which is appended to these minutes as Appendix I. Council agreed the number and location of signs for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that it was an insurance requirement to place a separate safety sign by the spoil heaps on the Recreation Ground for use by BMX bicycles. Council agreed to add a further load of topsoil to this site. The Scorcher Activity Day was booked for Friday 16 August and it was agreed that a charge of £1 per head would be levied. There would possibly be a bar-b-que to be paid for separately.
- 91/03 Adoption of Standing Orders  
Councillors had all received a personal copy of the April 2002 edition of Standing Orders. Cllr Hobson proposed that they be adopted as adapted by the Clerk; seconded by Cllr Wilcox and agreed by all.
- 92/03 SDC Local Plan – Omission Site Betworthy Farm  
The Clerk was instructed to discuss with the landowner's agent the possibility of Parish Council support for the site to be included in the current Local Plan.
- 93/03 Housing Needs Survey  
All surveys had been distributed and had been generally well received. Approximately 76 had been returned by post to Lesley Archer, Rural Housing Enabler, who confirmed that she intended to prepare a report for Council in time for the September meeting.
- 94/03 Coaley Rovers Football Club Use of Recreation Ground  
A request from Coaley Rovers Football Club to use the Recreation Ground for the 2002/03 season was approved by Council. It was agreed that the Club be asked to contribute £300 per annum towards the cost of maintaining the field; the Clerk to issue the usual agreement to the Club
- 95/03 Formation of Village Youth Group  
The Chairman gave details of the public meeting held to discuss formation of a Youth Group. A further meeting would be held in 2/3 weeks time at which representatives from other youth groups would be present to explain the types of activities that could be provided for Coaley. Insurance proposal forms had been submitted by the Chairman to cover the management committee when formed.
- 96/03 Lime Tree on Recreation Ground  
Councillors had been circulated with a report from Tree Maintenance dated 27 June 2002 and a structural survey dated 24 July 1986 prepared by Brian F Callaghan & Associates. The Clerk provided details of an alternative root barrier system to that recommended by Tree Maintenance. Following discussion it was agreed that the owners of Bramble Cottage be given permission to install a root barrier at their own expense to a specification acceptable to Council.
- 97/03 Village Maintenance  
The Bledisloe Cup judges had contacted the Clerk to ask for two areas on the route to be clarified. It was agreed that the area at the rear of the Parish Council carpark should be sprayed and levelled prior to the next round of judging. The Chairman had thanked Colin Prout for his hard work in attending to the area around his property. Only one resident of Silver Street had replied requesting a noticeboard. The Highways Supervisor had indicated the best location would be off the road and on the verge adjacent to Old Penny Cottage. However various Councillors had received representations against that site. After discussion it was agreed that the site should be promoted in the newsletter as

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being the most suitable.

98/03 Highways Repair and Maintenance

Cllr Prout gave details of his recent tour of the village with Mr Portlock and confirmed to Council which items outstanding had been settled. Various signposts had been cleaned by Cllr Prout. The old signpost at Lapley Lane had fallen over and the Chairman was hopeful that Mr Goring may be able to effect a repair. If this was not possible the signpost would not be replaced by GCC. The Tree Warden had been made aware of a tree leaning dangerously at Jubilee Avenue, Lapley. No new issues were reported.

99/03 Report on Policing and Community Safety matters

The Clerk's report dated 18 June 2002 is appended to these minutes as Appendix II. The following items were agreed:

- (i) residents interested in door security equipment should report their interest to Cllr Poole;
- (ii) the Clerk to determine the level of interest in a road safety campaign in conjunction with the police and school;
- (iii) Neighbourhood Watch to be approached in connection with holding a car crime seminar;
- (iv) no further action to be taken regarding current strategy objectives for the SDC Crime & Disorder Strategy.

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100/03 Planning

Council discussed:

- a) S.02/1117 Hamshill Cottage, Hamshill – replacement of windows in porch and change roof from glazed to tile

Council supported this application

Council received permission for:

- a) S.02/143 Coaley Sewage Treatment Works, Halmore Lane – a new activated sludge plant

Conditions attached to the permission were read out.

101/03 Correspondence

- a) GAPTC resolutions for debate at the AGM on 19 October – to be circulated in the monthly folder and brought forward to September agenda.
- b) Comment sheet from SDC Electoral Services Department – Councillors gave their view of how the department had operated during the recent election
- c) Letter of thanks to Council from the Village Hall Management Committee for the proceeds of events run on Jubilee Day. The amount raised was £700. The Chairman confirmed that he would represent Council at a special general meeting of the Management Committee on 10 July.
- d) GAPTC update for member councils was circulated in the monthly folder

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A monthly folder of magazines and journals was circulated amongst Councillors.

102/03 Accounts

Details of the accounts are not published on the Web and can be obtained from the parish clerk.

Matters for Forward Consideration

The Chairman advised Council that he considered it important to hold a separate meeting to discuss Council policy from which a budget could be prepared in advance of requesting the precept. He suggested August as a suitable time. The Clerk advised her intention to take a two week holiday in August. The meeting was fixed for 30 July.

103/03 Items for Press Release

Door safety equipment for the elderly and vulnerable;  
Details of Youth Group meeting;  
Date of Scorcher Activity Day for young people;  
Results of survey of Betworthy residents;  
Thanks for completion of housing needs survey forms;  
Cllr Poole to feature in 'Know Your Councillor'

104/03 Date of next meetings

Tuesday 30 July 2002 (policy meeting)  
Tuesday 3 September 2002

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

**Clerk via  
newsletter**