

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 December 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)

REF

ACTION

OPEN FORUM

Mrs Williams expressed her concern at the possible traffic implications if the planning applications for Corner Lane were to go ahead.

District Cllr Wood drew attention to changes in the staff at SDC who would be dealing with the issue of social housing for Coaley. She suggested that Councillors meet with Pippa Clew, Housing Development Officer and Lesley Archer, Rural Housing Enabler, GRCC in the new year to progress the matter. She expressed the view that the Trenley Road site was too small for 6 houses.

District Cllr Wood also reported on the SDC budget arrangements highlighting the requirement of Government that more services were to be paid for at a local level. She was keen for the Rural Project Grant scheme to be retained however the SDC medium term financial plan does not include this scheme at the moment.

185/03 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

Cllr Prout declared an interest in the matter of S.02/2124 & 2125 planning applications for Corner Farm.

Cllr Chalmers declared an interest in the matter of S.02/1745 land at the Fox & Hounds. Both declarations were duly noted in the book kept for the purpose.

186/03 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Burgess and County Cllr Nolder. District Cllr Wood attended the meeting and 1 parishioner addressed Council at the Open Forum.

187/03 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 5 November 2002 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

188/03 **Matters Arising**

Minute 168/03 The Village Agent scheme was still in development and it was too early to issue publicity material.

Minute 173/03 Cllr Dickinson reported that he had discussed the matter of the shop project with members of the Village Hall committee and confirmed that a draft copy of a lease had been given to CoSPA. However, following legal advice, the Village Hall Committee were seeking a Court order denying the tenant (CoSPA) automatic renewal of the lease. Cllr Hobson, as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, confirmed that the only changes to the lease were as advised by solicitors and that the Committee were not delaying matters unduly.

Minute 177/03 SDC Street Cleansing Contract – the additional area from the school to lower railway bridge was now included in contract. Notification of forthcoming cleaning is being trialled in Coaley to see how practical it would be for replication elsewhere in the district. The next visit would be during week commencing 20 January and there was a note in the newsletter requesting all residents parking on the road to cooperate with the street cleaning operative by moving their vehicles.

Minute 179/03 Stroud Motor Club rally in Coaley Wood on 10 November was not as successful as planned. A fallen tree on the selected route meant that several of the 66 vehicles taking part were forced to find alternative routes out of the wood resulting in

complaints from local residents. The Clerk and Cllr Prout met with a representative from the Woodland Trust at the top of Knapp Lane to voice parishioner's opinions. This was followed up in writing but there had been no further acknowledgement or proposals for future event management.

189/03 **Rural Transport Project Seminar held on 8 November 2002**

Cllr Prout's report on the seminar was accepted with no further comment.

190/03 **SLCC Conference 19-21 October 2002**

The Clerk's report on the conference was accepted. Chairman proposed that he should put forward suggestions on how to forge closer partnerships with neighbouring parishes and areas of business. All agreed.

Council agreed to budget for the 'Working for Your Council' training course.

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191/03 **Community Safety Panel meeting 5 November 2002**

Cllr Poole's report on the meeting was accepted with no further comment.

192/03 **Charity Commission Review of Registered Charities**

The Clerk drew attention to proposals to bar charities with annual income of less than £10,000 from registering with the Commission. All existing charities in this band would be removed. This would mean they would no longer be able to claim tax relief or obtain advice from the Charity Commission.

As this would affect both the Recreation Ground and Village Hall charity registrations the Chairman proposed that the Clerk write to the Commission to object to existing charities being removed.

Clerk

193/03 **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Publication Scheme**

Council agreed to adopt the Model Scheme for Local Councils and to publish core classes only. Prop Cllr Dickinson; seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour.

Clerk

194/03 **Highways Repair and Maintenance**

Cllr Prout gave details of highways matters outstanding following a visit with Mr Portlock, GCC Highways Supervisor. Details of potholes to be repaired were passed on. Mr Portlock had been reminded that flooding in Elmcote Lane was a serious problem and had been outstanding for some time. It was reported that Mr Steele of Ham Farm had agreed that the area at the top of Knapp Lane under his ownership could be hard cored. GCC would supply the hardcore.

Cllr Dickinson's proposal that improved signage be included in the speed restriction plans from GCC John Lindsay had been referred to the Divisional Surveyor's office for comments regarding additional signing.

GCC's Highways Maintenance Manager, recently appointed, confirmed that GCC hold quarterly liaison meetings with all the utility companies. GCC aim to ensure that following major resurfacing work, such as that undertaken in Peak Lane, no further roadworks are carried out. However there are exceptions for emergency works and providing services to properties. Council noted the arrangements.

Details of verge cutting and spraying had been received from the Divisional Surveyor who welcomed the opportunity of working in partnership with the Parish Council.

Following discussion Council agreed not to request additional verge cutting but to liaise more closely regarding the timing of programmed cuts. Council agreed to a partnership meeting with the Divisional Surveyor.

An update on works at Ford Farm bridge was given and a proposed timetable announced. GCC consultation on prohibition of overnight lorry parking at Roman Road, Cambridge. Whilst strictly outside the parish, Councillors supported the proposals put forward by Mr

Lindsay to prevent unauthorised parking.

195/03 **Village Maintenance**

The Clerk confirmed that following discussions with LGM their quotation for grass cutting 2003 would be reduced by £100 and the firm would be pleased to carry out the service for the reduced price. The Clerk was asked to confirm Council's agreement.

Clerk

The Clerk was unable to report on who was going to install new gates at Far Green allotments as Mr Morgan had not yet priced the job. An alternative local contractor was in a similar position.

196/03 **Planning**

Council discussed:

- a) S.02/1745 Land at the Fox & Hounds – outline application for the erection of one dwelling; revised plans showing access from pub carpark

Cllr Chalmers having declared an interest in this matter left the room.

Council resolved unanimously to object to the revised plans as only one of the objections previously highlighted, namely access to and from The Street, had been addressed. The dedication of two parking spaces within the pub carpark for the proposed dwelling put further pressure on spaces available for patrons.

b) S.02/1936 Holly Tree Cottage, Garter Court – construction of lean to porch
Council approved this application

- c) S.02/2124 Corner Farm, Corner Lane – change of use from agricultural to equestrian

Cllr Prout having declared an interest in this matter and that of S.02/2125 left the room. Council resolved unanimously to object to this application.

- d) S.02/2125 Corner Farm, Corner Lane – creation of 60x20m manège with post and rail fencing and lighting

Council resolved unanimously to object to this application.

Cllr Chalmers proposed that the reasons for objection were enshrined within policies G1, G5 and B1A (6) of the Stroud District Council Local Plan Draft for Deposit November 1999 as read out by the Chairman at the meeting; seconded by Cllr Poole; all in favour.

It was also pointed out that the proposed manège might be sited on a public right of way.

Council received permission for:

- a) S.02/1139 Barn at The Elms, Pinnells End Lane – change of use and alterations to Dutch Barn in connection with Agricultural Contracting business; creation of a bund and hard standing
b) S.02/1785 Nutgrove, Silver Street – erection of conservatory
c) S.02/1810 The Old Vicarage, The Street – rendering of extension to west end of house to match existing

Conditions attached to the permissions were read out.

197/03 **Accounts**

Precept 2003/04 set at £12,810.

198/03 **Correspondence**

- a) Invitation to attend the Dursley & Cam Market & Coastal Towns Initiative meeting on 7 December 2002 – Chairman to attend.
- b) Cotswold and Vale Primary Care Trust Health & Commissioning Strategy – Councillors were urged to respond to a leaflet entitled ‘Your Guide to Local Health Services’ which would be delivered to every household shortly.

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An envelope of magazines and journals was circulated amongst Councillors.

199/03 **Correspondence received since agenda issued**

- a) Notification of ‘hot topics’ and lead Councillors heading the relevant scrutiny committees - Council to take an interest in refuse and recycling

Clerk

200/03 **Matters for Forward Consideration**

- a) Track adjacent to PROW CCO85 from Spring Tynning into Coaley Wood. Enquiries to be made into ownership.
- b) Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZ’s) and the impact on Coaley and surrounding area. Cllr Wilcox to prepare a paper for consideration at the next meeting.
- c) Minutes of October and November meetings to be published on the website in consultation with the Clerk.

Clerk**LW****JH**

201/03 **Items for Press Release**

There were no items for press release

202/03 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7 January 2003

The meeting closed at 9.45pm