

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 January 2003 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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ACTION

The Chairman welcomed Sally Daley, Energy Adviser, Stroud District Council on an extremely cold evening to address the Parish Council on the work of her Department. Sally welcomed the opportunity to advise on some of the current projects to help people keep warm, healthy and comfortable in their homes and funding available for energy improvements. She introduced the Action for Affordable Warmth strategy which is a joint working project between principal authorities in Gloucestershire and Primary Care Trusts. The Gloucestershire Warm & Well scheme offers free energy advice and access to grants to help with energy efficiency. Part of the scheme is available to all and not means tested whilst other opportunities favour the elderly. Coaley was congratulated on achieving a 45.6% return rate for the recently circulated Energy Efficiency Questionnaire, the highest in the survey group. Councillors asked questions regarding the survey and how residents would find out about the services described. Ms Daley urged those present to raise public awareness by using the publicity material distributed at the meeting and making referrals to the SDC Energy Team.

OPEN FORUM

County Cllr Nolder said GCC had achieved a good corporate performance assessment during a recent review and that the Cabinet and scrutiny system was working better than the previous administration. Next year there would be budget constraints on Education and Social Services. She urged Council to give its view on the budget consultation when asked to do so. The next meeting of the Market & Coastal Town Initiative would be held in Coaley on Saturday 18 January when volunteers for a steering group would be sought. District Cllr Wood advised that the results of the Rural Project Scheme applications would be released shortly. There would be a 3% increase on SDC Council Tax next year. Of local interest to Dursley, a recent Mori poll revealed a demand for more public toilets {*Dursley's had just closed*}. She attended two sites inspection panel visits; one at the Fox & Hounds and the other Millham, Coaley Mill. Both applications had been recommended by Officers for refusal but she was minded to support the Fox & Hounds.

203/03 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

There were no declarations made.

204/03 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Chalmers. District Cllr Wood and County Cllr Nolder attended the meeting.

205/03 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 3 December 2002 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

206/03 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

207/03 **Planning**

Council has received permission for:
S.02/1936 Holly Tree Cottage, Garter Court
Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage
Conditions attached to the permission were read out.

Cllr Poole's report on the Sites Inspection Panel held to discuss S.02/1815 Millham, Coaley Mill and S.02/1745 land at Fox & Hounds was received by Council.

208/03 **Accounts**

Income & Expenditure reports to 31 December 2002 were received by Council.

209/03 **Correspondence**

- a) Invitation to attend Stroud & District CVS AGM 17 January 2003 - not taken up.

The Clerk read out details from the Vision 21 newsletter of facilities available for disposal of Christmas Trees.

An envelope of magazines and journals was circulated amongst Councillors

210/03 **Correspondence received since agenda issued**

- a) Letter of complaint from Coaley Rovers FC regarding dogs fouling the Recreation Ground.

The Chairman proposed that the Clerk put a strong item in the next newsletter advising that Recreation Ground income would be lost if Coaley Rovers found somewhere else to play. Councillors agreed that dog fouling posed a very real danger to children and anyone playing sport. It also gave all dog owners a bad press. It was suggested that the SDC dog warden should be asked to give a talk to children in the village. Cllrs agreed to speak to individuals as and when they came across fouling occurring.

Clerk

All

211/03 **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Execution of Publication Scheme**

The Clerk confirmed that the necessary Declaration had been made to the Information Commissioner of Council's decision to adopt the Model Scheme (Core Classes only). Further guidance had been received from GAPTC on how to publicise the declaration and how to make the information available.

The Chairman proposed that the GAPTC standard wording be accepted. It was agreed to waive the requirement to pay in advance for copies of documents.

Clerk

212/03 **Rural Economic Strategy for Gloucestershire – Conference 9 January 2003**

Council was invited to attend the Conference convened jointly by GRCC and Gloucestershire First to discuss the final draft of the strategy prior to its submission to South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA). Parish Councils were invited to submit comments and to have a major input into priorities for funding the economic development of Gloucestershire. There were 73 different categories to be prioritised into 'immediate', 'medium term' and 'longer term'.

The Chairman agreed to attend the Conference and was mandated to complete the feedback sheet on behalf of Council.

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213/03 **Parish Plan meeting – 8 March 2003**

The Chairman outlined how he intended the meeting to be run. There was a possibility that both Caroline Aistrop of Stroud Valleys Project and Andrew Jack of GRCC would be able to attend to act as facilitators. Julian Jones, Vision 21, would give a presentation on water and sewage and act as a facilitator.

	All Councillors indicated their willingness to attend for at least part of the day. Cllr Wilcox proposed that a small number of Councillors arrange the day. Cllrs Wilcox and Hobson agreed to meet with the Chairman. Cllr Poole suggested that a lay member of another parish be invited to speak to advise on the plan process. The Clerk was invited to attend the organisational meeting.	All LW/JH/ CD Clerk
214/03	Parish Boundary Review – Halmore Mill, Cam Coaley Parish Council’s proposals put to SDC’s Electoral Registration Officer in May 2002 had now been put forward for consultation. The Chairman reminded Council that the residents of Halmore Mill, Cam had expressed interest in becoming part of Coaley. He had visited them again and they confirmed they were happy to join Coaley. The proposed map as drawn was discussed and it was agreed that the whole of the curtilage to the Mill should be included.	Clerk
215/03	SDC Local Plan Public Inquiry Details of SDC’s response to objections raised on the site MU3 at Lister Petter were on display at the Inquiry Office. The Clerk was instructed to view and report back.	Clerk
216/03	Highways Repair and Maintenance The Chairman reported on a meeting held with Mr Roberts, Acting Divisional Surveyor, on 19 December regarding possible traffic calming measures to be undertaken at both railway bridges. Mr Roberts suggested that hatched lines could be painted on the road and lines to denote the height of the bridge. This would be tried at the bridge on the Cam road to check for effectiveness before replicating on the Frocester road. Cllr Wilcox urged that signs be put in place at each location to identify the possibility of oncoming traffic. A meeting had been arranged for 15 January at the Council office between Mr Roberts, Cllr Prout and the Clerk to discuss working in partnership with GCC on highways matters. Items to be discussed would be verge cutting, verge spraying, cutting back of overgrowth onto pavements and overhanging hedges such as those in Peak Lane. Cllr Hobson pointed out that the edge was deteriorating on the approach road to the bridge over the railway line	CP/Clerk CP
217/03	Village Maintenance Mr Morgan had offered to install replacement gates at Far Green allotments during the 3 rd week of January. This year’s entry to the Bledisloe Cup competition was discussed. It was agreed to appeal via the newsletter for a working party to get the project going. Cllr Burgess offered to target the school with support from Cllr Wilcox. Annual inspection of play areas. RoSPA will carry out a risk assessment for £59. Expenditure proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.	MB/LW LW
218/03	Matters for Forward Consideration a) NVZ’s and impact on Coaley and surrounding area. To be considered next agenda. b) Hedge planted on roadside of Cherry Tree House. Concern was expressed as the hedge may grow large and if Fox & Hounds development proceeds may cause visual problems. Cllr Prout was asked to draw the matter to the attention of the GCC Highways Supervisor.	LW CP

219/03 Items for Press Release and publication on the website_

Council agreed to publish on the website the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2002 with the exception of minute number 197 relating to accounts.

The February/March edition of the newsletter to carry articles on:

Energy Efficiency questionnaire results.

Bledisloe cup working party

Dog fouling on the Recreation Ground

JH**Clerk
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Clerk****220/03 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 4 February 2003

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm