

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 July 2003 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

**ACTION**

**OPEN FORUM**

Mr Wilkins of West Winds, Far Green issued Councillors with a copy of the Planning Officer's report to be presented to the SDC Development Control Committee on 8 July. He read extracts from it highlighting to Council the Officers recommendation that his planning application complied with policies G1 and H23 of the current SDC Local Plan.

Mrs Green of Nile Grove, Far Green, expressed surprise that the plans had been recommended as they had not changed significantly to the previous plans. As the plans stood her property would suffer a lack of privacy and loss of light.

Mrs Targett of Little Tumps, Far Green suggested there had been no change to dimensions on the latest set of plans and that her objection to the planning application remained as before. She drew Council's attention to the location at Far Green explaining that the gardens were small and all three properties were built close together. Single storey extensions either side of the proposed development would look out onto a two storey brick wall.

Mrs George advised that she had attended a meeting with David Drew MP and representatives from other Parish Councils and local Post Offices. Her written report would be circulated. The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting on behalf of the Council and for writing the report.

County Cllr Nolder confirmed that Coaley School children had visited Shire Hall. The Chair of GCC described his civic role at the Council. The children held a very good debate in the Council chamber on the question of holding school on Saturday mornings. At the end of the debate the motion was lost with no votes in favour.

76/04 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**  
No interests were declared

77/04 **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr Chalmers; County Cllr Nolder and 6 parishioners attended the meeting.

78/04 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 3 June 2003 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hobson seconded Cllr Wilcox and agreed by all.

79/04 **Matters Arising**  
There were no matters arising.

80/04 **Planning**  
Council discussed:  
a) S.03/427 West Winds, Far Green - erection of two storey extension (revised plans 19 June 2003)

Cllr Hobson proposed that Council do not object or support but comment that it wishes to see the single storey extension reduced in depth. Council also believe that proposed extension will still have a dominant effect on adjoining gardens despite applicants efforts

to address issues raised by Appeal Inspector; seconded Cllr Wilcox; 4 votes in favour; 2 abstentions.

b) S.03/905 Lower Silver Street Farm – extension to approved holiday unit 4  
Cllr Wilcox proposed that Council support the application; seconded Cllr Poole. 5 votes in favour; 1 abstention.

The Clerk confirmed that a full planning application had been submitted to SDC for a track across a field at Lower Silver Street Farm. The application was awaiting processing and would be forwarded to Council for comments.

c) S.03/1014 Little Tumps, Far Green – Certificate of Lawfulness re front entrance porch

Cllr Poole proposed that Council support the application; seconded Cllr Dickinson; all in favour.

Council received permission for:

- a) S.03/550 Land adjacent to Village Hall – siting of a terrapin building for temporary use as a Community shop
- b) S.03/544 Land at Fox & Hounds – approval of reserved matters for the erection of one dwelling following Outline Permission.

Conditions attached to the permissions were read out.

Cllr Poole requested clarification of the position regarding circulation of SDC planning reports prior to Parish Councils being able to comment. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report back.

**Clerk**

#### 81/04 **Accounts**

Income & Expenditure reports for the year to 30 June 2003 were received by Council.

There were no monies received

#### 82/04 **Correspondence received since agenda issued**

- a) Invitation to attend debate on Genetically Modified Cropping at The Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham on 11 July – Not taken up
- b) Request from Coaley PCC for financial assistance towards restoring the church clock – the Clerk was instructed to reply that there were insufficient funds in the current budget to consider the request and invite a further application next year.
- c) Notification of ‘Get Involved in Gloucestershire’ health campaign – details passed to Cllr Burgess for follow up and report if appropriate

**Clerk**

**MB**

An envelope of magazines and journals was circulated amongst Councillors.

#### 83/04 **Report of Council’s Representative on Coaley School Governors**

Cllr Poole’s report having been circulated previously was accepted. Cllr Poole had been requested by the School to put forward nominations for invitations to the official opening of the new build on 23 October. He proposed that the Chairman who was also a neighbour and Cllr Hobson as an ex Governor be invited. Following discussion it was

agreed that all Councillors be nominated.

**DP**

84/04 **Report on Affordable Housing**

A report from Mr O'Brien, Housing Strategy Manager of SDC having been circulated previously was accepted. It was noted that the report succinctly encapsulated the issue.

85/04 **CRFC use of Recreation Ground 2003/04 season**

The usual letter of request to use the pitch and confirmation of the contribution required towards grass cutting had been received from the football club.

Cllr Wilcox proposed that the club be asked to contribute £300; seconded Cllr Dickinson; all in favour. The Clerk to prepare the usual agreement.

**Clerk**

86/04 **Highways Repair and Maintenance**

The Clerk gave an update on Ford Farm bridge works including a revised timetable. A schedule of signage for the diversionary route was presented to Council however details of advisory and warning signage on Elmcote Lane were still outstanding. County Cllr Nolder agreed to raise safety issues again with the appropriate Officers.

**MN**

GCC had requested assistance in publicising its website and telephone helplines for reporting potholes. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to the PC webmaster for inclusion in the newsletter and website.

**JH**

Cllr Prout reported that work had started at Ford Farm bridge and that he was aware the river would be diverted. The missing '40mph' sign had now been retrieved and was being stored at Danesway, Far Green. Residents at Harvest House had reported highways problems direct to the Divisional Surveyors office. Cllr Prout agreed to follow up with Mr Portlock. Remedial works at Halmore Lane were under negotiation with contractors working for Severn Trent.

**CP**

87/04 **Report on Community Safety Partnership (Dursley) meeting**

Cllr Poole's report having been circulated previously was accepted. Comments about the lack of attention by Norwest Holst were noted as was Stinchcombe Parish Council's experience of using a speed gun. Cllr Poole highlighted the issue raised relating to poor time keeping by the Mobile Police Station (MPS). He indicated his support for the facility which he viewed as offering better access to the police than within an urban area. It gave rural residents an opportunity to engage with police in a less formal atmosphere whilst not under pressure. It was not known how many residents made use of the MPS. The published Parish crime figures combined Coaley and Uley and therefore were not very helpful.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Poole for attending 3 meetings on policing and community safety within the past month. Cllr Prout asked the cost of a speed gun. Cllr Poole replied that it could be borrowed from the Community Safety Partnership.

88/04 **Village Maintenance**

The Chairman was pleased to report that Coaley was successfully through to round two of the Bledisloe Cup competition. Dates for judging the next round were given and it was agreed that all houses on the route to be judged should be invited to join in the working party on Saturday 12 July.

It was noted that gardens at Hamshill had been tidied up following notification to SDC Housing Management team of several properties requiring attention. However pallets had been removed from the front garden to the Parish Council allotments. The owner of the pallets would be asked to remove them elsewhere.

**Clerk**

GCC had undertaken in writing to pollard trees at the bottom of the Recreation Ground following complaints from the Tennis Club of leaves on the courts.

A letter had been received from agents appointed by the insurers of Bramble Cottage, The Street recommending the removal of the adjacent lime tree. The Clerk had referred the matter to Council's insurers, Messrs Allianz Cornhill, with a request that they liaise direct with the other party and report back.

Cllr Burgess had received an offer from a resident to paint the inside of the bus shelter at Hamshill in a plain stone colour. It was agreed that the offer should be accepted and that local children should be encouraged to actually undertake the painting. The Clerk reported that the noticeboard in the Far Green bus shelter had been damaged.

**MB**

Cllrs Prout and Wilcox had attended Play Area Inspection training and found the sessions to be very useful. Council were advised of new disability regulations coming into effect in Oct 2004. The current play area complies with those regulations for users in wheelchairs in that all pieces of equipment were accessible.

RoSPA has not completed a safety inspection visit in April as expected. To be followed up by Clerk.

**Clerk**

89/04 **Appointment of Parish Clerk**

In view of the nature of the business to be discussed Council resolved to exclude members of the public.

The Clerk had appraised the local applicant that the job would be re-advertised and tried to encourage further interest but she could not be persuaded to apply again.

Several other local people had made enquiries of the Clerk however only two CV's had been submitted, one more had been promised and one of those did not wish to be considered until September/October when the outcome of other job opportunities would be known.

It was agreed that the Recruitment Committee would interview all three possible candidates on either 9 or 10 July. Interviews to commence at 6.30pm with full Council meeting at 8.45pm.

**Clerk**

90/04 **Conferences**

- a) Gloucestershire Training Partnership Updating Conference for Clerks and Councillors on Thursday 3 July at Cheltenham. In view the current Clerk's impending departure this was not taken up.
- b) NALC Annual Conference on 3-5 October at Cardiff. The Chairman agreed to attend on Saturday 4 October.
- c) SLCC Annual Conference on 18-20 October at Stratford upon Avon. Application to be held over pending appointment of new Clerk.

**Clerk/CD**

91/04 **Matters for Forward Consideration**

Appointment of Parish Clerk

Planning responses and relationship with SDC; planning visits

Report on Post Offices and promotion through the newsletter

Production of August/September newsletter in the absence of a Clerk

92/04 **Items for Press Release and publication on the website**

Council agreed to publish on the website minutes of meeting held on 3 June 2003 with the exception of minute number 64/04.

The forthcoming newsletter to carry an update on planning applications received and determined; details of the Ford Farm bridge closure and direction to the GCC website for further information

93/04 **Date of next meetings**

Wednesday 9 or Thursday 10 July 2003 (in camera)  
Tuesday 2 September 2003

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

**JH**

**Clerk**