

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **13 OCTOBER 2004** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF	OPEN FORUM	ACTION
	<p>Mr E. Lees commented on the planning application submitted for removal of condition F at Lapley Farm. He noted that the planning department had made an error with the paperwork, wrongly stating Condition F, when in fact the wording was a description of Condition E. He had also acquired a copy of a letter from Hamiltons, agent for the applicant to Mr A. Case the planning officer. It was suggested that Condition F was illegal and unenforceable. Mr Lees therefore questioned the need for a consultative process.</p> <p>District Cllr Janet Wood reported that the expected Local Plan publication had been delayed until November.</p>	
118/05	Apologies	
	<p>Apologies had been received from County Cllr Margaret Nolder. Cllr Poole had advised that he would arrive late.</p>	
119/05	Co-option of new Councillor	
	<p>Sara Mather was welcomed to the Council and duly signed the acceptance of office document. A register of member's interests would be completed in due course.</p>	
120/05	Declarations of Interest by Councillors	
	<p>Cllr Hobson declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.e, lime tree on the Recreation Field. Cllr Mather declared an interest in Agenda Item 6.a, request from Village Hall Committee for change of use of grant. The Clerk declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.a, planning application at Little Tumps, Far Green. All declarations to be registered in the book reserved for the purpose.</p>	
121/05	Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2004, were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hobson; seconded Cllr Bryant; all in favour.	
122/05	Planning	
	<p>a) S.04/1879/FUL Little Tumps, Far Green. Erection of a conservatory. The Clerk having declared an interest left the room. Council resolved to support the application. Proposed Cllr Chalmers; seconded Cllr Wilcox; all in favour.</p>	
	<p>b) S.04/1974/FUL Peak Cottage, Peak Lane. Erection of a replacement garage. The Council resolved to support. Proposed Cllr Chalmers; seconded Cllr Wilcox; all in favour.</p>	

- c) S.04/2016/FUL Lapley Farm. Removal of Condition F, outline planning application for bungalow to farm land. Condition F being; The dwelling shall not be used other wise than in association with and the agricultural activities of Lapley Farm and its associated farmland.

Cllr Wilcox explained that if Condition F was removed the bungalow could be sold, but would have to be sold to a person, or persons employed in agriculture or forestry. This would be to fulfil Condition E, which still related to the property. The Council resolved to support the application. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour. Comments to be added to the response, firstly highlighting the confusing paperwork with regards to Conditions E and F. Secondly, that if the land was sold separately to the bungalow, the Council would not wish to see a subsequent application to build a property upon it.

Council had received permission for:

- a) S.04/1806/FUL Lochinver, The Street. Erection of a conservatory. The conditions attached to the permission were read out.

Council had received refusal for:

- a) S.04/1621/COU Lower Silver Street Farm. Change of use from agriculture to grass landing strip. The reasons given for refusal were read out.

Trenley Road, affordable housing site

The Clerk reported that the planning permission had now been received, for two affordable houses to be built, but it had arrived too late for addition on to the agenda. The permission had been received a fair time after buildings works had begun. The visibility on and off the site was poor, due to the height of the hedge and the fact the Council's offer to remove part of the hedge on allotment land had not been followed up. The Council resolved that a letter should be sent to the planning officer involved in the case drawing her attention to the late planning permission notice and highways concerns. Mr P. Day (agricultural contractor) had already been contacted by the Clerk requesting he cut the allotment hedges. As there was some urgency to reduce the hedge at Trenley Road, the Clerk was requested to ensure this was done as soon as possible.

Sites panel visits

Cllr Chalmers suggested that when Councillors visited planning applicants and their neighbours that a standard letter is left if no one was at home. This would inform residents of the visit and provide further contact information. The Clerk to produce a suitable letter in draft for consideration.

(Councillor D. Poole arrived at the meeting)

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123/05 **Accounts**

a) A £500 grant had been given to C.A.D.S in April of this year, for improvements to stage lighting and wiring. The Village Hall Committee had requested that the Council authorise the change of use in order to complete refurbishment of the annexe. The Council resolved to support this, but expected the Village Hall Committee to repay the money to C.A.D.S so it could be used for its original purpose. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour.

b) Income received and payments for authorisation

The following monies were received:

SDC	6545.00	Precept 2 nd Instalment
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The following authorised for payment:

Buckstop	185.00	Newsletters Oct/November
Lawn & Garden Maintenance	740.00	Grass cutting 2004 season
Mr L. Smith	18.00	Remembrance wreath

H.R. Targett

H.R. Targett	303.24	Clerk's salary Sept 2004
Newsletter	30.32	Editing Oct/Nov
Office Accommodation	90.00	February to July 2004

Expenses

SLCC	50.00	Annual Conference, Stratford
Postage stamps	9.24	
Envelopes	3.00	

Total £485.80

Accounts approved by Council.

c) 2nd Quarter's Income and Expenditure Report to September 30th

The report was presented to Council. The Clerk had no concerns about the accounts at this stage in the financial year.

d) Precept 2005/2006 first draft

The draft was presented to Council. The Clerk identified several budgets for consideration when the second draft is presented. The Clerk also advised that the Little Green Bus Steering Group had resolved that the entire sum of money due as a balance at the end of operation Year 3 was payable by the Council. A reserve had now been set up for this purpose.

e) Appointment of Councillor to oversee precept process

The Clerk explained that the Council as a whole is responsible for the accounts and it would be good practice to have the precept setting process overseen by a Councillor,

thus lessening the risk of error. Cllr Bryant agreed to take on this role.

Items for discussion

124/05 a) Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reported that she had received her certificate of achievement for the study course 'Working With Your Council'. The course had been informative and the Clerk felt that improvements could be made to the style and content of the agenda and the minutes. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should provide an example of possible changes, which they would consider.
- Correspondence had been received from SDC regarding bus shelter grants. The grants were however only for the purchase of new bus shelters.
- Correspondence had been received from Mr Carr at GCC regarding the proposed changes to the Village Link Bus Service. From the 15th November residents wishing to travel into Dursley at 10.25am would have to wait until 1pm for a return trip. After December 5th, the Village Link Service would no longer include Coaley, a Rail Link Service would be put on instead. The Clerk to write to GCC expressing the wish that consideration is given to Coaley residents regarding the timetable for this service.
- Coaley Community Action Group had received confirmation from ROSPA that the plans for additional facilities on the Recreation Field met with regulations. Soil 'humps' could be used without safety netting and matting if the soil piles were reasonably well compacted and free of stones. The Group awaited news of the grant application made to SDC.
- An invitation had been received to attend a 'Regeneration Through Housing' conference to be held at St Matthew's Church Hall, Cainscross on the 30th October. No Councillors were able to attend.
- The Clerk advised that she would be away on holiday from Sunday 24th October to Sunday 31st October 2004.
- A ballot paper had been received to elect a candidate to represent group seven on the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conservation Board. The Council agreed that they would vote for Mr Norman Kay.

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125/05 b) Vehicle misuse of car parks at Village Hall

Cllr Wilcox had pursued the possibility of installing a gate to prevent the rear car park being used from 6pm onwards. She had written to CoSPA enquiring if the shop staff would be prepared to act as 'gatekeepers' locking up the gate at night and unlocking in the morning. CoSPA identified several pitfalls and concluded that they could not support this. Quotes obtained for installation of a gate ranged from at the top end £2000 down to under £80 for a five bar gate. An idea put forward was to erect a fence from the children's play area across to the tree in the car park. This would still permit parking but would stop the car park being used as a circle to race around. Tarmac speed bumps were also considered. The Council resolved to monitor the situation for now, with Village Hall users being contacted to ascertain whether they had encountered problems.

126/05 c) Dog fouling on the Recreation Field

Correspondence had been received from Coaley Rovers Football Club, which stated that the pitch had to be cleared of dog mess before every training session and match. During one game the referee had to halt the game to allow clearing up to take place. The Clerk had already included an article to this effect in the October/November newsletter. The Dog Warden to be contacted at Ebley Mill for further advice and action. District Cllr Janet Wood advised that prosecutions for dog fouling had taken place recently.

127/05 d) 30mph speed limit through the village

PC Croot will visit the village when he can and use the new speed radar gun available for his use. A speed gun is available for Council use from the Road Safety Unit. The Clerk to follow this up.

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128/05 e) Lime Tree on Recreation Field

(Cllr Hobson having declared an interest left the room)

At a recent meeting of the Parish Plan Group, attended by Cllr's Bryant and Prout, concern had been expressed about the possible felling of the tree. After consideration the Council resolved that Cllr Bryant would pursue the root barrier suggestion and would contact the parties concerned. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Prout; three votes in favour, three abstentions.

LB

129/05 f) Highways repairs and maintenance

Cllr Prout reported that he had toured the village with Mr D. Portlock of County Highways on 12 October. The ruts in the passing bays on Peak Lane had been filled in. The pavement renewal work had commenced between Westend and the school. The contractors were retaining the setts removed. Cllr Wilcox would contact Mr. Portlock to discuss this.

LW

130/05 g) Little Green Bus future operation

Cllr Prout reported that GCC funding for the service was due to end on September 26th. Currently however Colin Hoskins was continuing to run the service. The Steering Group decided to allow the GCC tendering process to go ahead, although this might result in Colin Hoskins losing out to another operator. Letters supporting Colin's retention of the service were sent from the villages involved, Cam, Slimbridge and Coaley. The administration of the Steering Group had now been taken over by Slimbridge.

131/05 h) Allotments Check September 2004

A report was circulated to Councillors. The Council accepted the report.

132/05 i) Village maintenance

No matters were raised.

133/05 j) Parish Plan

Cllr's Prout and Bryant had met with the Parish Plan Steering Group. Cllr Bryant had made some recommendations for changes. Councillors requested to consider the changes put forward and to e-mail Cllr Bryant with comments. A response would then go back to the Steering Group.

Matters for forward consideration

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- a) The Parish digital camera was available for use.
- b) Precept second draft.
- c) Lime Tree on Recreation Field.

135/05 **Items for press release and publication on web site**

The usual minutes to appear on the website.

136/05 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 9 November.

The meeting closed at 9.51pm.