

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2003** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors C Dickinson (Chairman), J Hobson, M Burgess, L Wilcox, C Prout, D Poole, D Chalmers. H Targett (Clerk)

REF

**OPEN FORUM**

**ACTION**

Mr D. Billett spoke regarding the planning application for six dwellings at the Lanterns. Due to building work at the Fox and Hounds public house, there had been a loss of parking spaces. Cars were now parking at the front of the Fox and Hounds, opposite the proposed site entrance. Mr Billett questioned the need for five parking spaces near to the proposed Coach House. In his opinion the development would cause air pollution and noise. Two of the bedrooms in his property would be particularly affected by noise. The current views were rural but they would be lost if the proposal went ahead.

Mr Billett also felt that the hedges from the telephone box at Ashmead, along to Cam Peak, needed to be cut back.

Mrs L. Chalmers also spoke regarding the planning application at the Lanterns. She currently enjoys open views from her property, if the proposal went ahead a four bedroomed house would be built at the back of her property, destroying the view. It was her opinion that the proposal would also lead to a lack of privacy and be overbearing, contrary to Policy G1. In addition, the proposal would also be an intrusion into the countryside, contrary to Policy H16. In her view, the needs of the people were not being addressed. Residents aged fifty five years plus required smaller housing to move into freeing up larger houses.

Mr L. Morris expressed his views regarding the Lanterns proposal. Mr Morris chose to live in Coaley back in 1965, as it was a peaceful area with lovely views. He pointed out that the developers had stated that additional housing at the Lanterns site would lead to more children attending the village school and the bus service being supported. Mr Morris felt this would not happen. He expressed his concern that noise and air pollution would be caused by the proposed development. He felt that Coaley residents would suffer the long term consequences if the proposal went ahead, the only gains being made by the developer.

Mr J. Carter expressed the view that a proposal for six houses at the Lanterns site still represented over development.

Mr C. Hewlett felt there was no change from the previous proposal regarding the Lanterns. A cul de sac was still required. Visibility would still be difficult, constituting a Highways safety issue. Mr Hewlett had photographic evidence of cars parking at the front of the Fox and Hounds public house, opposite to the proposed entrance. He expressed the view that the developers had no interest in what was good for the village.

Dr E. Hitchings reiterated that parking outside the front of the Fox and Hounds public house was taking place, which would be extremely serious for both pedestrians and other vehicles if the proposed development at the Lanterns was to go ahead.

Mrs B. Tong commented that there were trees growing out from the brickwork of the railway bridge near Westfield Farm, that needed to be cut back. The railway bridge over the railway line, near to Cam and Dursley railway station also needed attention. The road was narrowing due to over growth on both sides. Bushes in the immediate vicinity also required cutting back.

County Councillor Margaret Nolder commented that quality of life did not appear to be a planning issue. Margaret advised that she was due to attend a meeting at Shire Hall the next morning with Highways Department representatives and Engineers, regarding the proposed development at the Lister Petter site. The infra structure around Dursley was poor. Traffic heading from the site to the A38 might affect Coaley. GCC were to discuss preventing the use of any routes, which were not appropriate. Margaret advised that the Village Link bus service hoped to improve routes and pick up points. A new Telephone No. 01452 423598 was now in use for the call centre. There would be a major review of Sixth Form education in the County. Berkeley Vale School Sixth Form may possibly close. Parishes would be consulted in due course in respect of the issue.

#### 126/04 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

Cllr Chalmers declared an interest in Planning Item S.03/1706, The Lanterns. Also Item S.02/1750, Appeal Ref: APP/C1625/A/03/1125572, The Lanterns. This was noted in the book reserved for the purpose.

#### 127/04 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from District Councillor, Janet Wood.

128/04 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 2 September 2003 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.  
Proposed Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour.

#### 129/04 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### 130/04 **Planning**

Council discussed:

- a) S.03/1706 The Lanterns, The Street. Erection of six dwellings and associated works. (Cllr Chalmers having declared an interest, left the room and did not take part in the discussion).

The Chairman distributed his report to Councillors, which was then read out. Cllr Poole proposed objection to this proposal; seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour. The Clerk was requested to write to the Planning Officer dealing with the case, setting out the reasons for the objection, as contained in the Chairman's report.

- b) S.03/1721 Sage Cottage, Far Green. Erection of conservatory and downstairs toilet. Cllr Poole proposed support for the application; seconded Cllr Wilcox; all in favour.
- c) S.03/1711 Haw Street Farm. Erection of cattle accommodation. Support for the application proposed by Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.

**Clerk**

- d) S.03/1622 The Leigh, The Ham. Application to carry out works on a listed building. Support proposed by Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour.
- e) S.03/1623 The Leigh, The Ham. Erection of new garage with room over. Re-submission following refusal. Support proposed by Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour.

Sub committee reported on:

- a) S.03/1539 Lapley Bungalow, Westend. Removal of rear extension and conservatory from previous application, to be replaced with side extension. The Sub Committee had supported the proposal. Full Council confirmed support. Proposed by Cllr Chalmers; seconded by Cllr Burgess; all in favour.
- b) S.03/1650 Balmoral, The Street. Amendment to approved landscaping scheme following appeal, S.98/1576. The Sub Committee had neither supported nor objected to the proposal, but had commented that a hedge previously removed should be replaced. Full Council supported this opinion. Proposed by Cllr Burgess; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour.

Council had received notification of appeal:

- a) S.02/1750 The Lanterns, The Street. Erection of eight dwellings with associated works. Appeal Ref: APP/C/1625/A/03/1125572. The Clerk was requested to respond reiterating Council's original objections.

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Council had received permission for:

- a) S.03/864 Pigeon House Farm, The Ham. Erection of new agricultural building for general storage to replace existing building. Conditions regarding the permission were read out.

Council had received refusal for:

- a) S.03/1203 Lapley Farm Bungalow, Frocester Road. Application for removal of Conditions e) and f) of Permission S.13605/A to permit occupation of the bungalow by persons not employed in agriculture or forestry. Reasons for the refusal were read out.

### Planning Training

A planning training session, to be led by Ian Gobey, Head of Development Services SDC, has been arranged for 18 November 2003. Nympsfield and Uley Parish Councillors have been invited to attend.

131/04 **Accounts**a) The following monies were received:

Cam Parish Council	£300.00	Little Green Bus Contribution
Slimbridge Parish Council	£150.00	Little Green Bus Contribution
Mr Bevan	£45.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Mrs V. Jennings	£60.00	Newsletter Advertisement
Stroud District Council	£6405.00	Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment
C & G	£19.29	Interest

The following payments authorised:

Colin Hoskins Mini Coaches	£164.10	Little Green Bus Sept 2003
Lawn & Garden Maintenance	£357.50	Recreation Field & Footpaths
H R Targett	£288.20	Clerk's Salary Sept 2003
H R Targett	£57.64	Newsletter Oct/Nov
H R Targett	£36.87	Clerks expenses Sept 2003

Accounts approved by Council. Proposed Cllr Dickinson; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.

- b) Second Quarter's Income and Expenditure Reports to 30 September 2003 were presented to Council.
- c) Council discussed the first draft of the Precept for 2004/2005. Further information would be available from the Clerk, at the next meeting.
- d) The Auditors had requested an amendment to the Annual Return completed by the previous Clerk, due to a discrepancy found. The previous Clerk, Sian Smith, had amended the document as requested. Amendment agreed by Council. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Hobson; all in favour.

**Items for discussion**132/04 **Risk Assessment Document**

A draft risk assessment document had been presented to Council at the last Council meeting. Minute Ref: 112/04. Councillors had requested changes to the proposed risk grading for some items. The amended document was presented to Council and approved. Proposed by Cllr Hobson; seconded by Cllr Prout; all in favour.

133/04 **Village Of The Year Competition**

The Chairman reported that the next stage of the competition would take place on 16 October 2003. Five judges would be visiting the village, and a presentation would be made. The presentation would last for two hours. The Chairman presented an itinerary for the proceedings to the Council.

134/04 c) **Report on Highways and maintenance – Cllr Prout**

Cllr Prout presented to Council an up dated list of Highways matters outstanding to date. A high hedge and tree at the bottom of Tickshill had been identified as being hazardous for farm traffic. Laurence Bryant, the Parish Tree Warden to be informed by Clerk. Cllr Prout also distributed to Councillors, a report of his meeting with Mr D. Portlock, of GCC Highways Department on 3 September 2003.

135/04 d) **Little Green Bus – Cllr Prout**

Cllr Prout reported that the Steering Group had met on 29 September 2003. The most important issue facing the service was funding as from March 2004. Currently the Countryside Agency helped with funding, but this would cease in March 2004. A joint effort was required, by the three Parishes involved, to keep the service running. Funding would continue to be sought. The general consensus of Council was that the service should be kept operational, with costs being taken into account in the precept process, if no other funding was secured. The next meeting of the Steering Group would take place on 3 November 2003.

136/04 **Village maintenance**Dog bye laws report

The Clerk reported on information received from DEFRA. The Council resolved to monitor the situation regarding dog fouling and not to pursue the introduction of bye laws at the present time.

Lime Tree report

The Clerk reported that a claims loss adjuster from GAB Robins, acting on behalf of the Parish insurers Allianz Cornhill, had inspected the Lime tree on the Recreation Field and surrounding environs. Laurence Bryant, the Parish Tree Warden would be contacted by the loss adjuster for further advice and information.

Allotments Check

Cllr Prout presented to Council the outcome of the allotments check he had undertaken for September. Several potential hazards had been identified. Clerk to inform tenants and seek removal of hazardous items.

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137/04 e) **Duration of Council meetings – Cllr Poole**

Cllr Poole reminded Council that a 9.30pm finish for Council meetings had been an aim previously. The duration of the Open Forum was out of Council's control as residents should be able to have their say. Sometimes the duration of meetings was variable due to a presentation being made, or input from the County and District Councillors. Currently three Councillors formed a Planning Sub Committee to visit planning applications sites. Cllr Poole felt that contentious issues should not take any longer than those more straight forward. In Standing Orders it states that long meetings bore members and should last for no longer than two hours. A brisk acceptable pace for business was requested and a 9.30pm finish aimed for. Cllr Hobson felt that a 10pm finish would be acceptable if a long Open Forum had taken place. It was generally agreed that when the time of 9.30pm had been reached in future meetings, that the agenda would be reviewed to see if the remainder was of a pressing nature and a decision would then be taken to continue or close the meeting.

138/04 **Boundary Changes**

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Boundary Committee setting out proposed changes for District Councillor representation. It is proposed that Coaley will, along with Uley, be incorporated into the Dursley ward. Currently Coaley comes within the Cam ward. The Clerk was requested to respond, explaining that Coaley had a natural affinity with Cam, had a good working relationship with Cam and the Council saw no reason for a change.

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139/04 h) **Community Safety Partnership – Speedsign**

Correspondence had been received regarding a mobile speedsign. This would incorporate an interactive warning sign, which would flash at drivers breaking the speed limit. A contribution of £300 per Parish was currently being sought for those interested in participating in the scheme. It was decided that with a new speed limit of 30mph due in the village that a 'wait and see' approach would be adopted.

140/04 i) **Stroud & District CVS AGM – 20 October 2003**

No Councillors were available to attend.

141/04 j) **Bus Steering Group – 6 November 2003**

No Councillors were available to attend.

142/04 k) **GAPTC AGM – 18 October 2003**

Cllr Dickinson to attend.

143/04 l) **Out going Parish Clerk- update**

The Clerk had received advice in writing from Mr B. Woodcock, National Financial Advisor for the SLCC. He confirmed that a gratuity of £1264.14p was payable to Sian Smith the previous Parish Clerk, under the terms of her employment contract. Advice from the Inland Revenue was currently being sought regarding the setting up of a gratuity fund. Council to discuss the matter at a later date when all information available.

144/04 **Correspondence received since agenda issued.**

A copy of plans had been received from Quattro Design Architects, acting on behalf of Gloucestershire Housing Association, for two houses proposed for the potential affordable housing site in Trenley Road. Council would await official correspondence from SDC before responding.

145/04 **Matters for forward consideration**

- a) Village Of The Year Competition.
- b) The JSk8 project.
- c) The Little Green Bus Service.
- d) The precept.

**Items for press release and publication on web site**

146/04 Council resolved to publish minutes unabridged in future.

147/04 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 4 November 2003.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm