

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 September 2005 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors J. Hobson (Chairman), D. Poole, L. Bryant, L. Wilcox, C. Prout, S. Mather D. Randall. H Targett & W. Pflieger. (Clerks)

REF		ACTION
	OPEN FORUM	
	<p>County Cllr Margaret Nolder advised that Cllr Andrewartha was attending a police meeting hence his absence. Cllr Nolder reported that John Lindsay (Traffic Manager, GCC) had confirmed that a weight restriction would be applied to Peak Lane. The process involved consultation and legal procedures. The restriction should be in place by next year. The travellers had left the encampment on the old Wisloe Road, following an eviction order. Barriers had been installed immediately following their departure to prevent a recurrence.</p> <p>District Cllr Janet Wood reported that a group leaders meeting had taken place, due to the threat of the Post Office closing when the Co-op was transferred over to Tesco. The supermarket site in Dursley had been marketed again. Asda missed out last time, so may reapply. The cost of submitting planning applications had risen. It was advised that if a planning application was of a complex nature, that a pre-application meeting would be available at SDC to assist both the applicant and SDC.</p> <p>Cllr Nolder reported that the loss of car parking spaces in Dursley had resulted in lost revenue for many small shopkeepers in the town. A petition for the reinstatement of the spaces would be delivered to GCC this month.</p>	
119/06	<u>Introduction of new Parish Clerk</u>	
	Wendy Pflieger was introduced as the new Parish Clerk and welcomed to the Council.	
120/06	<u>Apologies</u>	
	Apologies had been received from County Cllr D. Andrewartha.	
121/06	<u>Appointment of new Parish Councillor</u>	
	David Randall was formally co-opted as a Councillor and duly signed the acceptance of office.	
122/06	<u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u>	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
123/06	<u>Minutes</u> of the meeting held on 12 July were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.	

124/06 Planning

The Council considered:

- a) S.05/1514/COU Waterend Farm, The Street. Change of use from storage buildings to rural conference centre.

Council resolved to support the application.

Council has received permission for:

- a) S.05/1089/FUL. Waterend Farm, The Street. Erection of a 6 bay steel portal framed cattle building and a 2 bay extension to existing portal framed cattle building.  
b) S.05/1142/LBC Rose Cottage, Haw Street. Partition of outhouse to install bathroom and create small window for ventilation.

125/06 Accounts

- a) Income received and payments for authorisation

Monies received:

Allotments	10.00	Annual rent
Allotments	3.50	Annual rent
Newsletter advertisement	60.00	CJH

Payments for authorisation:

J. Hobson	23.50	Web site expenses
Newsquest	83.14	Gazette advert
Buckstop	185.00	Newsletter printing
Moore Stephens	141.00	Audit fees
JSM Signs Ltd	52.88	'No Golf' signs
GAPTC	55.00	Nuts and bolts course

H. R. Targett

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Newsletter editing	31.96	August/September
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Back pay due April – June	49.05	
Back pay editing	4.92	

Office Accommodation	105.00	February 2005 – August 2005
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Expenses

Postage stamps	3.60	
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Total £865.69

Council approved the accounts.

b) Audit complete for 2004/2005

The Clerk reported that the parish auditors Moore Stephens had formally approved the accounts. Statutory notices had been displayed on the parish notice boards to this effect.

126/06 Clerk's Report

- The Police Authority's Annual Report and the Chief Constables Annual Report had been received and included in the circulation envelope.
- Correspondence had been received from DEFRA about the Commons Bill. Included in the circulation envelope.
- An invitation had been received to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual highway maintenance and traffic management seminar to be held on Wednesday 5 October 2005 at 6pm, to be held in the Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Gloucester. Cllr Prout to attend.
- Correspondence had been received about the Sustainable Communities Bill. Included in the circulation envelope.
- An invite had been received to attend the GRCC AGM on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005, 4.30pm at Highnam Parish Centre. No Councillors were able to attend.
- An invite had been received to attend the GAPTC AGM on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Upton St Leonards Village Hall. No Councillors were able to attend.
- An invite had been received to attend a Parish Community Plans Forum at Whitminster Village Hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. No Councillors were able to attend.
- Correspondence had been received advising of the SDC Housing Strategy and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2005-2009. This could be accessed via the internet at [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk).
- The Clerk advised that she had contacted SDC about the installation of a litterbin in the lay-by at Waterend Farm. Further advice was awaited.
- The Clerk had contacted the dog warden, Alex Davis at SDC about the installation of a poop scoop bin in The Ham. There was currently a long waiting list for bins and distribution was decided on the scale of individual site problems. The Council could purchase it's own bin at a cost of £180, with SDC arranging the emptying and paying the costs. Alex would visit The Ham initially to advise a suitable site for the positioning of a bin.

127/06 Coaley Community Action Group – Recreation Field Project

Cllr Wilcox reported that the new facility had now been installed. The tarmac surface however had already proved to be in need of rectification as pooling of rainwater had occurred. The entire hard surface would be re-surfaced on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Cllr Poole voiced his congratulations to the group for the successful conclusion of the project. The equipment had been added to the Parish insurance and a ROSPA inspection would be required once the new surface had been laid. Cllr Wilcox reported that a litterbin would be required at the new play area.

128/06 Coronation Oak – Parish Insurers request

Allianz Cornhill had requested a survey on the Coronation Oak due to its proximity to the Village Hall. The Clerk had contacted Geoff March of Tree Maintenance. A survey would cost £150. The Council resolved that it had little choice but to go ahead with a survey to satisfy insurance requirements. The Clerk to arrange the survey.

**CLERK**129/06 Parish Plan

The Parish Plan Group's recommendations and the Parish Council responses had appeared in the August/ September newsletter, as a consultation exercise as advised by Krista Harris at SDC. No feedback had been received. The Clerk had received responses from Krista Harris and her SDC colleagues who had been sent the draft Parish Plan. Cllr Bryant took the responses for his perusal and further action.

**LB**130/06 Allotments Check – August 2005

Cllr Prout had produced a report, which had previously been circulated to Councillors. No further action was required at present.

131/06 Allotment Guidelines

Cllr Prout had distributed to Councillors a copy of a booklet entitled 'A plot holders guide'. Cllr Poole commented that no reference was made to the provision of water or the excessive use of bonfires. The Council resolved not to set any new guidelines at present but to wait and see if any further problems occurred.

132/06 Village Maintenance

No problems had been advised either to the Clerk or Councillors.

133/06 Highways repairs and maintenance

It was reported that water was still running across the road outside Streamleaze in The Ham and that the ditch running along side Peak Lane flooded across Silver Street after rainfall.

134/06 Bledisloe Cup

Coaley had failed to make the final round of judging. The finalists in the medium section were Kemble & Ewen and Littledean.

135/06 Travellers encampment old Wisloe Road

As already discussed in the Open Forum, the travellers had left the site and barriers had been put in place.

136/06 Matters for forward consideration

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the precept.
- 2) Parish Plan
- 3) Coronation Oak report

137/06 Items for press release and publication on the website

The usual minutes to appear on the website.

138/06 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

The meeting closed at 8.45pm