

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: J. Burgess (Chairperson), S. Cook, P. Wait, J. Hobson, E. Ely, B. Bywater and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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22/17

Open Forum

District councillor Jim Dewey was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Dewey reported the Uley timeshare might be up for sale.

In Nympsfield they are monitoring traffic, the main concern is reducing the speed of traffic through Cockadilly.

Cllr Dewey has spoken to John Longmuir at SDC regarding the large planning application and has requested for it to be called in. The application will go before the development control committee on 21st March. The councillors and Cllr Dewey discussed the affordable housing application, further to Cllr Dewey conferring with John Langmuir at SDC, the council was updated on why the number of affordable houses has been increased, this is due to the council auditor reviewing the figures and deciding that is the number needed for the project to go ahead. Cllr Burgess has requested more information on why this would be proposed when the survey identified 12, why isn't the number of market reduced to match.

Cllr Dewey reported on the new CIL which is the new community infrastructure levy, this is when the PC can apply for money when houses are built within a district. If the development is within a particular parish, you can apply for 15% for the parish effected, 85% goes to SDC, it is felt a lot of organisations will be trying to get some of this pot of money. One stipulation is that it must be for infrastructure based projects.

A Rural suds day took place in Gloucester with over 200 attendees. The Environment agency is allocating £16 million to 6 projects. Presently Stroud is leading the way on this project, Chris Uttley or David Lesser from SDC are the main contacts regarding flooding.

SDC has had central government funding cut, which has forced them to look at assets in the area, one is the subscription rooms which presently costs the council £415,000.00 to run.

Cllr Burgess asked Cllr Dewey to keep the council informed on the adjoining parishes speed changes. Uley are analysing the speed but Nympsfield needs are more complex, as they want a pavement and need to look at calming the traffic down. Uley has the 20 is plenty and lots of parking, they will pursue getting a 20mph through the village. Cllr Bywater confirmed Coaley has the speed camera until the end of March and the school warning light is now working.

Serge was welcomed to the meeting but he advised there is nothing to report.

23/17

Apologies for absence

None.

24/17

Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

25/17

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

26/17 Planninga) **S.16/2248/FUL – Betworthy Farm, The Street – erection of 24 dwellings.**

The councillors discussed the amendments to this application in great detail and a response will be formed and submitted online and to the planning officer.

27/17 Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Western Power	79.04	Wayleaves
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages January 2017
Alison Hambling	318.48	Newsletter February/March
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
N Power	36.34	Electricity for the tennis courts
L. Thornton	7.68	Book of 1 st class stamps
CR Signs	216.00	Cortex 20 is plenty speed signs

28/17 Clerks Report

1. The clerk read an email from Mrs Pat Bozworth regarding the village welcome leaflet. Mrs Bozworth and the WI are continuing to produce the leaflet, and will keep it updated.
2. Further to the last meeting the clerk contacted the National Trust regarding the land they own on Peak Lane. This has now been cut back to make visibility better for drivers.

29/17 Tennis courts

Nothing to report regarding maintenance, an article to be put into the newsletter regarding players getting together, as many people in the village don't know who else plays.

Clerk

30/17 Council communication

Cllr Cook looked into the different ways the council can improve how they communicate with parishioners. There is software available which can email out updates, this is either through the website or by a 3rd party. Parishioners would complete an online form and submit it and then they would be on the mailing list. This scheme would require the council's website to be updated.

Cllr Cook

31/17 Community asset

Cllr Bywater and Cllr Hobson are looking into this and would like it deferred to the March meeting.

32/17 BT Phonebox

Nothing to report.

33/17 Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk has printed some information from Stroud District council website, this has been placed in the circulation envelope.

- 34/17 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
The clerk has received the email from Cllr Bywater regarding the blocked paths, path number or more detail is required. Cllr Bywater to email the clerk.
Also the stile in the field by Bracken House requires attention. Cllr Bywater
- 35 /17 Allotment Update
A letter has been sent to Mr Howard further to a site visit and Mr Howard's email. Clerk to send stock questionnaire out with the new tenancy agreements. Clerk
- 36/17 Village Maintenance
A litter pick is needed, this will take place on Saturday 8th April and 11am. Clerk to advertise in the newsletter. Clerk
- 37/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
Some of the potholes in the parish now have yellow lines around them. The clerk has collected the 20 is plenty signs, these were given to Cllr Bywater for storage and to be erected around the village where it is felt they will have the most impact.
- 38/17 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.
- 39/17 Matters for forward consideration
Community asset
Neighbourhood plan
New councillor
Annual Assembly
Golden Jubilee award
Process
Survey internet connection speeds.
- 40/17 Items for press release
Minutes
Litter pick
Councillors
Tennis courts

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.