

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor: M Percy, J Hobson, C Eardley, S Cook, P Wait, B Bywater and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

REF

46/24 Open Forum

Mr Tony Eve along with other village hall committee members were welcomed to the meeting.

Prior to the meeting the clerk had circulated a letter from the village hall committee to the parish council regarding the recent land registration of the recreation field.

The village hall committee is concerned about the present situation regarding the ownership of the hall, this has had implications in relation to their insurance.

Once the ownership has been established the hall committee is keen to get a lease in place. A solicitor will need to be instructed on behalf of the council to draft up a lease.

Clerk to email an update to Tony Eve by Friday at the latest.

47/24 Apologies for absence

None.

48/24 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Cook agenda item 5a.

49/24 Reports by District Cllr Percy and County Cllr Thomas

Appendix I attached to these minutes is the report from District Councillor Percy.

Appendix II attached to these minutes is the report from County Councillor Thomas.

50/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th February were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

51/24 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

S.24/0050/OUT – Land at, Field Lane – outline application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling with all matters reserved except access. **SUPPORT**

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

None.

52/24 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None.

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	491.20	Wages February 2023
S Cook	90.00	Web hosting fee
Village Hall Committee	54.00	Room hire Feb/March

53/24	<u>Clerks Report</u> Nothing to report.	
54/24	<u>Tennis courts</u> Cllr Eardley has been speaking to a resident about carrying out some work on the tennis courts to improve the facility. Cllr Eardley is meeting them on Friday 8th March. There is also an electrician in the village who is willing to have a look at the floodlights to see if it is possible to get them working again.	
55/24	<u>Village shop</u> Cllr Wait advised the shop committee will need to have the lease reviewed once the village hall is resolved. The council are happy to support the shops improvement to the signage, it was suggested they look to increase the impact of the present one on the building.	
56/24	<u>Village Hall Update</u> Cllr Hobson reported the hall is waiting for the interface card to arrive to get the 2nd fan operational. The new filing cabinets are in place, one of the cabinets is for the parish council, clerk to move some correspondence over. Further to the discussion in the open forum re the land registration, clerk to contact the councils insurance provider to check the policy and to see if the cover will also include the hall. Due to the complexity of the situation, an extraordinary meeting is to be scheduled for Wednesday 13th March.	Clerk
57/24	<u>Coaley Uley Climate Action Network</u> The repair café is covering its own costs, the group is supporting tree planting in Uley and will look to roll this out in Coaley too. There has been discussions about planting native flowers in the verges, this will now be considered for next year.	
58/24	<u>Website</u> Cllr Cook reported that the previous host was unreliable, the site has now been moved to another provider which will be cheaper in the long run.	
59/24	<u>Elections</u> The local & Parish elections take place on Thursday 2nd May, the clerk handed out nomination papers to all councillors, information will also be put in the newsletter. The clerk can take any completed nomination papers to Ebley Mill before the deadline.	Clerk
60/24	<u>Policing</u> Nothing to report.	

61/24	<u>Footpath, ditches and stiles.</u> Mick Thorpe has emailed for suggestion on the location of new kissing gates, Upper Silver Street Farm, off Peak Lane were suggested.	Clerk
62/24	<u>Allotment update</u> The new agreements and invoices are due to be distributed, clerk to check the charges for other councils.	Clerk
63/24	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
64/24	<u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> The condition of Elmcote lane and Peak Lane is extremely poor, on checking the reports on the highway site it appears the majority of the reports have been closed as completed. Clerk to flag this with Cllr Thomas and councillors to report on highways website. The council is keen to install entrance gates, some different designs were considered. Clerk to obtain quotes.	Clerk Clerk
65/24	<u>Playarea</u> The RoSPA inspection is due to take place in April. The clerk has asked a local handyman to carry out the repairs on the playarea.	
66/24	<u>Coaley Recreation Action Group</u> The consultation process is moving forward, Elizabeth has met with shop and village hall committees and there is a Coffee and cake session scheduled for 23rd March, followed by informal sessions in the shop. Simon Littlewood has been instructed to carry out the survey. The Facebook page is about to be launched. Fundraising is going well, CADS has almost reached £500 for the benches, along with the £1300 already raised along with the CIL money, and hope to get wooden. The group has looked at recycled materials, it is more expensive but keeps maintenance down . The group is continuing to look at other fundraising options, they are also looking to get a card reader for local events. There is no fee for first £1500 and then 1.75%.	
67/24	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Extraordinary meeting.	
68/24	<u>Items for press release and publication</u> Minutes. Newsletter.	
Meeting closed at 9.26pm.		