MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor: M Pearcy, J Hobson, C Eardley, P Wait and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

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196/24 Open Forum

Nothing to report.

197/24 Apologies for absence

None.

198/24 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Thomas provided a report, which is attached appendix I, in addition to Elmcote Lane being patched the area by lay-by is also better, hope the improvements last. Cllr Pearcy thanked Wendy for her hard work. Cllr wait highlighted the issue with the top of Peak Lane, Clerk to email the information to Cllr Thomas.

The traffic lights on the bridge are a concern, the lights keep breaking down which is extremely dangerous. Cllr Thomas advised there is presently no dates for the work to be carried out, it is predicated the lights will be there for foreseeable future

A resident on Trenley Road has confirmed the improvements to stop the flooding seem to have worked, this is positive feedback.

District Cllr Pearcy's report attached as appendix II in addition the Betworthy planning application has been called in.

199/24 <u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u>

None.

200/24 <u>Minutes</u> of the meeting held on Thursday 5th September were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

201/24 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

None.

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- a) S.24/1359/HHOLD Coaley Village Hall extension to allow disabled access with additional accessible toilet and kitchen areas. Permitted
- b) S.24/1230/FUL Silver Street House erection of stables. Withdrawn
- c) S.24/1228/HHOLD Silver Street House erection of single storey rear extension linked to outbuilding. **Withdrawn**

Clerk

202/24 Accounts - PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	7500.00	2 nd Precept
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	491.20	Wages - September
Coaley Village Hall	434.00	PC/CRAG meetings
Wotton Tree	150.00	Tree treatment
Consultancy		
GAPTC	237.62	Annual Membership – reissue
WSP	500.00	Hold on account for lease
AR & Mrs A Eve	30.00	Remembrance Wreath
Hathaway Gardenscape	549.40	Grass Contract
S Cook	228.37	Reissue – cheque 461

CRAG Expenses

<u>Incomes received and payments for authorisation</u>

None

Payments for Authorisation

Copper Beech	4206.00	Play equipment
Netball UK Ltd	389.00	2 x netball posts
Spills Swirls	310.00	Wreath making

Clerks Report

- The clerk shared an email from Brendan Cleere from SDC about an open spaces initiative.
- Mr G Goring has responded to the clerk about the gateways being placed near Coaley Mill. Clerk to now contact GCC highways to progress this.

Clerk

204/24 Tennis Court

The councillors voted to carry out a deep clean but not the Moss treatment until the correct time of year. Clerk to place the order.

Clerk

205/24 Village Shop

Cllr Wait advised there is a new chair for the committee, a new constitution was also adopted.

The unveiling of the mural took place which looks fabulous. The same artist will also produce tea towels and other gift items in the shop for Christmas, Abby will take a small % of the profits.

CRAG has approached the shop about contributing to the plaza between the village hall and shop. Committee have supported this, they will also allow builders to use the facilities.

206/24 Village Hall Update

Cllr Hobson confirmed the committee will be discussing the plan for the plaza at the upcoming meeting, looking at the plans it appears the fibre optic cable in that area has not been taken into consideration.

The committee has now submitted grant application via GRCC to Defra.

207/24 Interim Payments

Clerk and chair to authorise payment up to £500, maximum 6 payments £3000, this will be adopted as a new standing orders at the next meeting.

Clerk

208/24 Lease for shop & hall

Cllr Pearcy has circulated a sample lease prior to the meeting. Cllrs Pearcy & Hobson will meet and look through and simplify as only a ground lease is required. Once it has been approved by the council, the chair and clerk can then approach the solicitors to finalise.

Cllr Hobson/Pearcy

209/24 <u>Annual return – Charity Commission</u>

The annual return paperwork has been received by the clerk.

210/24 Policing

Cllr Pearcy to write an article for the newsletter for volunteers to set up a new neighbourhood watch group.

Cllr Pearcy

211/24 Footpaths, ditches and Stiles

Norton's Alley, branch down by kissing gate field end, Cllr Pearcy/Hobson will look to potentially clear it.

Cllr Wait to provide a list to the clerk of the footpaths with issues in the area.

Cllr Wait

212/24 Allotment Update

Nothing to report.

213/24 Village Maintenance

The tree at Westend has been logged on fix my street

214/24 <u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u>

Nothing to report.

215/24 Playarea Update

Cllr Hobson will carry out the next inspection on the playarea.

Cllr Hobson

216/24 CRAG update

Les Compton attended the meeting to report on developments. The CRAG committee are continuing to develop the programme, the master plan has now been completed, assessment criteria for the quote, the panel will meet next week, then 8 weeks off submitting.

The parish council to report on funding, policies and dates of joint meetings. Cllr Eardley has agreed to draft an equality policy as a priority, also if time allows a safeguarding policy.

Cllr Eardley

217/24 <u>Matters for forward consideration</u>

Handy person

policies

Standing orders

Lease

Gateways

Pension

218/24 <u>Items for press release and publication</u>

Minutes

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.