

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER
2011 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: S. Cook (Vice Chairperson) L. Lumley, J, Burgess, I. Eve and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

REF Action

224/11 Open Forum
Nothing to report.

225/11 Apologies
Cllr P. Ashman and Cllr S Childs.

226/11 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None to report.

227/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

228/11 Council to discuss and decide on a response to local planning authority:

- a) S.11/2305/HHOLD - Trenley House, Trenley Road - Retrospective application for a pool house

The Council supported this application as it did with the previous application.

229/11 Accounts

- a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Income Received

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	341.80	Wages November 2011
TW Hawkins	466.43	Contract Mowing
TCS Country Supplies	417.50	Sleepers for Norton's Alley
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter Editing
The Local Answer	315.00	Newsletter Dec/January
L. Thornton	100.00	6 months office Usage
L. Thornton	108.00	Mileage for 6 months

b) 2nd draft of the 2012/13 precept to be reviewed and discussed

All councillors have had the opportunity to review the draft budget, which had been distributed by the clerk before the November meeting. Councillors voted unanimously to keep the precept at the same amount as 2011/12.

230/11 Noticeboard – replacement or repairs to be discussed.

Due to the limited number of councillors at the meeting this item was referred to the January meeting.

231/11 Recreation field fencing to be discussed.

Further to quotes which had been obtained for the replacement fence on the recreation field, the clerk had received a quote from Longford fencing to use chain link fencing and concrete post. The clerk ran through the quote and the councillors voted to proceed with the work and instructed the clerk to move the work forward.

Clerk

232/11 Clerks Report

1. The clerk read a letter out from the school, they confirmed they have now purchased the laptops. The headmistress is hopeful that in January they will have the local press at the school if this does happen the council will be invited to attend.
2. The clerk advised a response has been received from the village hall committee regarding the land transfer. The clerk read the letter out, the village hall committee voted not to swap the 2 parcels of land identified in the letters. The council discussed the options and requested the clerk write to the chairman of the village hall committee and request the reasoning behind the decision.
3. Information on the fire service intergrated risk management has been received, this was placed in the circulation envelope.
4. An update on the whistleboards has been received by e-mail from Mr O'Brien, the clerk advised the council that the clearing of overgrowth will take place in the next few days and the residents are hopeful this will be solution to the problem of the whistleboards.
5. The clerk has been trying to source new dog bins for the village as there is a lack of them. The clerk had a conversation with the dog warden at SDC, who advised there is not an issue with dog waste being placed in the regular bins and should the council wish to have more dog bins then they would need to finance them. The expected cost is £250 – 300 per bin.
6. GL11 have an AGM on Wednesday 14th December, 6pm at Fairmeads.
7. Details of Neighbourhood planning was placed in the circulation envelope for councillors to review.
8. The clerk placed the final recommendations for the electoral review in the circulation envelope.

Clerk

233/11 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed

The clerk received notice of a broken stile at Far Green, footpath number CC0/57/2. Also a fallen tree on the Woodlands Trust land in Coaley woods, footpath number cc0/77/2. Clerk to report.

Clerk

- 234/11 Allotment Update
The clerk advised the council of 2 new tenants on the Trenley road allotments.
The rates need to be reviewed at the January meeting.
- 235/11 Village Maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 236/11 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Cllr Eve had been on a trip around the village with Dave Portlock, the gullies have now been cleared from the bottom to the top of the village. There was a work party on Knapp Lane for 3 days, they back filled some potholes also the road by Betworthy Farm has been repaired.
- 237/11 Playarea Update
The clerk confirmed work will commence on the playarea in January depending on the weather the painting may have to wait until the weather is warmer.
- 238/11 Matters for forward consideration.
Allotment rents
Noticeboard
Affordable Housing
- 239/11 Items for Press Release and publication

Meeting closed 8.43pm