

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th JULY
2011 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: Peter Ashman (Chairperson), L. Lumley, S. Cook, I. Eve and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

REF		Action
118/11	<p><u>Open Forum</u></p> <p>Mr O'Brien was welcomed to the meeting by the chair, Mr O'Brien is a temporary resident in Coaley and he wished to bring to the council's attentions the issue with the whistle boards, these have become a local environment problem. Mr O'Brien is keen to use every avenue possible to try and reverse Networks rails decision to enforce these. The properties nearest the track have been deeply affected by the whistle boards and it is detrimental to resident's life style. Mr O'Brien is hopeful that Network Rail will consider other options if it can be proved that the whistle boards are a health hazard, the environment agency has also been approached.</p> <p>Mr Goring addressed the council on the same issue, Mr Goring has lived in Coaley for 30 years and there has not been a need for these whistle boards all this time. The trains can be heard approaching from a great distance. Mr Goring suggested a visual warning signal as this would be as effective and not as intrusive.</p> <p>Mr Williams also stated the boards are an intrusion on the peace and tranquillity of a rural area.</p> <p>Mr L Smith advised the council that the boards have impacted on his lifestyle; it is not nice to use the gardens due to the noise.</p> <p>Mrs Morgan addressed the council to advise that even though there should a curfew this is not being implemented. The horn was blasted at 23.45 on one occasion.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien summarised to the council that a meeting with Network rail was being sought; Stroud District Council has been advised of the situation and the local MP.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Ashman assured all residents that the council will do everything they can to assist in resolving this problem. The clerk will write a letter to Network Rail to express all the concerns raised.</p>	Clerk
	<p>Mr Williams raised the continuing problem with speeding cars on Peter Street. Cllr Ashman confirmed the council have written to Stroud District Council and GCC regarding inadequate signage. Highways confirmed they would improve the signage but were not willing to consider reducing the speed they felt it would not be effective.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Ashman advised that at a recent meeting he attended with the police and other councils speeding was discussed, if people make a conscious decision to speed then deterrents are not effective. The clerk will write to highways again to highlight the number of incidents occurring on this stretch of road.</p>	Clerk
119/11	<p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr S. Childs</p>	
120/11	<p><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u> None to report</p>	

121/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting

122/11 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Income Received

None		
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	341.80	Wages June 2011
PJ Simpson	141.60	New gate Post at Westfields
Coaley Village Hall	72.00	Meeting Room Hire
TW Hawkins	466.43	Contracting Mowing

123/11 Clerks Report

- The clerk advised the council of the e-mail which had been received from Mr O'Brien, this matter had been discussed in the open forum and no further action needed.
- Lloyds TSB, the clerk and chair visited Lloyds bank in Dursley to register an interest in opening another account. The request has been registered and the Clerk is waiting for the bank to get in contact to move this forward. Clerk to chase.
- The clerk was contacted by Kevin from Leyhill prison regarding the community project, due to numerous issues the site visit has been pushed back to October. The clerk will advise on any progress.
- Further to the June meeting the clerk contacted GAPTC regarding the selling of land. GAPTC do not encourage this process, although they did offer advice, a public meeting would need to be sought before any action taken. The chair confirmed this was just an idea and is probably unviable.
- The clerk advised of GL11 community projects open day, this takes place on Wednesday 20th July, 2-7pm. All councillors very welcome.
- The wheeled respect imitative takes place on Saturday 23rd July, Cllr's Lumley & Eve to attend. The clerk has given permission for a small gazebo to be set up on the recreation field during the project.

Clerk

Clerk

124/11 Footpath, ditches and Stiles

Several of the stiles which have been reported have still not been fixed, the clerk was asked to chase this with GCC.

Clerk

125/11 Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

Cllr Ashman advised the council that Martin Hutching from GRCC is the officer responsible for advising on low cost housing, ideas and views on the options available. Mr Hutching is scheduled to address the council at the September meeting.

126/11	<u>Winter Maintenance</u> The clerk brought to the council's attention a letter from GCC regarding winter maintenance. GCC are proposing councils keep a stockpile of bagged salt within the parish; the council discussed this and would need to know pallet size in order to be able to consider a suitable location. Clerk to provisionally say yes, and request pallet size.	Clerk
127/11	<u>Allotment Update</u> Nothing to report, the clerk to agenda a review of the charges for the October meeting.	
128/11	<u>Playarea</u> a) Fencing – this is considered low risk on the rospa report, dogs can access the playarea with ease, clerk to survey parents in the newsletter. b) Access gates – access to block the gate was discussed this has not been done, defer to minute item 129/11 c) Painting the equipment – all the equipment is looking very tatty, Cllr Ashman proposed quotes are sought. Clerk to find contractors. d) Replacement of small seats and chains – the large seats were replaced last year, the links in the other seats are damaged. Clerk to obtain quotes for the September meeting.	Clerk
129/11	<u>Replacement of recreation field fencing</u> The fence running along the side of the recreation field is worn and several of the posts are damaged, clerk to seek quotes to replace the fence for this area and also by the playarea.	Clerk
130/11	<u>Peter Street Allotment Review</u> Cllr Ashman advised the council that there was a theft at the allotments, the 2 5ft gates were stolen overnight, A 10 ft gate could be purchased to replace these. Prices to be obtained and then this can be reviewed.	Clerk
131/11	<u>Document Storage</u> The clerk stores all the council documents in a fire proof box in her loft, once the account with Lloyds bank has been resolved the clerk will enquire at the cost of storing with the bank.	Clerk
132/11	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
133/11	<u>Highways Repair and Maintenance</u> The gullies have still not been cleared to date, clerk to chase Chris Riley.	Clerk
134/11	<u>Any other business</u> Cllr Ashman reiterated the issues with the whistle boards, the clerk will write to Network Rail to advise of the concerns highlighted by residents of the parish. With regards the speeding on Peters Street, the clerk will write to highways to thank them for the improved signage on the road but also to highlight the continued concern with the speed of this road.	
135/11	<u>Matters for forward considerations</u> Updates as per the minutes.	

136/11 Items for press release
Minutes

137/11 Items for publication
Minutes

Newsletter – A short piece to thank the Dudley’s, Police panel review and the wheeled respect report.

Meeting closed at 9.29pm