

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor: M Percy, J Hobson, P Wait, S Percy and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

REF

24/25 Open Forum
Nothing to report.

25/25 Apologies for absence
None

26/25 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

27/25 Reports from County and District Councillors
County Cllr Thomas had submitted a report prior to the meeting.
District Cllr Percy circulated his report before the meeting.

28/25 CRAG update
Report submitted by CRAG to the councillors before the meeting, report attached appendix I.

29/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

30/25 Planning
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.25/0213/HHOLD – Lapley Farm Bungalow – erection of single storey side and rear extension. Erection of open side gable roof and pergola.
Support with comment.
- b) S.25/0161/P3R – Lapley Farm Barns – PD agricultural to flexible use.
Change of use of an agricultural building to class E – office use.
No comment.

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

- c) S.24/2139/FUL – The Elms – Subdivision of dwelling to form 2 no dwellings with associated works. **Permitted.**
- d) S.24/0672/FUL – Land at Betworthy – erection of 17 no dwellings including 6 no. affordable units, vehicular access onto The Close, and associated landscaping and infrastructure. **Permitted.**

Cllr Percy raised the observation that 1 Westend appears to have claimed some of the field next to the property. Change of use would need to be obtained, Cllr Percy to follow up with SDC.

31/25

Accounts – PCIncomes received and payments for authorisation

None.

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – January
Coaley Summer Fete	500.00	Grant
ICO	40.00	Information commissioner
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter editing
S Cook	121.38	Newsletter printing
GAPTC	35.00	VAT Training course
GAPTC	90.00	Better councillor training

CRAG ExpensesIncomes received and payments for authorisation

Chivers TC	506.60	Contribution to bench
We are Hedgy Ltd	200.00	Sponsorship for nature event

Payments for Authorisation

Sarah Lorkin	60.00	Expenses for misc.
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32/25

Clerks Report

- The community police bus will be in the village hall car park on 12th April.
- The clerk received an email from a resident regarding the conditions of the footpaths from Westend and past the school. The clerk has raised a ticket with GCC.
- The developers of the newly permitted estate off The Close has emailed to request the council propose a name for the street. The councillors discussed the options and voted for Kestrel Close.
- Severn Trent have advised of a £4.5 million investment to the Coaley Mill site to improve capacity.
- A TPO has been submitted to SDC to protect the oak tree in the new development.

33/25

Tennis Court

Nothing to report.

34/25

Lease for shop and village hall

Clerk shared an email received from WSP, the measurements have now been confirmed so the lease for the village hall can be drafted and confirmed by WSP.

Clerk/Cllr Pearcy

35/25	<u>Village Shop</u> Cllr Wait reported the new magazine rack is now up, a new paper box is also going to be purchased. The committee has also decided to install beading around the top shelves to stop items falling off.	
36/25	<u>Village Hall Update</u> Cllr Hobson reported the extension is progressing well. The contractors are also designing the kitchen. At the moment the committee does not have a treasurer, the jobs have been distributed between the remaining committee members. The heating in the main hall is still not efficient, temporary heaters have been put back in there.	
37/25	<u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u> No update to report, a meeting will be scheduled for when the weather is better.	
38/25	<u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> Cllr Wait reported a mangled footpath sign, clerk has referred this to Mick Thorpe.	Clerk
39/25	<u>Allotment Update</u> Nothing to report.	
40/25	<u>Village Maintenance</u> The bus stop at Far Green requires some attention, it is very overgrown. Clerk to resolve.	Clerk
41/25	<u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> Silver Street and Peak Lane are both in very poor condition, councillors are encouraged to use report it for GCC. Dave Randall has cleared out the gully's between Holly Tree cottage and Garter cottage.	Clerk/All
42/25	<u>Playarea Update</u> Nothing to report.	
43/25	<u>Emergency Plan</u> Defer to the next meeting.	Clerk
44/25	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Bench policy Annual Assembly	
45/25	<u>Items for press release and publication</u> Minutes New councillors	

Meeting closed at 9.16pm.