

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2025 IN THE VILLAGE SHOP.

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

Apologies: none.

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128/25 Open Forum

Nothing to report.

129/25 Apologies for absence

None.

130/25 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr S Percy & Cllr M Percy agenda item 6a.

131/25 Reports from County and District Councillors.

District Cllr M Percy circulated his report before the meeting.

County Cllr Richard Dean circulated his report before the meeting.

Cllr Dean went on to discuss the viability of installing a solar farm on the parish council land along Peter Street, there are grants available to assist with such projects, GCC are one organisation which supports this.

This site was considered ideal as it would not be visible to any properties, it is a relatively small plot but could potentially provide electricity to all the properties in the village and also sell back to the grid.

Cllr Dean has been involved in project like this before and seen the benefits to the local community.

132/25 CRAG update

The clerk has a request in with SDC for at least one additional litter bin to be installed and emptied. A preference for a multi-use bin has been expressed.

The clerk is waiting for the CRAG committee to confirm there are no discrepancies from the last spreadsheet, once this has been confirmed the balance can be transferred to the new CRAG account.

Cllr Percy to clarify the procedure for future payment from CRAG, the account will need to be audited the same as the PC one.

133/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th May were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

134/25 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.25/1038/FUL – Lapley Farm – alterations to external envelope of barn following S.25/0161/P3R, lobby extension and parking.
- b) S.25/0993/CPE – Barn and outbuildings at The Elms – certificate of lawfulness for the continued use of an existing barn for equine cold storage, prior to disposal by cremation (sui Generis) **No comment**

- c) S.25/0910/HHOLD – Spring Tynning – installation of new conservatory roof. **No comment**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

None.

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Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

M Wyatt	48.99	Allotment Rent
L Pugh	13.20	Allotment Rent
B Drewett	26.07	Allotment Rent
M Wilkins	50.96	Allotment Rent
A Griffiths	5.51	Allotment Rent

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – May
Hathaway Landscapes	447.90	Grass cutting contract
Coaley Village Hall	112.00	Room hire
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter editing
S Cook	182.57	Newsletter printing
D Chapman	200.00	Internal audit

CRA Expenses

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

None

- b) The year end accounts were reviewed and approved by the full council.

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Clerks Report

- The clerk circulated an email from The Fox regarding using the village car park as an overflow facility. The councillors supported this request. Clerk to confirm with the pub.
- An email has been received regarding the large tree and the overgrowing bus stop at Westend. Cllr Percy to contact SDC to confirm who owns the land.

Clerk

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Tennis Court

Nothing to report.

138/25	<u>Village Shop</u> Cllr Wait reported the shop has adopted new governance rules, these were agreed by FCA. There was a small lost this financial year of £865 due to a couple of large expenditures. A new chiller has been ordered, there has also been a change in diary supplier as the last one was unreliable. A handrail will be installed on the veranda to assist people on and off of this area. The shop will be open to support the summer fete on Saturday 28th June. Group using the shop for meetings have been asked when they move tables around not to block the fire exit.	
139/25	<u>Village Hall Update</u> Cllr Hobson reported the extension is almost complete, the sign off is scheduled for Friday 20th June. A snagging list was compiled last week to assist the builders. The committee took out a loan to complete the development, the sale of the flat being sold to finance the project fell through but some of the restrictions causing concerns have now been removed so the committee is hoping for a completion soon. Cllr Hobson confirmed he is now the finance officer for the hall committee. Cllr Percy asked the clerk to book an appointment with the solicitors to finalise the lease for the hall and shop.	Clerk
140/25	<u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u> Cllr Percy has scheduled a meeting for July, article went into the last newsletter.	Cllr Percy
141/25	<u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> Cllr Wait with the assistance of her daughter has produced a very good PROW map to encourage parishioners to report any issues. Clerk to see if a laminator can be borrowed to help preserve it. Thank you to both.	Clerk
142/25	<u>Allotment Update</u> Clerk is chasing 4 outstanding payments.	Clerk
143/25	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Cllr Wait reported the tree on the National trust land along Peak Lane are leaning over and causing an obstruction, Clerk to contact NT. The hedge by the school is very overgrown, clerk to contact GCC who own the hedge.	Clerk Clerk
144/25	<u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> Some of the potholes on Peak Lane has been marked for repair but the top of the lane has not been marked and is in a very poor condition. The clerk reported 2 gates have been installed but there are 2 at the highways depot. The councillors would like one on Peter Street and the other by Coaley Mill. Becky Bevan contacted the clerk and Cllr Percy regarding the bus stop and tree which is behind the bus stop and causing concern to the neighbouring	

properties. Cllr Pearcy to contact the tree officer at SDC to discuss who owns the tree and the piece of land as it is not parish council owned.

145/25 Playarea Update

The liability signs have arrived and will be erected before the village fete on Saturday 28th June, one will be placed by the playarea and the other by the pump track.

146/25 Matters for forward consideration

Neighbourhood Warden Meeting
Solar Farm at Peter Street
Risk register
CRAG account

147/25 Items for press release and publication

Minutes

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.