

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4^h APRIL 2017 IN
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: J. Burgess (Chairperson), S. Cook, P. Wait, J. Hobson, E. Ely and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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61/17 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr Billet wanted to thank the council further to the recent development control meeting. There is not a S106 payment associated with the new development. There are lots of details to be confirmed before planning permission can be granted. Mr Billet has spoken to his Solicitor who has advised the developer may get permission without Severn Trent carrying out any work.

Mrs. Billet felt the large developments in Cam should have been taken into consideration. Cllr Burgess assured all those present that the parish council are very focused on resolving the flooding issue through the village. Mrs. Billet thanked the council for their involvement in this planning application.

Serge was welcomed to the meeting, Serge wanted to know if there had been any communication from Joy the PCC clerk, as the PCC have been struggling with the mower they presently use. The grass is cut by volunteers but the numbers have dwindled. There is a need for a better mower but the church committee cannot afford it. Cllr Burgess advised a letter needs to be sent in to the council to request a grant application.

Mr Mick Thorpe is attending the meeting in his role as a Cotswold warden, the role covers the AONB, and a warden is allocated to each parish. Mick will walk all the paths once or twice a year, any problems which are noted can be reported to him for attention. Mick is keen to help with any projects the parish may have, stiles can limit the use of paths, this is a particular problem for those with limited mobility. Kissing gates are a better solution, Mick is happy to make a presentation to the council as a new scheme has been introduced in Cam which may be appropriate to Coaley. Wardens also carry out working parties, clear fallen trees etc. The wardens main focus is the Cotswolds way and AONB. The wardens carry out free labour through this scheme.

Cllr Hobson mentioned the path partnership which used to be in operation with GCC a few years, is the warden scheme similar? Mick advised it is only free labour, the capital costs need to be funded from elsewhere. Cllr Burgess asked where the AONB boundary is? Mick is not sure but will check. Cllr Hobson confirmed some gates have been installed but walkers cannot get to them due to the stiles.

District councillor Jim Dewey was welcomed to the meeting, further to the development control meeting Mr Dewey wished to report a decision has been made in favour of the development at Betworthy Farm. The council's main concern is that this is an exception site, and only the agreed area should be built on not the other half of the field, John Longmuir did not confirm in detail that the other part would not be built on.

Cllr Dewey will double check with John Longmuir about this and get clarification. Amendments are coming up in the local plan.

Mr D Billet has ordered a tape of the development control meeting to have for his records

62/17 Apologies for absence
Cllr Bywater

63/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

64/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

65/17 Accounts
a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

David Dungworth	12.73	Allotment Rent
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages March 2017
Npower	46.04	Tennis court electricity
L Thornton	234.00	Annual Mileage
Alison Hambling	318.48	Newsletter April/May
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
L Thornton	4.48	2 nd class stamps

66/17 Clerks Report

1. The clerk has received an email from Mr Peter Ashman regarding the development at Betworthy Farm and the sewage issue and Severn Trent's response that they have 51% confidence in the current facility. The council has highlighted this issue at the development control meeting and will pursue this going forward with Severn Trent.
2. The clerk informed the new councillors of the upcoming training sessions. Clerk to book places on the 27th June session at Whitminster.

Clerk

67/17 Tennis courts

Cllr Cook reported there is a lot of moss on the courts, more footfall is needed to keep this under control. Will monitor and decide if action is needed.

Cllr Cook

68/17 Village Hall Update

Cllr Ely reported an extra meeting was called to discuss plans for the shop, the decking was passed by the finance committee for approval. The work will start in the next couple of weeks. The village hall committee are concerned about the toilet facilities if the café is extended. This is being pursued.

Cllr Ely confirmed the council will be consulted on the location of the bench purchased in memory of Lyulph.

69/17 Severn Trent flooding update

The clerk has received a response from Helen, the clerk from Slimbridge PC regarding the flooding issues they have experienced. Helen recommends recording all communication with STW and getting as many volunteers in the village to log any incidents and report them to STW and the PC.

Once the problem is recognised and logged by the PC, Cllr Dewey will come on-board and assist in anyway he can, David Lesser the water office at SDC can also be contacted for advice.

- 70/17 Community Asset
Carried forward to May meeting.
- 71/17 Village internet service
Cllr Cook updated the council regarding the internet service. The council will send an email to Neil Carmichael. Cllr Dewey advised the other option is to go and see him at his office. Cllr Cook
- 72/17 Parish plan action
Cllr Burgess ran through the existing parish plan to review the actions set and the present situation.
- 73/17 Annual Assembly
The annual parish meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th May, with regards a speaker Mick Thorpe from the footpath wardens or CDU Greenaway were suggested.
- 74/17 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Cllr Cook confirmed the tree has been cleared. The stile by Bracken house has still not been cleared.
Cllr Wait reported the fence at the top of Peak Lane is dangerous for animals the top 2 strands are barbed wire, and it is high.
The stream on Norton's alley has been filled up with logs, Serge will clear tomorrow, Serge was thanked for his assistance by the council.
- 75/17 Allotment Update
Rats have been seen on the allotment, clerk to arrange a pest control inspection. Clerk
Cllr Burgess highlighted the Westfield allotments, should the council consider disposing of this land? The council are allowed to do this as long as there is are sufficient allotments within the parish. Councillors voted to carry this forward to the June meeting.
- 76/17 Village Maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 77/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 78/17 Playarea Update
Inspection is due in April, clerk to distribute the report once it has been received.
- 79/17 Matters for forward consideration
Betworthy farm development, lessons learnt.
Publication of council information on public sites.
New councillor
- 80/17 Items for press release
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.