

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 7th December 2010** IN
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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<p>187/10 <u>Open Forum</u> This took place after the clerks report – meeting suspended by the Chairperson.</p> <p>County Cllr Tipper advised the council of several local issues, further to the planning meeting today, a new delegation of planning will be introduced. Big cuts are expected to the youth programme budget this will go from £3 million to £1 million. This area was reviewed and it was decided that lots of money was being spent to finance buildings with very poorly attended youth groups. Locally we are very lucky with a thriving youth group, and everyone is very keen to maintain this and finance will be sought. Cllr Childs was concerned children are turned away, Cllr Tipper assured this is not the case and all children are catered for.</p> <p>County Cllr Andrewartha addressed the council on more changes, bus travel will be affected. Grammar and faith schools will no longer get free school transport, subsidies to local bus services being reduced from £5 million to £3 million. Concessionary fares are changing, the County council will issue bus passes to cover travel between 9.30am and 11.30pm. Token will no longer be available, although rural communities are lobbying for tokens to be retained. Cllr Andrewartha also brought the waste consultation to the council's attention, interested parties can complete a questionnaire on-line. The clerk advised these details were in the circulation envelope. This consultation ends on the 22nd December 2010.</p> <p>The chair thanked the County Councillor's for attending the meeting and keeping the Parish Council up to date. The council meeting was then reconvened.</p>	
<p>188/10 <u>Apologies</u> None received</p>	
<p>189/10 <u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u> None</p>	
<p>190/10 <u>Minutes</u> of the meeting held on 2nd November and the extraordinary meeting on 29th November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.</p>	

191/10 AccountsIa) a) Incomes received and payments for authorisationIncome Received

Darren Howard	15.00	Allotment Rent
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Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wage (November 2010)
The local Answer	315.00	Newsletter Dec/January
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter Editing
TW Hawkins	456.71	Grass Cutting
L. Thornton	129.60	Mileage June to December inclusive
L. Thornton	10.50	Plastic Storage Boxes

b) 2nd draft precept to be discussed

The council reviewed the 2nd draft provided by the clerk, the income and outgoings were discussed. All councillor's were in agreement to maintain the precept at the same level as the past 2 years, therefore there will be no increase in the tax to parishioners. The clerk is to complete the paperwork and return to SDC.

Clerk

Clerks Report

192/10

1. The clerk read out a letter from The Major of Dursley, Jane Ball concerning a meeting taking place at Dursley community centre regarding setting up a league of friends at the new hospital. Unfortunately due to this letter going to the wrong address it did not reach the council until after the meeting had taken place.
2. A presentation has been forwarded to the Council from Phil Skill, who is responsible for planning at SDC. The presentation is regarding the changes that are going to take place. This was placed in the circulation envelope.
3. The meeting the challenge transport consultation was also placed in the circulation envelope.
4. The corporate strategy and 2011/12 budget were added to the circulation envelope to be reviewed at leisure.
5. The clerk addressed the council regarding the new warning policy being introduced by Network Rail for the footpath crossing in Coaley. Cllr Eve did not feel this gave adequate warning when you consider the speed the train travels at. The letter was passed to Cllr Eve to review and draft a response for the clerk to send to Network Rail.
6. The up to date details regarding GCC meeting the challenge was placed in the circulation envelope.
7. The clerk read an e-mail from Nikki Humphries at SDC concerning the emergency plan, as soon as a copy of the plan has been submitted to her then she will allocate a 'battle box' to Coaley.
8. The clerk has received an e-mail from Carol Faulks as she has found 2 stiles in the village which require attention. The clerk will contact GCC .

Clerk/
Cllr EveCllr
Burgess

9. An e-mail has been sent to the council from Dudley George. Mr George is concerned about the condition of the roads when the weather is cold. The council decided to discuss this in more details as agenda item 11b minute 179/10. Clerk
10. The council has been given the opportunity to comment on the predicament of the libraries in the County. The paperwork was placed in the circulation envelope.

Meeting suspended at this point by the chairperson to allow County Councillor's Andrewartha and Tipper to address the Council.

- 193/10 Emergency Plan Update
Cllr Burgess brought the Council up to date regarding the emergency plan, Cllr Burgess and the sub committee have produced 2 versions of the plan, one is for general use and one for key people with all the contact details on. A decision needs to be made on who has access to the detailed plan. Cllr Burgess proposed all the Councillor's read through their copy of the plan and then consider having a separate meeting dedicated solely to the emergency plan. All Councillor's in agreement. All
- 194/10 Footpaths and watercourses
Cllr Ashman issued maps to all Councillor's showing their area of responsibility in the village. The thought is that in each area roads, bus shelters, ditches and footpaths are monitored and any issues brought back to the council. The clerk will then contact the relevant person to get the issue resolved. All/
Clerk
- 195/10 Allotment Update
Cllr Burgess had nothing to report. Cllr Eve has not spoken to Mr Williams regarding the gate at Westfield's but he will do so in due course. Cllr Eve
- 196/10 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.
- 197/10 Village Maintenance
- a) Cllr Childs reported the rubbish by the phone box at Hamshill, an article in the newsletter might assist in dealing with the problem. Cllr Childs will go along and clear the area but it seems to be a reoccurring problem as wildlife are getting into the bags as they are not stored correctly. Clerk
- b) The state of the bus shelters were mentioned at the last meeting, originally it was intended that a couple of the Councillor's would tidy them up but it has become obvious that it is a lot of heavy work and more suited to a professional. The clerk has obtained 2 quotes. The clerk read out the 2 quotes and the Chair proposed the lowest tender this was seconded by Cllr Eve. Clerk to proceed. Clerk
- 198/10 Highway Repairs and Maintenance
- a) Cllr Eve had nothing to report, the drains need clearing and Cllr Eve has this in hand. Clerk
- b) The gritting of the roads in the village was discussed by the council. Further to an e-mail from Mr D George to which the Chair responded on the councils behalf, Cllr Ashman contacted Dave Portlock who replied that the road through the village is a secondary road and only gritted as deemed necessary. Cllr Cllr Ashman /
Clerk

Ashman accepted this explanation but this particular road needs to be addressed as a specific issue due to number of accidents which have taken place. Cllr Ashman to draft a letter for the clerk to the send out on the councils behalf, all councillor's were in agreement with this.

Cllr Lumley asked about the possibility of a grit bin in the village hall car park. The recycling bins are stored in this area making it a hazard, Cllr Burgess advised that the emergency plan would support this. Clerk to write to GCC.

Clerk

199/10 Any other business

a) None

b) The Royal wedding taking place on Friday 29th April 2011 was discussed, the chair has been approached by a parishioner who was keen for the Parish Council to take the lead in organising something in the village to celebrate this occasion. The council did not feel it was appropriate and may consider something for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. It was suggested a letter could go to various village organisations offering financial support for anyone wishing to mark this occasion.

Clerk

200/10 Items for Press Release

Minutes

201/10 Items for Publication

Minutes

202/10 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 4th January 2011

Meeting closed at 21.08