

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd
DECEMBER 2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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174/13 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess invited everyone to the meeting and invited those present to address the council.

Dr McDowell wished to know if the council has seen a revised planning application for the properties at Far Green. Also Dr McDowell wanted to know how they can build outside the settlement boundary. The clerk advised this is because SDC do not have a 5 year housing need policy in place, without this the settlement boundaries become very blurred.

Mr D McCormack asked if anyone had heard from the ombudsman as he has not and the safety of children going into these properties is of concern.

Dr McDowell received a solicitor's letter saying SDC would not change their mind regarding 5 houses on the plot but the following day a new letter was issued advising of a new application.

Mr McCormack heard from Neil Carmichael who had been told by Phil skill if he wanted to take the matter further that was up to him.

Mr John Hobson addressed the council on the possibility of making the Horse and Hounds pub a community asset, Mr Martin Greg and Mr John Hobson are willing to take this forward and they would like the parish council's support. Should the pub become a community asset, this gives the community 6 months to have the opportunity to purchase the property should enterprise inns decide to sell.

At the moment an interim manager is in place over Christmas and in the new year Enterprise Inns will decide what they wish to do. By putting this into place it would help protect the pub although it cannot guarantee its future.

The council supported this action in principal and the future of the pub will be put onto the January agenda.

175/13 Apologies

None.

176/13 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None declared.

177/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2013 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

178/13 Planning

The Council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

a) S/2142/CPL – Silver Street House, Silver Street – erection of a twin unit (log home) in the garden grounds. **PREMISSION GRANTED**

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AccountsIncomes received and payments for authorisation

EcoArborists Ltd	60.00	Newsletter Advert
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	374.00	Wages (November 2013)
Local Answer	315.00	Newsletter Dec/Jan
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter Editing
PG Day	180.00	Hedge Trimming
L Thornton	200.00	Office Usage 2013
GAPTC	65.00	Training Course
L Thornton	64.87	Newsletter Xmas gifts
SLCC	101.00	Annual Subscription
AR & Mrs A Eve	25.00	Poppy Wreath

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Clerks Report

1. The clerk reported that the PROW, FPCC03 between Coaley and Slimbridge will be closed with immediate effect for approx. 12 weeks.
2. Further to the November meeting the enforcement officer from SDC has visited Brooklands and confirmed the groundwork's to date are all acceptable. The owners are aware if they raise the land more than 30cm they will require planning permission.
3. The clerk advised the council of a letter which has been received, it is notifying the parish that an alternative planning application is being sought for the properties at Far Green.
4. The clerk has received an email from Mrs Jones on Knapp Lane regarding installing an additional grit bin at the top of the lane. The clerk will contact highways.
5. SDC have confirmed the LCT grant for 2014/5, for those councils who did not receive the funding in 2013/14, it will not be paid in 2014/15. The councils share of the funding available will be added to the amount not paid in 2013/14 and bids for funding against the total amount can be made once the criteria is agreed
6. An emailed has been received from Stroud youth partnership, this will be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

Clerk

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Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed

Cllr Cook asked if any further information has been received regarding the footpath by Mr Plums. The Clerk confirmed there has not been any further contact since the appeal notice. Cllr Cook advised there are white pegs in the ground. Clerk to chase.

Clerk

Cllr Cook reported the bridge is unsafe behind Sam Steele farm; the bridge has now been removed. Clerk to investigate the plans for this bridge.

Clerk

- 185/13 Allotment Update
Cllr Burgess has spoken to Sue and she is keen for the council to write to her and she will respond with the number of animals on the land etc. Mrs Crumpton has complained about rats in her property.
- 186/13 Village maintenance
Further to the November meeting, the clerk has spoken to Mr Portlock regarding the trees on Peak Lane. Mr Portlock will inspect them; the clerk will advise Mr Portlock that Cllr Cook will meet with him if needed. Clerk
The clerk confirmed the bus shelters are parish council property, they require some general maintenance. Cllr Cook will look at the shelter at Far Green and report to the council at the January meeting. Cllr Cook
Cllr Childs has chopped back the hedge belonging to Mr Wilcox.

Cllr Burgess highlighted an article in the SDC newsletter regarding grants which may be available if there is affordable housing in the parish. Clerk to pursue. Clerk

It has been reported to the council that Mr Sam Steele has replaced a mobile home with a log cabin on his property and it would appear there are permanent residents. The council instructed the clerk to speak to the enforcement officer. Clerk

Cllr Ashman visited Mr and Mrs Hobbs to discuss the ditch behind their property; it is badly silted and approx. 1 foot deep. The ditch runs across the lane and in front of the Mr/S Hobbs property and then behind the terraces. Problem is the properties in Watkins Terrace have in the past planted ornamental grasses; these are now blocking the ditch. The council instructed the clerk to write to the properties in Watkins Terrace. Clerk
- 187/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
The road sweeper has been through
- 188/13 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.
- 189/13 Matters for forward consideration
2nd precept
Pub
Tennis courts
Ditch update
- 190/13 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.36pm