

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011** IN  
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF		Action
17/11	<p data-bbox="256 573 411 600"><u>Open Forum</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 640 1220 770">Mrs Tong addressed the council, she wished to apply for financial assistance to organise an event in the village on the weekend of the Royal wedding. The Chair advised this request would need to be put into writing and then the council can consider it at the March meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="256 810 1220 940">Mr B Hallam and Mr T Eve spoke to the council regarding the village hall developments, Mr Hallam has been communicating with the clerk regarding placing a questionnaire in the next newsletter. The Council were very keen to support this and will ensure they are distributed with the newsletter.</p> <p data-bbox="256 981 1220 1205">Mr David Williams addressed the council with the issue of speeding along Peter's Street, the volume of traffic has increased significantly over the last few years and the lane is now used as a main cut through. Mr Williams is very concerned that the speed restriction is not in place along the whole lane, particularly near his farm as he accesses the lane with farm machinery which by its nature is large and slow moving. The bridge also needs signage, although this may be under review due to the recent fatality.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1245 1220 1413">Mr K Wibberley also supported Mr Williams's comments as the local neighbourhood warden. Mr Wibberley has spoken to others regarding this point, at present it is not considered to be a black spot, and it is difficult to enforce the speed limit. There is only one sign indicating the bridge at the moment and that is for the high limit.</p>	Clerk
18/11	<p data-bbox="256 1619 384 1646"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1648 435 1675">Cllr J. Burgess</p>	
19/11	<p data-bbox="256 1718 719 1744"><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1747 325 1774">None</p>	
20/11	<p data-bbox="256 1888 1220 1948"><u>Minutes</u> of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.</p>	

21/11 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Income Received

C Jones	45.00	Newsletter Advert
V Higgins	45.00	Newsletter Advert

Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wage (January 2011)
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter Editing
The Local Answer	315.00	Newsletter Feb/March 2011
Ecoraborist	190.00	Pruning Trees
ICO	35.00	Renewal
L Thornton	4.32	Stamps

22/11 Clerks Report

1. The District Council are reviewing all settlement boundaries within Parishes, the paperwork to review Coaley's boundary was placed in the circulation envelope to be studied by all Councillors. Any comments need to be made to the clerk ASAP.
2. GL11 community project has invited the councillors to visit the project on either Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February or Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Clerk to respond that Thursday is most suitable.
3. The clerk advised that the deadline to respond to the 'Meeting the Challenge' library strategy proposal closes on the 11<sup>th</sup> February.
4. A consultation has begun for the new manual for Gloucestershire streets, this will run from 20<sup>th</sup> January until 17<sup>th</sup> March, you can review the document on-line at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/streetdesign](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/streetdesign)
5. The clerk has received a copy of a PROW map from GCC, this is rather a large map and only one copy sent. The Council requested more to be issued, ideally 8 copies in a tube. Clerk to contact PROW.

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23/11 Footpaths and Stiles

There are several replacement kissing gates appearing in the Parish, the council requested the clerk investigate into whether there is a programme in place to replace stiles with kissing gates. The Council asked who is responsible for stiles on private land and what are the limitations? Clerk to source answer.

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Cllr Childs reported some overgrown hedges on Peak Lane, some have been cut back by highways but some are also the responsibility of the farmers. Highways should have a list of which areas they are responsible for and the names of the farmers for the other areas, clerk to inquire.

Clerk

Cllr Childs enquired whether there had been any feedback further to the site visit to assess the state of the tree on Peak lane, Clerk to chase.

Clerk

Cllr Ashman reported that ditches are becoming overgrown along the village and around the back of the recreation field, this needs to be monitored. Cllr Ashman requested a letter should be sent to Mr Goring at Coaley Mill to thank him for all

his hard work in ensuring the ditches near his property are kept clear.

24/11	<p><u>Annual Assembly</u> The council agreed to hold the Annual Assembly on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The clerk is to book the hall and buy tea and coffee. The council chose to approach the village hall committee to see if they would be interested in presenting their plans for the village halls development on the night.</p>	Clerk
25/11	<p><u>Grant Applications</u> Two grant applications have been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Village hall committee requested through the clerk for funding to print the questionnaire, they wish to distribute to every household in the parish. The clerk has obtained a quote from The Local Answer and they will print 350 copies for £35.00. All Councillors voted to approve this application.</li> <li>• The clerk read a letter out from Coaley School; they would like a grant of £4000 to purchase a laptop trolley which contains 20 laptops. The total price is £8000 and the school has funding in place of £4000. Cllr Lumley proposed to award a grant of £2000, Cllr Cook seconded, four Councillors in favour. The clerk to reply to the applicant and advise of the council's decision, once all the funding is in place then the council will raise a cheque.</li> </ul>	
26/11	<p><u>Bus Company</u> Due to changes tokens will no longer be accepted and bus passes are not valid until after 9.30am, this causes a problem in Coaley as the first and more popular bus comes through the village at 9.15am. The chair requested the clerk writes to the bus company and request they reconsider the timetable to accommodate the use of a bus pass.</p>	Clerk
27/11	<p><u>Watercourse Warden</u> Cllr Ashman highlighted that in the pass there has been a watercourse warden on the parish council, this is a position which training can be obtained for and is supported by GCC. Cllr Eve agreed to take on the role, the clerk to contact Duncan Chalmers who held the role on the previous council.</p>	Clerk
28/11	<p><u>Report from Neighbourhood Warden meeting</u> Cllr Ashman advised this meeting is run by the police and it is a community meeting, local groups and organisations attend. The purpose of the meeting is to set the priorities for the police for the next 6 months. Although Cllr Ashman agreed the meeting in principal was a very good idea, there were several aspects which could be improved on. Cllr Ashman to speak to County Cllr Andrewartha regarding this matter.</p>	
29/11	<p><u>Report from Dursley Cluster meeting</u> The clerk has placed the minutes from this meeting in the circulation envelope.</p>	
30/11	<p><u>Allotment Update</u> Cllr Eve has spoken to Mr Williams regarding the gate at Westfield allotments, Mr Williams will get his farm help to replace the post, and he will keep it as a wooden post as these are considered better than the metal ones.</p>	

