

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th February
2012 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF Action

17/12 Open Forum

Cllr Tipper addressed the council, there is not a lot happening at present. Although plans are in place to invest money into the economy through assisted mortgages, the council lends money to a bank and this encourages first time buyers to get the lower rate interest mortgages. If a buyer has a 5% deposit then the local authority guarantees the 20% for the lower rate.

On the 8th March there is a transport plan meeting being held, they will discuss transport in the County for the next 15 yrs. Cllr Tipper will be attending, should anyone have anything they would like raised please contact Cllr Tipper. There is talk of extending the parking at Cam & Dursley station, the open land on the other side of the railtrack could be a possible option. Everything is still in the initial stages of discussion.

A core strategy consultation is taking place from 6th Feb - 19th March, a presentation will be made at the winterbottom hall in Cam on 18th Feb. All councillors are fighting the figures to be brought down in Cam, ideally from 2000 to 200 – 500 homes.

Cllr Andrewartha addressed the council, he followed on from Cllr Tipper regarding the proposed houses in Cam. Cam Parish Council have appointed a consultant to come up with a package that the community and district can support. The parish council is desperate to ensure the development is sustainable.

Cllr Andrewartha also updated the council regarding District Cllr Trave, he has been suffering some personal issues which is why he has not been at the council meetings.

The County council is having a consultation on the fire service, new declared response timings are not being changed as the remoteness of some fires effects the response time.

The issue with buses is still not settled, mainly because of the complexity and costs charged by the operators. There is expected to be a 40% savings made by the operators but this will only impact on 2% of the routes. Coaley has been proposed for a new improved service which would operate from Monday – Saturday and will go to the new hospital.

Cllr Andrewartha reported that Knapp Lane has been improved, but it will not

be considered a priority for the highways department.

Council tax remains unchanged, there is numerous increases and decreases in several areas to balance out the changes needed. £7.5 million is to be spent on broadband, £2 million on the local authority mortgage scheme.

18/12 Apologies
None

19/12 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None to report.

20/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

21/12 Council to discuss and decide on a response to local planning authority:
S.12/0141/HHOLD - Beckley House Tickshill, - erection of two storey side, single storey rear extensions and rear dormer plus new double garage.

The Council supported this application as it was in-line with policy HN16.

22/12 Accounts
a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Income Received

Western Power Board	68.91	Wayleaves
A-Z Electricals	45.00	Newsletter

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	341.80	Wages January 2012
The Local Answer	315.00	Newsletter Feb/March 2012
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter Editing
Cullimores	75.60	Gravel for Norton's Alley
L Thornton	2.80	Stamps

b) 3rd Quarter Accounts checked by the council

The clerk requested the council checks the passbooks for the parish accounts. The clerk also ran through the budget for the council to advise how money has been spent in comparison to the council's budget.

Meeting suspended by chair to allow cllr Tipper and Cllr Andrewartha to address the council.

- 23/12 Noticeboard – replacement or repairs to be discussed.
The clerk has not managed to source a notice board to date, but will aim to have prices and options for the March meeting.
- 24/12 Affordable Housing.
The council discussed the need for affordable housing, the council voted to contact Martin from GRCC and set the initial stages of a questionnaire in place. The clerk will move this forward. Clerk
- 25/12 Grant application for the Queens Jubilee
Cllr Lumley proposed a grant application for the Queens jubilee for the village hall, £200 has been requested. The clerk advised she needs more details and a breakdown of how the money will be spent. Cllr Lumley will ask the Village hall to submit a detailed application. Clerk
- 26/12 Dog waste bins to be discussed
The clerk advised the council that to purchase 2 dog bins including posts it will cost £200 plus £50-70 to install, The council discussed the best locations to site the bins and to 2 proposed sites were identified in Hamshill and Far Green. The council voted to purchase the 2 bins from SDC and install as discussed. All councillors voted to allow the clerk to buy these bins to the cost of £450.00. The vote was unanimous. Clerk
- 27/12 Clerks Report
1. The Parish cluster talk on the core strategy and local plan, takes place at Kingshill House on Thursday 9th February, the clerk and chairman are scheduled to attend.
 2. A flood workshop is taking place on Thursday 8th March, the clerk asked anyone who wishes to attend to let the clerk know so a place can be reserved.
 3. The development control committee meets on Tuesday 14th February; the clerk advised there was nothing relevant to Coaley on the agenda.
 4. An invitation has been received to attend a meeting at Cam parish offices on Wednesday 29th February from 2-4pm. This is a meeting for all parishes to discuss how to lay the groundwork for a proposed consultation agreement with SDC.
 5. The community planning grant closes on Tuesday 28th February.
 6. The golden valley classic MCC will be driving through the village and surrounding woods on Sunday 4th march.
 7. A public consultation on the ‘preferred strategy’ stage of SDC core strategy takes place from 6th February – 19th March 2012.

- 28/12 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
The footpath sign has gone where the sign use to be with the plastic bag on. The council highlighted the new fence which has been erected at the top of Peak lane on the main road junction to the left. The council were keen to identify the reason for this being placed there.
- 29/12 Allotment Rent Review and update
Cllr Burgess has now measured all the allotments, the council discussed a reasonable amount to charge by sq metre, the rents charged by neighbouring councils were discussed. All councillors were in agreement to charge 10p a sq metre. The clerk will send out allotment agreements with a covering letter regarding the price structure.
Cllr Burgess advised he had been in contact with Mrs Crumpton, chickens are escaping from the allotments and accessing her garden. Cllr Burgess visited the site and did not find any holes in the fence.

A letter and agreement needs to be sent to Mr Williams at Westfield farm regarding his usage of the allotment. In return for maintaining the allotment the rent will be waived. Cllr Burgess to draft a letter.
- 30/12 Transfer of land to the village hall committee to be voted on.
Cllr Ashman proposed the council release 4.25 metres at the back of the village hall to the village hall committee. The council requested the clerk write a letter to the village hall advising on the decision, but it must be stipulated that if for any reason the development does not proceed then the land is signed back to the parish council.
- 31/12 Village maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 32/12 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Cllr Eve had nothing to update, he is awaiting Mr Portlock's signs at top of Ticks Hills.
- 33/12 Playarea Update
The clerk advised that the RoSPA inspection is due, the clerk will book an appointment. Cllr Eve highlighted the loose slats on the climbing frame and the roundabout has not been painted. The clerk will check.
- 34/12 Matters for forward consideration.

Birds being exec
Noticeboards
Dog bin
Phone box
- 35/12 Items for Press Release and publication

Meeting closed 9.13 pm

