

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd
FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF

19/16 Open Forum

PCSO Michelle Dodd was welcomed to the meeting by the chairman. PCSO Dodd confirmed she has received numerous complaints about speeding through the village, there is a device called a M500 which is left in situ for 2 weeks and it measures what the traffic is doing, the speed, size of vehicle and the time. This then provides statistics. Cllrs Lumley and Cook would like this device also to be placed in Far Green and Westend as well as the Centre of the village as speeding is a big problem in these areas.

PCSO Dodd also asked the council if there would be any interest in setting up a community speed watch, this is run by volunteers. The volunteers are trained and then they carry out the checks, approximately 6 volunteers are needed for the scheme to run effectively. The results go to the highways department at the county council.

PCSO Dodd and PCSO Carman have run competitions with local schools in the past and they are considering approaching Coaley school and would like to know if the council would consider providing the prizes. There have been burglaries in the area, there were lots before Christmas, in response leaflets have been put through letterboxes, to date 70% of the area has received a leaflet. PCSO Dodd highlighted that many rural residents are a little lax about security. Surgeries have been taking place at the community shop, and timer switches are available for residents to collect from the PCSO'S. The councillor's suggested the mobile unit is in the area on Saturday 19th March when the affordable housing meeting takes place in the village hall.

Serge was welcomed to the meeting, Serge wished to mention a neighbour who has 2 oak trees, one Hungarian and one British, she would like to donate them to the council. At present they are approximately 10ft tall and she would like them kept together. They are presently in her garden and they will be easy to remove.

20/16 Apologies

None

21/16 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

22/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 were approved and signed by the council.

23/16 Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Solar Farm	1160.79	Community donation
Rollings Tiling	60.00	Newsletter advert

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	382.00	Wages (January 2016)
S Marshall	324.10	Village maintenance
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
The Local Answer	315.00	January/February NL

b) The final draft the precept was reviewed and subsequently approved by the council. Clerk to submit to Stroud District Council.

24/16 Planning notifications

a) S.15/2943/HHOLD - Victoria cottage, Victoria Street – single storey rear extension to replace conservatory.

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b) S.16/0138/FUL – Hobbs Orchard, Silver Street – change of use of land to mixed agriculture and equestrian use, erection of stable for ancillary domestic use only. Extension of residential curtilage. Erection of a porch and two storey side extension to dwelling.

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1. The clerk has received an email from the public spaces department at SDC, they are updating all parish councils on the new garden waste scheme and the upcoming changes to household waste.

2. The clerk confirmed the tennis lessons have been advertised in the newsletter and Jason Boon is hopeful there will be a good local take up.

3. Cllr Lydon has sent an email regarding broadband coverage, clerk to forward the email to all councillors.

4. Mark Graham from SDC has contacted the council regarding the tendering of tree works and inspections, the councillors agreed to express an interest.

5. The clerk reminded the councillors of the changes to the external audit process, if the council wishes to opt out of the standard scheme this must be done by the end of March.

6. The clerk asked for confirmation of the training course Cllr Wait would like to attend. Clerk to book Highnam for 24th February.

26/16 Village Defibrillator

The clerk ran through all the donations which have been received and confirmed sufficient funds have been raised to progress with installing the defibrillator. Clerk to contact the charity and request a formal quote, also ask to an idea on installation times etc.

27/16 Affordable housing

The open meeting will take place on Saturday 19th March from 10am, as many councillors as possible to attend. Clerk to organise tea & coffee, also a poster to be created to advertise the event on the notice board

- 28/16 Tennis Court
Cllr Burgess checked with the pub regarding the keys and any money they may be holding, since the landlord changed the keys seemed to have been misplaced. Cllr Burgess to pursue this.
- 29/16 Planting of wildflowers
The produce show is keen to use surplus funds from the calendar to plant wildflowers in the verges through the villages. The clerk will email through contact details for the highways manager from GCC and the public spaces manager at SDC.
- 30/16 Emergency Plan
All councillors should have had the opportunity to review the emergency plan which Cllr Burgess has emailed through, there are still some areas which need confirming including organising coordinators.
- 31/16 Footpaths, ditches and stiles
Cllr Burgess reported the stile near Bracken house, Peak Lane as you go into the field, the uprights are rotten. Clerk to report to PROW. Cllr Burgess asked the clerk about the lack of footpaths from Coaley to Cam as raised at the last meeting by a parishioner, clerk to write to GCC highways.
- 32/16 Allotments
Cllr Burgess confirmed there is nothing to report. The clerk advised the hedge at Far Green has been cut back, there is an area up there which still needs attention, councillors confirmed this can be cleared by Steve Marshall.
- 33/16 Village maintenance
There is still a problem with dog fouling on the corner of The Close, clerk to speak to dog wardens about signs being placed in this area and whether anything can be done about the village hall car park.
- 34/16 Highways repairs and maintenance
Cllr Lumley reported to the council an issue he dealt, Frances called Cllr Lumley as water was bubbling up through the manhole cover, Cllr Lumley spoke to Severn Trent who came out and dealt with the problem within 4 hours. Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Lumley for dealing with this issue.
Cllr Burgess met with Andrew Middlecote from GCC to look at the passing bays on Peak Lane, Andrew took pictures and hopefully things will progress with speed.
Cllr Lumley reported the road appears to be coming away from the kerb, Cllr Hobson confirmed it has been like this for a while since the kerb stones were changed.
- 35/16 Playarea
The clerk met with Steve Marshall at the playarea to look at the moss, it was agreed the clerk would pursue the possibility of Jet washing. Councillors agreed jet washing would be the best solution, clerk to contact Tony Eve to ask permission to use the village hall facilities.

36/16 Matters for forward consideration
School competition.
Speed survey.

Items for press release
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.58pm