

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th
JANUARY 2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF

01/13 Open Forum

The chair welcomed PCSO Joshua Griffiths to the meeting; the aim of attending the meeting is to improve relations between the parish council and the local police. PSCO Griffiths read through the crime statistics for Coaley. They are broken down from the 1st July 2011 – 1st January 2012, 11 crimes were committed. From 1st July 2012 – 1st January 2013 there were only 4 crimes, this is of course crimes which have actually been reported, to break this down further there were 2 thefts, 1 of criminal damage and 1 drug related. PSCO stated there are links in the village with the police through neighbourhood coordinators, the shop and mobile police station. The Schedule of visits for the mobile police station will be forwarded to the clerk for inclusion in the newsletter. The police newsletter can be found at www.gloucestershirepolice.gov.uk

Cllr Ashman asked for some cold calling signs, PSCO Griffiths advised that residents needed to be surveyed to see how many would be happy to join the scheme. Betworthy and The Close had signs and Cllr Ashman is keen for it to be extended throughout the village. PCSO Griffiths advised that the requirements are now a lot stricter it would be better to extend the neighbourhood watch stickers. PCSO will supply the stickers and liaise with Ken Wibberley. The council would happily distribute these with the newsletter.

PSCO Griffiths also reported that 30Mph check your speed signs have gone up around the village. Cllr Cook would like one of these signs at Hamshill and Far Green. There is a straight section of road at Far Green and on Saturdays lots of speeding cars are in the vicinity.

Cllr Lumley reported that an ideal location for one of the signs is by the bridge at Westend, PCSO Griffiths advised the sign was erected in the only suitable location.

Cllr Cook mentioned smart water, A date will be arranged for the Mobile police station to come into the village on a Saturday and sell it out of there. Also PSCO Griffiths will forward details on Smartwater for the newsletter.

Cllr Ashman thanked PSCO Griffiths for attending the meeting.

02/13 Apologies
None

03/13 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None

04/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2012 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

05/13 Planning
The Council discussed and decided on a response to local planning authority:
S.12/2448/LBC– Old Pigeon House, The Ham – replacement windows and doors, alterations to the roof, demolition of existing pool house and erection of replacement pool house. – **COUNCIL SUPPORTED**

The council has received notification on the following applications
S.12/2048/CPE –Elm Farm, Cambridge –Commercial storage premises –
PERMISSION GRANTED

06/13 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Western power	71.30	Wayleaves payments
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Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wages December 2012
Village Hall	55.50	Jubilee Room hire
P G Day	180.00	Allotment hedge trimming
TW Hawkins	466.43	Contract mowing

07/13 Clerks Report

1. The clerk has spoken to Mr Kumar regarding the Tae Kwon sign and requested it is removed from the wire fencing. Mr Kumar has confirmed he will do this.
2. The clerk ran through the responses needed to the parish plan, the clerk will contact GRCC with the update. Clerk
3. A public enquiry is taking place on Friday 11th January in Cheltenham regarding the proposed incinerator.

08/13 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed

S.Cook reported several footpaths with issues; the clerk will forward these to PROW. There is also a notice damaged on silver street and a stile on Peak Lane.

Clerk

The footpath which runs by Woodley House, off Knapp Lane towards Silver Street you can get over the stile but cannot get through the puddle. A parishioner has complained about a padlocked gate, this is by Richard Carters property.

Cllr Eve and Mr Dave Portlock from highways drove around the village and Mr Portlock advised that ditches on the sides of the road are the responsibility of the land owners not highways. The clerk will write to landowner to ask them to clear their ditches if they are causing an issue.

Clerk

09/13 Allotment Update
Nothing to report.

10/13 Village maintenance
Mr Steele has complained that there are 2 trees on Peak Lane which do not look particularly safe. When the Oak tree was reported before there was to be a site visit in the spring to ascertain its condition, the clerk will chase this report. Also there is an Ash tree further up Peak Lane which is half missing.

Clerk

Cllr Cook spoke to Mr Plumb regarding the trees which the council has reported adjacent to his property and Mr Plumb advised he will allow access once the ground is drier.

11/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
With regards Willow House, Mr Portlock will put another drain in to drain off the water that is running down the road and stop it going down the drive.

Minor flooding problem at one point in Peter St caused by overflow of water from adjacent field. Cllr Eve reported that the manhole by Far Green has been sorted out.

A Routine maintenance to clear out the drains is in place

The 30Mph post has been reset into the ground.

The new tarmac on Knapp Lane has been lifted by the rain.

12/13 Playarea Update
Cllr Ashman reported the repainting of roundabout following repairs in 2012 not urgent and can be dealt with in due course

13/13 Matters for forward consideration
None.

14/13 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes.

Meeting closed 9.15pm