

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 IN  
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: J. Burgess (Chairperson) S. Cook, J. Hobson, B. Bywater, P. Wait, E Ely and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

REF

124/17 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed Suki Cook and Audrey Harris from Coaley playgroup to the meeting to discuss the grant application which has been submitted to the council. The playgroup has a rental agreement with the school for 20 years and have approached them to have this extended. The playgroup pays the school £350 per annum, the land is jointly owned by the local authority and the church. Although the building is technically owned by the school the playgroup is looking to invest £3000 to bring the outside area up to the standard required by ofsted. The playgroup is expecting to have an inspection soon and the area is not fit for purpose.

Cllr Burgess referred this to County Cllr Patrick to investigate whether there are any grants available via the county council to support such a group. The clerk will pass on the necessary contact information.

Mrs Marion McDowell brought to the council's attention the state of the grass at the front of the pub. Mrs McDowell would like the council to take over maintaining the area, the clerk advised as this is private land the parish council cannot cut it without permission. Cllr Hobson will contact Les and ask him to speak to Enterprise Inns.

Mr Carter advised he has attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding his planning application, Cllr Cook asked Mr Carter about the windows in the new building as the plans do not show them, also there is a new road which is not on the application. Mr Carter confirmed agricultural buildings have a right to open an access onto a classified road. Mr Carter advised the building is not any bigger than the original one, it is exactly the same site with the same brickwork but it is taller as it has been dug down.

125/17 Apologies for absence

District councillor Jim Dewey.

126/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Ely agenda item 11, minute reference 135/17.

127/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

128/17 Planning

The council discussed the following planning applications:

1. S.17/1313/FUL – Knapp Lane Farm, Knapp Lane – Repairs and rebuild of existing agricultural building (retrospective)  
Supported by the council, proposed by Cllr Bywater seconded by Cllr Wait.

129/17 Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

D Bird	38.56	Allotment Rent
Nikki Pinker	45.00	Newsletter Advert
A-Z Services	45.00	Newsletter Advert

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages June 2017
D Chapman	150.00	Internal Audit
SARA Sharpness	200.00	Grant awarded
GAPTC	170.00	Better councillor training
Greenville Grounds	250.00	Grass cutting

b) The council reviewed and signed the annual governance statement.

130/17 Clerks Report

1. The council needs to advise the clerk of any work they feel can be carried out by the length men in the village, the councillors identified the verge from the school to Westend and Hamshill to the centre of the village requires attention.
2. The next P&T meeting takes place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
3. The village hall committee confirmed where they have agreed to located the bench, it will be placed at the side of the villager hall.
4. The village hall committee responded to the parish council regarding siting a key safe on the wall, they wondered whether it was really necessary or could just a padlock be installed. Councillors decided to try a combination lock first.

131/17 Tennis courts

Cllr Cook will spray the courts after the meeting.

Cllr Bywater has investigated the choice of locks for the tennis courts and will make the purchase. The proposal will be promoted in the next newsletter.

132/17 Village Hall Update

Cllr Bywater highlighted previously that the front of the village hall is looking tatty, Cllr Ely mentioned this at a VH meeting. The committee confirmed they are aware of this but as they are planning to develop the building so they do not want to spend unnecessary money, but will look to power wash it. The sign is copper so cannot be painted.

133/17 Pub working group update

Cllr Bywater confirmed the pub appears to have a buyer, some people in the working group are keen to progress the group but at the moment there does not appear to be a need to do that. The pub appears to be sold as a going concern.

134/17 Parish Plan

Cllr Burgess advised the council that Uley, Dursley and Cam are involved with Greenways, the PC needs to decided whether they would like to be involved. Cllr Burgess also proposed developing one of the tennis courts into a multi use games area.

- 135/17     Grant Application  
The pub steering group was awarded £200, proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Ely. All councillors in support.  
With regards the application from the playgroup, the council supports the application in principal but the areas of concern need to be addressed.
- 136/17     Newsletter review  
Cllr Bywater reported back to the council that he has looked at numerous newsletters and they are very varied, a few black and white and some coloured. It was suggested a meeting with Alison would be beneficial to all.
- 137/17     Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed  
Norton's Alley is overgrown and the path needs clearing. Clerk to speak to Steve about carrying out this jobs.
- 138/17     Allotment Update  
Cllr Burgess has received a letter from Ms Crumpton regarding some issues on the allotments, Cllr Burgess to draft a response.
- 139/17     Village Maintenance  
Nothing to report.
- 140/17     Highways repairs and maintenance  
The council seems to be late cutting the verges this year, clerk to contact GAPTC and investigate a call off contract.
- 141/17     Playarea Update  
Nothing to report.
- 142/17     Matters for forward consideration  
Newsletter  
Village Shop  
Phonebox  
Parish Plan  
Traffic Speed Survey  
Grant application
- 143/17     Items for press release  
Broadband  
Tennis courts  
Pub survey data

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm