

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE
2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: S. Cook (Vice chairperson), P. Ashman, L. Lumley, I. Eve and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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94/13 Open Forum

Cllr Cook welcomed Fiona Porter and Helen Wilcox from the Tennis and Recreation club. Ms Porter wished the council to consider whether they would be interested in taking over the running of the tennis courts. There has been a succession of the tennis club committee, the present committee wants to stand down but there is no one interested in taking over. Numerous initiatives have been tried to get families involved. A ball machine was invested in a couple of years ago to try and get people onto the courts; there is an annual junior and senior competition.

Last year the club made a £1000 profit, slightly higher than usual due to the club insurance not being paid; usually a £500 profit is anticipated. Presently there are 9 families and 2 individual members this equates to approx. 40 individuals. If you are members you have free access to the courts by collecting the key from the Tongs or Tucks.

There is a problem with an invasive tree called horsetail, the quotes for resurfacing the problem the area would be £4000 & VAT. The club presently has assets of £3330 in the current account and £11,900 in the investment account. Cllr Eve asked what the clubs constitution states. Ms Porter has looked through but it does not say whether the club can close or what to do in this situation. The land is owned by the Parish Council and the tennis club pay a nominal rent.

Barbara Tong does not like the idea of disbanding the club as money was raised through the village and a lottery grant to build the courts, but there does not seem to be any other choice. Mrs Tong felt strongly that should the parish council take over then they must not leave the gate open. Leonard Stanley left the tennis courts unlocked and the court surface did not last 6 months. The whole court is not in need of resurfacing only needs the weed treating and then the surface repaired. The council will consider this at the meeting in July.

Mrs Sheridan Wilkins from Far Green, wished to discuss the planning application for Far Green with the council. Cllr Cook advised that a planning application has not been submitted to SDC yet. The council has seen a copy of a proposed plan and neighbours have also received a letter from the development office at SDC. Mrs Wilkins has not received the letter; Cllr Cook will drop a copy to her.

Cllr Cook

Mr Tong asked the council about the invasive weed on the tennis courts, in the past the county council has pollarded the trees. The willows which are near the courts drop a sticky leaf. The clerk will contact the county council regarding this on-going problem.

Clerk

Ms Stewart was welcomed to the meeting; Ms Stewart wished to address the council on speeding issues through the village. There is a real problem and it is a great concern. Skid marks are visible outside the school and it needs to be dealt with before there is a serious accident. Ms Stewart has lived in the village for 5 years and there is a noticeable increase in the volume of traffic. Once the development of houses at Box road is started the through traffic will increase even more. Cllr Ashman reported that the police have been fairly active in the village in the last few years, they do regular checks but we cannot get 24 hours surveillance in the village. Ms Stewart asked whether there can be any other more noticeable calming measures put into place. Cllr Cook confirmed we could put a request through to the County council.

Clerk

Mrs Tong expressed that no parking outside the church down to the school would greatly improve visibility. Cllr Eve agreed it would but what happens when the village hall is full. The school has raised the issue with the PCSO, Clerk to contact the PCSO.

Clerk

Mr Mottee highlighted should the Parish council take over the tennis courts they could then instigate a tennis club management into place.

Mr Mottee also notified the council that the football team would like a bill. Cllr Ashman responded the football team receive a clear invoice at the beginning of the season which states when payment is due. These terms should be adhered to.

Mr Cormack addressed the council regarding the proposed development at 1 & 2 Hillside. Mr Cormack is still waiting for a responses to he's questions from SDC. Mr Carmicheal has reported that they have not followed the legal requirements.

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Apologies

Cllrs Burgess and Childs

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Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None

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Minutes of the meeting and AGM held on Tuesday 7th May 2013 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

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Planning

The Council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

a) S.13/0489/DISCON - Caravan, Trenley Road, - Discharge of conditions 2 and 4 from planning permission S.12/1463/FUL. PERMISSION GRANTED

b) S.13/0619/HHOLD- Streamleaze, The Ham -Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, garage/workshop/ancillary building, PERMISSION GRANTED

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AccountsIncomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	341.80	Wages May 2013
Local Answer	315.00	Newsletter June/July
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
Greenville Grounds	250.00	Churchyard grass cutting
RoSPA	81.60	Playarea inspection
D Chapman	150.00	Internal Audit

b).

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Clerks Report

1. The clerk read an email out from Stephen Lydon, the newly elected County Councillor. The clerk has invited Cllr Lydon to attend a future meeting.
2. The clerk ran through the new permitted development rights, there are quite a few changes. SDC has had to implement them quite quickly hence the short notice. A copy of the changes has been placed in the circulation envelope.
3. The community safety half yearly meeting takes place on Tuesday 11th June, 10.30am at Ebley Mill.
4. The clerk confirmed a response has been received from the development officer at SDC further to the letter the council wrote regarding the proposed development at Far Green. All councillors should have seen a copy of this letter as it was emailed out.

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Councils Complaints procedure to be adopted

The council voted to adopt the new complaints procedure; this was proposed by Cllr Eve and seconded by Cllr Lumley. All councillors present voted in favour. This will now be available to view on the council's website.

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Council to review standing orders

The clerk will email out a copy of the new standing orders for all councillors to review, there are several sections which needed to be completed by the councils, unless anyone feels differently this will be as the previous standing orders.

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Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed

Grass cuttings continue to be dumped in the verge on Trenley road, a local parishioner appears to be maintaining the verge to improve visibility for cars exiting Trenley road.

Clerk to contact Sarah at PROW as the footpath has still not been reinstated in the ploughed field at Far Green.

Clerk

- 104/13 Allotment Update
The clerk has received all payments and signed regulations forms back with the exception of 2 individuals. A letter has been sent to request payment.
- 105/13 Village maintenance
The road sweeper came through the village last week and the village looks much better.
- 106/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Cllr Eve reported that Elmcote Lane should be reopened by the middle of June; it was quite a large job to support the bridge whilst repairs were carried out to improve the structure.
Cllr Eve has reported the bollards on Silver Street to Mr Portlock.
- 107/13 Playarea Update
The clerk read an email out from Anne Anderson, the guide leader for Coaley brownies. One of the girls hurt themselves in the playarea on Tuesday as the post and rail barrier seems to have come loose.
The clerk will source some quotes to repair this.
- 108/13 Matters for forward consideration
Tennis courts
Standing orders
- 109/13 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes.

Meeting closed 8.25pm