

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE
2014 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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Open Forum

Helen Wilcox and Fiona Porter were welcomed to the meeting; Fiona will write to the bank and ask for the account to be closed and the cheque for the balance to be sent to the clerk. Presently the rates are £2 per adult and £1 per child 90 or max £5 an hour. £2 for the lights. Cllr Burgess confirmed the handover would take place on Saturday 14th June.

The chair welcomed County councillor Steve Lydon to the meeting, with regards highways the county council contractors has now changed to Amey, there has been some teething problems with the contract. Cllr Lydon will be touring around the parish and reviewing the roads in the parishes with the relevant clerks.

Cam and Dursley station is a big issue at present there is a lot of problems with the parking and missing the bus if the train is late. The District council owns a piece of land near the station and this need to be freed up for the parking. Cllr Hobson highlighted the area of land at the station which is owned by the railway, this is used infrequently and could be utilised.

Bus changes from Dursley to Bristol, this needs monitoring as they will become very infrequent and then not supported.

Cllr Lydon reported the ambulance service in the rural areas is not as good as it could be although they meet the target for Gloucestershire, the new service run by Harmony is the 111 service, unfortunately by default they are calling the ambulance service so rather than decreasing the work load it is increasing.

There are also lots of planning applications to build on green fields, the Secretary of State came and had a look at the options available to the County council, the CC wants to build 9500 houses and Secretary of State has given them 6 months to get the figures together.

CC Lydon advised the council of the last week agm at the County Council, the largest part of the budget is presently being spent on adult and elderly care. 5-6 years the council will be bankrupt if this situation is not brought under control.

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Apologies

None

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Co-option of a new councillor

John Hobson was co-opted into the council through a full vote by the council. Clerk to advise the County council.

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Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

98/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

99/14 Planning

The Council has been notified of the following planning application:

- a) S/.14/1063/FUL– Cambridge House farm, Elmcote Lane – demolition of the existing poultry sheds. Extension of the existing dwelling. Extension to the residential curtilage. Erection of a domestic outbuilding. Erection of a sliding gate across the main access. **Neither Support nor object**
- b) S.14/0896/FUL – Goleen, far Green – erection of an extension and conversion of the garage into a holiday home. **Support with conditions**
- c) S.14/0972/FUL – New Dwelling, Trenley Road – erection of a balcony to the rear of the dwelling. **Support**

The council has been notified of the following planning decisions

- a) S.14/0700/LBC – Upper Silver Street Farm, Silver Street – alterations and extension to listed dwelling, including demolition of existing rear entrance porch. **Permission granted**
- b) S.14/0989/HHOLD – The Forge, The Street – two storey extension and a replacement attached garage. **Permission granted**

100/14 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	6500.00	1 st instalment of precept
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	374.00	Wages (May 2014)
Bibby Factors	315.00	Newsletter June/July
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
Stephen Cook	64.99	Weed killer
L Thornton	16.78	Departing councillors gifts
D Chapman	150.00	Internal audit
Greenville Grounds	175.00	Churchyard grass cutting

b) The year end account for 2013/14 for the council were approved and signed.

101/14 Clerks Report

1. The clerk read out a letter from the village playgroup requesting a grant to assist them to move into their new location. This was voted on by the council and all agreed to award £1000.00. Clerk to advise. Clerk
2. A highways information evening is taking place on 21st July, should a councillor be available to attend a place needs to be reserved. Council to advise the clerk. All/Clerk
3. The clerk has received a letter from Mr Goaman offering any assistance with mowing etc in the village near his property if needed. Thank you to Mr Goaman for this kind offer.
4. The clerk has forwarded by email the active together information, a copy has also been placed in the circulation envelope.
5. A letter has been received from the village hall committee; they wish to place a skip in the car park whilst they clear out the village hall. The council approved this request.

6. A copy of the letter the VH committee sent to the football club regarding the removal of the changing facilities from the beginning of the 2015/16 season was read to the council.
7. The council also received a letter regarding the electricity to the hall, this needs to be changed to an underground supply which involves digging a trench this should take 2 days and take place in July.
8. The VH committee would also like to thank the council for the grant to enable them to purchase the tables.
9. Cllr Burgess has received a letter from a year 11 student at Stroud High School asking for a grant, the council voted to decline this request. Clerk to write and advise the applicant.

Clerk

- 102/14 Tennis Courts to be discussed
 Going forward from Saturday 14th June the keys will be in the shop and the pub.
 The weeds are to be dealt with by Cllr Cook; this is not a quick solution and will take several treatments.
 The clerk will verify with the council's insurance company whether we are covered for the courts or whether there will be a premium increase.
 All key holders will be issued with a pack which will give a detailed breakdown on how the courts are to be booked etc, a copy with also go to Mrs Tong should she wish to keep a set of keys.
- 103/14 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
 The woodlands trust have cleared the bottom path in Coaley woods, Cllr Cook is not sure whether it has been cleared all the way to Hodgecombe Farm.
- 104/14 Allotment Update
 Nothing to report.
- 105/14 Village Maintenance
 Nothing to report.
- 106/14 Highways repairs and maintenance
 Clerk will be meeting with John Kay the highways manager and CC Lydon on Thursday to tour around the village to identify areas which need attention. Any requests to the clerk ASAP.
- 107/14 Playarea Update
 Nothing to report.
- 108/14 Matters for forward consideration
 Footpaths
 Tennis courts
- 109/14 Items for press release and publication
 Minutes
- Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Cllr Burgess/
Clerk

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