

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th MARCH
2012 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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36/12 Open Forum
The meeting was suspended after minute point 56/12 to allow Cllr Tipper to address the council.

Cllr Tipper offered apologies for County Cllr Andrewartha.

Cllr Tipper reported on the budget, money is allocated to social care for the elderly and vulnerable. £6.5 million will be received from central government in a one off payment. In 2010 The County aimed to save £114 million over 4 years, this target has been reached, they saved £30 million in the last year. Cllr Tipper reported that this is a sensible budget.

37/12 Apologies
None

38/12 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None to report.

39/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

40/12 Council to discuss and decide on a response to local planning authority:

S.12/0064/HHOLD -Victoria Street Cottage, Victoria Street - demolition of existing carport and erection of new single storey garage.

The council supported this application, policy HN16

The council has received notification of the decisions on the following applications:

S.11/2453/FUL - Outdoor riding arena - Trenley House, Trenley Road

Permission granted

41/12 Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorisationIncome Received

Catherine Jones	45.00	Newsletter
TW Hawkins	45.00	Newsletter
Everhot Cookers	45.00	Newsletter

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	341.80	Wages Ferbruary 2012
PG Day	180.00	Hedge Trimming
Longford Fencing	3595.20	New fence on recreation field
GAPTC	163.20	Renewal of subscription

42/12 Noticeboard – replacement or repairs to be discussed.

The clerk is waiting for a quote from Terry Chivers, his company supplied the notice board at the church. Clerk

43/12 Affordable Housing.

The clerk verified everyone had the opportunity to review the questionnaire regarding the affordable housing which had been emailed out before the meeting. All the councillors were satisfied with the questionnaire and voted to send it out with the April/May newsletter. Clerk

44/12 Grant application for the Queens Jubilee

An application has been received from the Jubilee committee, they have requested a grant of £300.00 for prizes for football, mini Olympics and school project also for the children's food & drink, banners & flags,. All councillors supported this application. The clerk will send a letter to Barbara Tong. Clerk

45/12 Dog waste bins to be discussed

Several complaints have been received regarding dog fouling in numerous areas of the village. The clerk has confirmed SDC are willing to empty any additional dog bins which are installed in the village, the clerk will need to meet with the dog warden before installation to confirm they are happy with the location. The proposed locations are by the stile at the end of the houses at Hamshill and also at Far Green by the allotment gates. An article will also be placed in the newsletter regarding this ongoing problem. Clerk

Clerks Report

46/12

1. The clerk advised there is a vacancy for a watercourse warden, Cllr Eve confirmed he is willing to take on this position.
2. A report has been issued regarding the reclassification of the bridleway, the clerk placed this in the circulation envelope.

3. The update regarding Gloucestershire fire and rescue was placed in the circulation envelope.

- 47/12 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Councillor Eve reported that the ditches have been cleared.
- 48/12 Allotment Rent Review and update
The clerk will be sending out the new rules and regulations along with the revised rent rates by 10th March. Payment will be due by 31st March. Clerk
- 49/12 Golden Jubilee Award
The council discussed the future of the award; there was much discussion on whether to change this award to the Diamond Jubilee award or to create an additional award to acknowledge this celebration. The council voted to keep the award as it presently is.
- 50/12 Annual Parish Meeting
The date of the Annual Parish meeting was set as Tuesday 29th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The clerk will book the hall and arrange the presentation with Martin Hutchings from GRCC. Clerk
- 51/12 Village maintenance
Cllr Ashman has been approached by a parishioner regarding organising a litter pick. The council agreed to meet on Saturday 26th May, 10am in the village hall car park. The clerk will source the litter picking kit from SDC. Clerk
Japanese Knot weed has been seen in the churchyard, although this area is not the responsibility of the council, Cllr Childs will visit the site and identify the weed.
- 52/12 The future of the phone box to be discussed
The clerk reported that she has not received any feedback regarding the article in the newsletter regarding the removal of the phone box. The clerk will place a notice in the phone box window advising that the council are beginning the process of having the box removed. Clerk
- 53/12 An update on the electricity pole
The electricity will be switched off on the 30th March to remove the metal work on the pole.
- 54/12 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Cllr Eve reported that highways have divereted the spring at Ticks Hill into a

drain, it now appears 50 yards further down the road, Cllr Eve will speak to Mr Portlock regarding this issue. Cllr Eve also reported that 2 trees have been removed by fountains along The Avenue, there is now a large gap. Cllr Eve

55/12 Playarea Update
Greenfields did a site visit and replaced the sheared bolt. The clerk will book the RoSPA annual inspection. Clerk

56/12 Matters for forward consideration.
Phone box

The meeting was suspended at this point following the arrival of County Councillor Brian Tipper, the chairperson offered the floor

57/12 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed 8.40pm