

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH
2014 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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40/14 Open Forum

Mr Tony Eve was welcomed to the meeting; he is applying on behalf of the village hall committee for a grant to replace tables. This would then allow them to dispose of the trestle tables which are heavy and cumbersome. They are hoping to purchase 10; if you buy 9 you get 1 free. Mr Eve confirmed they would be able to store these as other older and more cumbersome tables would be disposed of. Council to discuss.

41/14 Apologies
None.

42/14 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

43/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

44/14 Planning

The Council has received notification regarding the following planning application:

- a) S/.13/2686/FUL-1 & 2 Hillside, Far Green – demolition of existing two semi-detached houses and replacement with four semi-detached houses with parking, screening, landscaping and associated works. Revised application following approval S.13/1132/FUL

45/14 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Everhot Cookers	45.00	Newsletter Advert
A-Z Services	45.00	Newsletter Advert
SDC	665.00	Grant

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	374.00	Wages (February 2014)
L Thornton	100.00	6 months office usage
L. Thornton	218.00	12 months mileage

- 46/14 Clerks Report
1. SDC have advised they will be carrying out tree works throughout the county, this will take approx. 3 months and contractors have been advised they must avoid any infringement of the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981.
- 47/14 National Planning Framework Letter Clerk
The council voted to support Stroud District council's objection to the National planning framework. Clerk to write to the secretary of state.
- 48/14 Ditch behind Watkins Terrace to be discussed Clerk
Some residents have cleared their section of the ditch but some areas still need attention. Clerk to write to the residents thanking them for assisting with this issue and asking for the rest to be cleared.
- 49/14 Parish Policing issues to be discussed. Clerk
The councillors agreed, speeding and dog fouling is an issue through the village. Clerk to also request dog fouling stickers from the dog warden.
- 50/14 Community Involvement Protocol.
All councillors have read and supported the protocol. This was then adopted by the full council.
- 51/14 Standing Order to be adopted
The updated 2013 standing orders were adopted by the council.
- 52/14 Grant applications Clerk
The council voted to purchase the requested tables for the village hall. Clerk to purchase once information is forwarded by Mr Eve.
- 53/14 Annual Parish meeting speaker to be discussed All
The clerk asked the councillors to consider who they would like to invite to speak at the APM. All ideas to be discussed at the April meeting.
- 54/14 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed Clerk
There are trees down in numerous locations. Clerk to contact the Woodlands trust for an update on the situation. There is a beech tree above Ron plumbs property Spring Twyning which is dangerous as it has a large branch hanging.
- 55/14 Allotment update by Cllr Burgess. Clerk
Tree down on allotments, needs attention. Clerk confirmed all allotment tenants have received the amended rules and regulations along with their 2014/15 invoice.
- 56/14 Village Maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 57/14 Highways repairs and maintenance Clerk
Highways have placed cones on the manhole cover at Westend, clerk to chase for an update. Potholes on Elmcote Lane have been repaired.

- 58/14 Playarea update
Rospa inspection is due in the next couple of weeks. Clerk
Cllr Ashman raised the issue of the waste bins, one is free standing and the other
is fixed onto the fence. Cllr Ashman empties the bin on the fence and will continue
to do so short term but the problem needs addressing. GCC empty the large
freestanding bin but they do not officially have to do this. Cllr Ashman has the
keys to both bins.
- 59/14 Matters for forward consideration
Tennis courts
APM speaker
- 60/14 Items for press release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed at 9.14pm