

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2015 IN
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF

34/15 Open Forum

Mr John Cox was welcomed to the meeting by the chairman, Mr Cox lives on Knapp lane, and wished to bring 2 issues to the council's attention. The first is a BT flyer advising to switch to higher level of connection, improve the speed of the Internet. Mr Cox encourages the council to take up this fight. Cllr Cook has spoken to BT about this issue and there should be fibre optic available in the village in the next 18 months, the problem is the village is served by 2 exchanges, so not all of the village will benefit from the improvements.

The 2nd issue is not being on the main sewage system, Mr Cox moved to the village 28 years ago, it costs £500 a year to use the septic tank at his property. Mr Cox has spoken to the district council in the past and there was a discussion about the houses being placed onto the mains but Knapp Lane appears to have been forgotten, Cllr Burgess advised since the utilities have been privatised, maybe they have been forgotten, should Mr Cox contact his provider they may be able to review the situation.

35/15 Apologies

None.

36/15 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

37/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting, with the correction 30/15 highway repair manhole cover is opposite the stile by Pinnells End Lane.

38/15 Planning

S.15/0260/HHOLD – The Old Swan Cottage, Coaley – erection of extensions.

SUPPORTED by the council, proposed by Cllr Lumley and seconded by Cllr Cook.

39/15 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

A-Z Services	45.00	Newsletter Advert
B Drewett	23.65	Allotment Rent
M Gabb	10.80	Allotment Rent
K Wilkins	45.24	Allotment Rent
Millwood Motors	100.00	Newsletter Advert
TW Hawkins	45.00	Newsletter Advert
D Rollings	60.00	Newsletter Advert
Tennis Courts	5.00	Court Usage
The Local Answer	315.00	Returned cheque
Everhot	45.00	Newsletter Advert

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	382.00	Wages February 2015
N Power	78.93	Tennis court electricity
SLCC	103.00	Annual Subscription
The Local Answer	315.00	Reissued cheque
GAPTC	192.99	Annual subscription
L Thornton	63.00	Wet Pore for playarea
Coaley Village Hall	39.00	Hall usage

40/15

Clerks Report

1. The clerk has received a letter from the Playgroup with a request to assist with a fundraising idea; the playgroup would like to put a clothes bank in the village hall car park. The council discussed this request and felt the clothes bank would be better located for security and use at the front of the hall. The clerk will write back and advise the playgroup to approach the village hall committee, the clerk will also confirm the council does support this proposal.
2. Further to previous correspondence from Ms Higgins who advertises in the newsletter, Ms Higgins has asked the clerk to approach the council about the options available regarding the newsletter. The council previously agreed not to reduce the cost of advertising as there are companies waiting for slots but Ms Higgins would like the council to consider smaller adverts or the option of black and white adverts. The council discussed these options but felt the present situation works well and there is no need to make any changes at this time. Clerk to write to Ms Higgins.
3. The clerk read out an email from SDC regarding the houses being built at Far Green. A contractor has been employed and building works should begin in the next 6 weeks.
4. The litter has been collected by a resident between the bridge and the station. The clerk has also asked to be notified of any areas the council feels needs to be litter picked before the grass cutting season starts.
5. The clerk brought up the issue of the dog bin at Hamshill, the clerk will do a site visit to see if it is possible to relocate it down to Westend, if so the clerk will instruct Steve Marshall to arrange this to be done and confirm with SDC they are happy to empty.
6. As requested at the last meeting the clerk contacted the clerk of Uley PC to identify the issues regarding the bridleway, the clerk from Uley has not had any correspondence regarding this issue.
7. The clerk was contacted regarding the horses at Westend who appear to be neglected, this was identified by residents in this area who reported the horses were not being fed or watered. Cllr Lumley took ownership of this issue and spoke to the RSPCA and the animal welfare warden at SDC.

41/15

Tennis Court update

The wood has been placed into the tennis courts ready for Steve Marshall to replace the bench.

42/15

Emergency Plan

Cllr Burgess has started to review the emergency plan, to be deferred to the April meeting.

43/15

Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed

Clerk to chase action on the stile at Pinnells end lane, also an up-date required regarding

the ponds at Mr Carters.

- 44/15 Allotment Update.
 The clerk read out a couple of email from Ms Crumpton regarding issues at the allotments, Ms Crumpton has complained regarding the wood which has been placed up against her front garden fence. Clerk to write to Mr Howard and request he blocks the gap in the fence without attaching anything to Ms Crumpton's fence.
- Ms Crumpton was distressed about the tenant's dog banging against her fence late at night, this has been noted for the file and Ms Crumpton will be asked to clarify if it was a one off. The clerk will also confirm the district council has treated the allotment for rats,
- The chairman recommended the housing association should be approached for guidance, clerk to pursue this.
- 45/15 Village Maintenance
 Cllr Hobson reported the recreation ground is really sodden, this happened several years ago and mole drains installed.
- 46/15 Highways repairs and maintenance
 Cllr Hobson reported there is nothing to report. Cllr Burgess highlighted the on-going problem of the passing places on peak lane; a few people have got their vehicles stuck there.
- 47/15 Playarea Update
 The clerk has instructed the maintenance man to reinstall the posts by the swings. Rospa have sent notification they will be inspecting at the end of April.
- 48/15 Matters for forward consideration
 Emergency plan
 Litter pick date
 Annual assembly, Uley defibrillator.
- 49/15 Items for press release
 Minutes

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.