

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2017 IN
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: J. Burgess (Chairperson), S. Cook, P. Wait, J. Hobson, E. Ely and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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41/17

Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Susan Jones, from Knapp Lane chose to attend the meeting due to the ongoing saga with BT over the broadband. There is good speed at the moment, but the residents were promised an upgrade to cabinet 5 in the 1st phase of improvements, the development is now it's in the 2nd phase and the upgrade may be dropped off from this phase too. The numbers affected are the 860 numbers, the 890 has already been done.

Cllr Cook reported that the Uley exchange has been upgraded to fibre and the 890 end of the village is on the upgraded exchange but unfortunately the cabinet at Far Green has not been upgraded. So the position at the moment is no one knows what is happening. Cllr Cook has emailed but there has not been any response. Openreach do not deal directly with the public all communication must go through faster shire.

Neil Carmichael has been contacted regarding the issue and Cllr Dewey will speak to Steve Lydon.

Mr Jonathan Leigh reported he was not sure when Cllr Cook was last in touch with fastershire, Mr Leigh has contacted them via the website and filled in the relevant section about due an upgrade. The response Mr Leigh received back is that particular box is not due an upgrade but may be entitled to other funding.

Serge - nothing to report.

Cllr Dewey reported further to the the last full council meeting the budget and council tax were put forward and all passed. There is £8 million allocated to the new council homes being built in the district. SDC is one of the few councils still building new council homes. Also £3 million has been allocated to regenerate the canals.

There is a cycling and walking plan for the district 300k and some will go to funding a new walking/cycling officer.

Money has been allocated to the lido in Stroud, to provide heat and power.

The new development proposed for Betworthy Farm is before the planning committee on the 21st March. Cllr Dewey spoke to John Longmuir about the increase of affordable houses to 14 from 12 this is aimed at trying to provide houses for the next 30 years.

42/17

Apologies for absence

Cllr Bywater

43/17

Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

44/17

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

45/17 Accounts
a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages February 2017
Coaley Village hall	40.00	Jubilee hall Feb & March
Coaley Village hall	60.00	Jubilee hall Dec & Jan
Steve Marshall	163.88	Village maintenance
ICO	35.00	ICO renewal
GAPTC	204.99	Annual Subscription

46/17 Clerks Report

1. The clerk read a letter from Coaley village hall committee regarding a memorial for Lyulph Lumley, the councillors voted to contribute £100.00.
2. Gloucestershire police are holding a showcase event on Thursday 30th March, Cllr Burgess agreed to attend this event. Clerk to email to reserve a place.
3. SDC is introducing a community infrastructure levy, an information session is taking place. As the timings clash with the PC's meeting the clerk will request a copy of the slides.
4. The clerk advised of the timings for the upcoming development control meeting, Cllr Burgess to attend, proposed by Cllr Hobson and supported by Cllr Cook.
5. Mrs Bozworth has responded to the clerk's email regarding the village leaflet. Mrs Bozworth has been in contact with Cllr Cook regarding putting the details onto the website.

47/17 Tennis courts

Cllr Cook reported there is a lot of moss on the tennis courts, nothing else to report.

48/17 Annual Assembly

Proposed dates for the APM is Tuesday 16th or 23rd May, 1st choice is the 16th. Clerk to contact Lesley Chalmers for village hall availability.

Clerk

49/17 Golden Jubilee Award

After much discussion the councillors decided to carry this over to 2018.

50/17 Internet connection update

Further to the open forum nothing else to report.

51/17 Community Asset

Cllrs Hobson and Bywater have consulted on this, more information will be available at the next meeting.

52/17 BT Phonebox

Nothing to report.

53/17 Neighbourhood plan

The councillors discussed the proposal to produce a neighbourhood plan. It was agreed by all that this is a huge undertaking. A consultation with village would need to take place and then the plan goes out to referendum. The councillors agreed this is not a good time to proceed. Cllr Burgess would like the existing parish plan reviewed and moved forward.

The neighbourhood plan will be deferred until next year, this was proposed Cllr Hobson and seconded by Cllr Wait.

- 54/17 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Cllr Cook reported the tree is still down, clerk confirmed this has been reported. Also the path behind Bracken House still requires attention. Clerk to chase Clerk
- 55/17 Allotment Update
Cllr Hobson and Burgess to arrange a site visit before the next meeting.
- 56/17 Village Maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 57/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 58/17 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.
- 59/17 Matters for forward consideration
Parish plan action works
Flooding
Add to agenda village hall.
Litter pick into the newsletter.
- 60/17 Items for press release
Litter pick
minutes

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.