

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th MAY
2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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60/13 Open Forum

Further to a letter from Stroud District Council which has been sent to residents at Far Green, several parishioners attended the meeting to discuss the proposed development of Hillside, Far Green.

The chair invited individuals to address the council with their concerns.

Mr Doug Cormack gave the council a copy of all his questions regarding the housing development; these have been sent to SDC but not responded to. Mr Cormack has spoken to District Councillor Tim Boxall who will speak to the development office on his behalf. The main concern to start with was the access to Mr Cormack's sewer as he presently has right of access onto the proposed development land for maintenance etc.

Due to the lack of response Mr Cormack has requested information under the FIA. Mr Cormack is interested to know how SDC plan to overcome the 1984 H&S act, also if the properties are in such a bad state they must be demolished why there is not any signage erected to warn people.

Mrs Cook feels the plans put forward for Hillside are totally out of keeping for the area and the number of properties on the land too many. Mrs Cook also brought to the council's attention that SDC broke the law regarding nesting birds, contractors nailed up a nesting bird site. This was subsequently Reported to RSPB, and the police.

The resident of number 3 does not want scaffolding on his land. Julian Kent was less than interested when advised of this. If there is no access to Number 3, this will make putting up of any scaffolding very difficult. The resident is also concerned regarding debris on his land.

The direct neighbours to the properties to be demolished are very concerned about the rumours that the Heat source pumps seem to have been the cause of the problems.

Another issue which all present commented on is the visibility for traffic on the corner it is not within the legislations. And cars will park on the road outside the new properties when visiting etc.

Cllr Ashman saw no reason to suspect there are any ulterior motives by SDC

regarding this development. The houses are scheduled to come down in 2 weeks' time; prior to this the electricity needs to be moved.

Mr Don Hunt is keen to support affordable housing but it must be in keeping with the existing properties.

Cllr Ashman thanked everyone for the comments, the council will instruct the clerk to write to Julian Kent, the development officer at Stroud District Council and enforce the concerns of the residents.

61/13 Apologies
None

62/13 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None

63/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

64/13 Planning
The Council discussed and decided on a response to local planning authority:
a) S.13/0813/HHOLD – Foxlea, The Street –dormer windows to the front and rear elevation and a partial loft conversion. **SUPPORTED HN16**
b) S.13/0841/HHOLD – Old Pigeon House, The Ham - Replacement windows and doors to main house, alterations to roof, demolition of existing detached garage, erection of replacement of garage. Demolition of existing pool house and erection of replacement of pool house (resubmission following withdrawn application S.12/2447/HHOLD **SUPPORTED HN16**
c) S/13/0842/LBC – Old Pigeon House - Replacement windows and doors to main house, alterations to roof, demolition of existing detached garage, erection of replacement of garage. Demolition of existing pool house and erection of replacement of pool house. **SUPPORTED HN16**
d) S/13/0890/HHOLD – The Bratches, Hamshill – single storey extension, first floor extension and replacement garage. **SUPPORTED HN16**

The Council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

- a) S/13/0195/HHOLD – Penyard, Westend – 2 storey extension to the East façade. **PERMISSION GRANTED**
b) S/13/06198/HHOLD – Bracken House, Levers Hill – alteration and extensions to the existing house and garage and outbuilding. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

65/13 Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

S. Tucker	44.44	Allotment Rent
SDC	6500.00	1 st precept payment
B. Drewett	23.65	Allotment Rent
D. Dungworth	12.73	Allotment Rent
TW Hawkins	45.00	Newsletter Advert
G. Beisley	36.28	Allotment Rent
D. Bird	38.56	Allotment Rent
K. Wilkins	45.24	Allotment Rent
Ms Gammon	45.00	Newsletter Advert
A Wilcox	20.62	Allotment Rent
D. Coopey	11.65	Allotment Rent

Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wages (April 2013)
Greenville Grounds	175.00	Cemeteries grass cutting
L. Thornton	100.00	6 months office usage
Aon Uk Ltd	1196.95	Insurance renewal

b) 4th quarter accounts were checked and approved by the council.

66/13 Clerks Report

1. Mr Goaman requested the council considering planting a native Ash tree to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the queen's coronation. Council voted not to on this occasion.
2. The clerk advised the SDC local plan consultation concludes on Wednesday 8th May if anyone wishes to comment.
3. GAPTC has its AGM on Wednesday 17th July, 6.30pm at Shire Hall.
4. Cllr Childs updated the council regarding the issues with the horses near the railway bridge. The RSPCA and BHS are involved and monitoring the situation.
5. The clerk advised of a council tax scam which has been brought to the attention of SDC. This notice will be placed on the newsletter.
6. There are grants presently available if the council wishes to do a neighbourhood plan. The clerk has the details.

67/13 Wheeled respect

Cllr Ashman reported the police have organised a day to highlight to the public how they are addressing the issue of speeding in the district. They will be running a number of speed checks in the area. This is an opportunity for the public to ask questions. If any councillors are free on Saturday 11th May and able to attend the event please consider doing so.

68/13 Council to discuss the complaint procedure

This was held over to the next meeting due to time restraints.

- 69/13 Council to adopt up to date standing orders
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- 70/13 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
It has been reported that at the back of Watkins terrace the ditch is being blocked with grass cuttings. Clerk
Trenley Road continues to have grass cuttings dumped in the ditch. Clerk
Mr Carter has ploughed his field near Knapp Lane and not reinstated the footpath. Clerk
The clerk reported the public bridleway has been upgraded to a byway, information placed in the circulation envelope.
- 71/13 Allotment Update
Cllr Burgess has visited the site and there is no visible evidence of any fly infestations. Cllr Burgess
The chickens are still causing a problem with noise and some of the allotments are unsightly. Cllr Burgess to assess the situation with the chickens.
The clerk reported that Georgina Beisley has requested mobile chicken houses. Once Cllr Burgess has confirmed the regulations this can then be decided upon.
There should be a written agreement for all animals on the allotments, Cllr Burgess to organise.
- 72/13 Village maintenance Cllr Childs
The litter is being ripped open by a dog at Far Green, Cllr Childs will write an article for the newsletter.
- 73/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Cllr Eve reported there are some markings on the roads ready for repairs.
- 74/13 Playarea Update Clerk
The clerk has placed the RoSPA report in the circulation envelope. The clerk will obtain quotes to remove the timber and replace with soft pore.
- 75/13 Matters for forward consideration
Complaints procedure
Standing Orders
- 76/13 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes.

Meeting closed 8.54pm