

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 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

67/15 Open Forum

Mr Cormack addressed the council on the lack of a speed test being carried out before planning permission was granted for the properties at Far Green. The County council responded to Stroud District council in December 2013 and recommended a speed test be carried out before permission is granted. This then appears to be dropped from any further correspondence. Mr Cormack has asked SDC to confirm when they are going to carry out this speed test due to the siting of the development and nature of the driving habits in this vicinity. The Reassessment did not appear on the SDC website, and there have been numerous discrepancies.

Mr Cormack also highlighted the on-going issue with the flooding onto the main road at Far Green further to the ponds being installed, they have replaced a stream with a concrete pipe and this pipe cannot cope with the volume of water. The clerk confirmed Mr Cormack was sent a copy of the reply from SDC enforcement, Mr Cormack felt they visited further to a long dry period.

68/15 Apologies  
None

69/15 Declarations of Interest by Councillors  
None.

70/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.  
Amendment by Cllr Lumley the drainage cover which needs attention is the opposite side of Pinnell Ends Lane from the stile.

71/15 Planning

- a) S.15/0760/FUL – Elm Farm, Bristol Road, Cambridge- demolition of existing building and construction of replacement commercial storage building.

**SUPPORT WITH COMMENT**

- b) S.15/0942/HHOLD – The Hollies, Levers Hill - Proposed 2 storey and single storey extensions to provide additional living accommodation and single storey detached workshop. **SUPPORT**

72/15 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	6750.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Precept
D Howard	55.92	Allotment

A Wilcox	20.62	Allotment
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	382.00	Wages (April 2015)
Playsafety Ltd	85.20	RoSPA Inspection
Greenville Grounds	250.00	Grass cutting
Aon Insurance	1222.45	Councils insurance
TW Hawkins	480.41	Grass cutting – November, late invoice

4<sup>th</sup> quarter accounts checked and verified by the council.

73/15

Clerks Report

1. The clerk has received an email from Mr Julian Ashman regarding the condition of the pavement at Far Green; the hedge leading to the bus stop is overgrown making it very difficult to walk along the path. The council instructed the clerk to write to the residents of the property owning this hedge asking them to cut it back.
2. Stroud District council have written to the council regarding preparing a neighbourhood development plan.

74/15

Tennis Court update

Cllr Cook confirmed the horsetail weed is coming through again; Cllr Cook will go back when the weather is suitable and use the weed killer.

The clerk will chase the electrician for the inspection report.

It has been noted the fence on the far side of the court on the right has been cut and the fence lifted up, Cllr Burgess confirmed he has wire which he will fix the fence with.

75/15

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May as originally agreed, the clerk will write to all the hall users and Cllr Burgess will organise the speaker. Clerk to provide the refreshments.

76/15

Hillside Development

Clerk to chase Julian Kent on the FOI request by Mr Cormack.

77/15

Village Newsletter

The newsletter needs to be taken back under control by the council, it is to be communicated to all contributors that the deadline must be met; any late additions will not be included. Clerk to advise The Local Answer that all content sent directly to Alison must be copied to the clerk to confirm they are to be included. Deadline, must be back by the Friday before the end of the month.

If the newsletter is going to be delayed due to village events this is to be communicated to all contributors.

78/15

Litter Pick to be discussed

The councillors agrees to hold a village litter pick on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, in order to get the maximum number of volunteers two sessions will take place. Morning session meet at the shop at 10am and for the afternoon session meet at the shop at 2pm. Clerk to advertise this in the newsletter.

- 79/15      Emergency Plan  
Cllr Burgess has sent the updated document out; there are a couple of things to finalise.  
Cllr Burgess has asked all councillors to review the document ready to confirm the finer details at the June meeting.
- 80/15      Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed  
Cllr Lumley confirmed the stile on Pinnells End Lane has still not been fixed.  
Cllr Cook asked the clerk for the contact details for the woodlands trust.
- 81/15      Allotment Update  
The clerk advised Ms Crumpton left a message on the answer phone regarding an iron bar in her front garden. Several allegations were made by Ms Crumpton regarding the council's actions and the taking of back handers, Clerk to advise this is a serious allegation and the tenancy of the allotments is renewed annually and the council has several allotments empty available for parishioners to rent.  
  
Cllr Burgess to perform a site visit before the June meeting.  
  
The councillors instructed the clerk to write to Darren Howard regarding consideration to neighbours.  
Ms Crumpton has written to the council to notify she is submitting noise records to the District council. Clerk to follow up with the district council regarding submitted form.  
  
Clerk to contact the housing association to seek direction.
- 82/15      Village Maintenance  
Nothing to report.
- 83/15      Highways repairs and maintenance  
County Cllr Lyndon has requested £5000 from the County Council highways to tidying up passing bays on Peak Lane although nothing has been done to date. The pavement by the shop is still an issue; the clerk has reported this to the County Council.
- 84/15      Playarea Update  
The report had been distributed to the councillors before the meeting, the majority of the report confirms the playarea is in good condition, there are a couple of area which will require attention in the near future.
- 85/15      Matters for forward consideration  
Emergency Plan.
- 86/15      Items for press release  
Minutes.  
  
Meeting closed at 9.05pm.