

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2017 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: S. Cook (Vice-chairperson), J. Hobson, E. Ely and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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81/17

Open Forum

Cllr Jim Dewey reported it has been a quiet month, very little activity due to the upcoming elections.

With the introduction of CIL, the County council will look favorably on any applications which help with the reduction of motorised transport. If the parish council have any infrastructure plans in the pipeline, then they may be able to take advantage of this new policy. Cllr Dewey recommends costing them out and having the information ready for when the CIL money becomes available.

Mr David Randall, is attending the meeting due to his planning application.

Mr John Goman – nothing to report.

Jenny was welcomed to the meeting, Jenny walks around the village a lot and has noticed many of the stiles are non existent or very rickety. Cllr Cook asked for these to be reported to the clerk.

Mr Les Compton has written to Cllr Burgess regarding the closure of the village pub. Cllr Cook confirmed the council has registered the pub as a community asset, there is an 8-week policy in place for Stroud District Council to respond. With the community asset the council is notified if an application is submitted for a change of use for the pub and is then given 6 months to propose an alternate.

Kim felt confident the parish council are motivated enough to do something about the pub.

Mr Compton asked if Enterprise Inn's have been approached?

Cllr Hobson advised presuming the application is accepted by SDC, then it goes to community support. At which point 20 people will be needed to help finance the purchase of the pub.

Kim asked if there is a way of making Keith or Enterprise tidy it up the pub? Is it a listed building?

Cllr Dewey knows of a similar situation in Wotton, the building depilated beyond repair.

Cllr Cook advised all those present that due to the lack of councillors present at this meeting, a Further meeting to discuss the future of the pub would be beneficial. The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th May, and the future of the pub will be discussed then.

82/17

Apologies for absence

Councillors Burgess, Wait and Bywater.

83/17

Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

84/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

85/17 Planning

The council discussed the following planning applications:

- a) S.17/0721/HHOLD, Grove Orchard, Knapp Lane – proposed garden room with a raised deck. **SUPPORT**
- b) S.17/0752/P3Q, Barn at The Granary, Lower Silver Street – conversion of barn to habitable use. **SUPPORT**
- c) S.17/0836/FUL, The Old Post Office, The Street – erection of 2-bedroom bungalow with associated parking. **SUPPORT**

86/17 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

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| Georgina Beisley | 24.40 | Allotment Rent |
| Mr Coopey | 11.55 | Allotment Rent |
| Mr Drewett | 23.65 | Allotment Rent |
| Ms Tucker | 44.44 | Allotment Rent |
| Mr Wilkins | 45.24 | Allotment Rent |

Payments for Authorisation

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| L Thornton | 396.00 | Wages March 2017 |
| Npower | 11.37 | Tennis court electricity |
| Greenville Grounds | 250.00 | Grass cutting |
| L Thornton | 49.99 | New printer |
| Aon UK Ltd | 1230.86 | Insurance renewal |
| L Thornton | 1.96 | Stamps |
| Playsafety Ltd | 88.20 | Playarea inspection |

87/17 Clerks Report

1. The clerk advised of the broadband event which is scheduled to take place, Cllr Cook is planning to attend on behalf of the parish council.
2. A letter has been received from SDC regarding asset transfer, this is not relevant to the parish council as there are not any SDC owned building within the parish.
3. Mr Tony Eve forwarded an email regarding the Village of the year, the email has been forwarded to all the councillors.

88/17 Tennis courts

Nothing to report.

89/17 Village Hall Update

Further to the complaint about the grass cutting of the recreation field, the clerk has contacted the contractors. It is believed it was a late dry cut. The clerk has not received a bill to date.

90/17 Community Asset

Cllr Bywater has submitted the application.

91/17 Council and public communications

Defer to the next meeting.

- 92/17 New councillor
Defer to the next meeting.
- 93/17 Parish plan action
Defer to the next meeting.
- 94/17 Annual Assembly
Further to the open forum, the council will use the APM as an opportunity to highlight the issues with the pub. Cllr Bywater to present at the beginning of the meeting. Cllr Bywater
- 95/17 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
The fence on Norton alley has been damaged. The clerk will speak to Steve Marshall about making more substantial repairs. Clerk
The clerk has been approached about changing the stile from the back of the playing field to a kissing gate. Clerk to contact PROW. Clerk
Cllr Ely reported the field off Trenley road is barricaded by gates and electric fence. Cllr Ely to provide more information. Cllr Ely
- 96/17 Allotment Update
Nothing to report.
- 97/17 Village Maintenance
A few tiles are off the bus shelter next to the recreation field, clerk to instruct Steve Marshall to repair. Clerk
- 98/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 99/17 Playarea Update
RoSPA report has been distributed. Barrier is rotting, clerk to ask Steve Marshall to repair. Clerk
- 100/17 Matters for forward consideration
Grant application.
- 101/17 Items for press release
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.