

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010**  
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

REF	Action
<p>169/10 <u>Open Forum</u> The chair suspended the meeting after the planning applications minute item 174/10 to welcome County Councillors Dennis Andrewartha and Brian Tipper to the meeting. Further to all the publicity concerning the County Council, Cllr Tipper is very keen to attend all the Parish Councils meeting to alleviate any concerns. Cllr Andrewartha chairs the budget and performance scrutiny committee; big cuts are to hit the County. It is estimated the fire service will have a 25% cut taking place over 5 years the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 years are lenient and last 2 years much harder. The capital cuts are more aggressive with a 45% instantly affecting highways. A draft budget is expected around the 8<sup>th</sup> December, there is presently complete secrecy about what is happening. Cllr Tipper addressed the council about these cuts, they are happening and are quite severe, the Country is in a mess and it is better to go this route now. Cllr Tipper advised that the old/young and vulnerable will be protected as much as possible. Cllr Burgess asked the County Cllrs if these new cuts were on top of the predicated cuts in the past? Cllr Andrewartha responded that they are over 4 years, 1400 jobs need to go and many of these will be through individuals choice i.e. retirement, resignation. At the moment the Council is too top heavy, positions will not be replaced as people leave. Mr Goman asked the County Cllrs, that during this era of cutting costs will there be a reduction in the Council Tax? Cllr Andrewartha responded that there may be a freeze and then a 2.5% bonus for 4 years.</p>	
<p>170/10 <u>Apologies</u> None received</p>	
<p>171/10 <u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u> None</p>	
<p>172/10 <u>Minutes</u> of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.</p>	

173/10 AccountsIa) a) Incomes received and payments for authorisationIncome Received

Coaley Rovers	210.00	Recreation fees for 2009/10
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Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wage (October 2010)
Greenville Grounds	80.00	Grass cutting
Coaley Village Hall	100.00	5 meetings July – October
L Thornton	200.00	12 months office usage
Joy John	240.00	Litter Clearing

b) 1<sup>st</sup> draft precept to be discussed

The council reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> draft provided by the clerk, the income and outgoings were discussed. All councillor's have a copy of the draft to review before the December meeting.

174/10 PlanningThe council considered

a) S.10/1987/HHOLD – Trenley House, Trenley Road – Erection of timber stable complex and carriage barns

**Council supported this application.**

b) S.10/1982/HHOLD – Betworthy Farm, The Street – Formation of glazed link between main house and outbuilding, and barn conversion. Resubmission of following withdrawn application.

**Council Supported this application.**

c) S.10/1983/LBC - Betworthy Farm, The Street – Formation of glazed link between main house and outbuilding, and barn conversion. Resubmission of following withdrawn application.

**Council supported this application.**

**Meeting suspended by the chair to allow the County Councillor's to address the Council.**

175/10 Clerks Report

1. The clerk advised from the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010 SDC will no longer be posting paper copies of planning decisions as all decisions are available on the website.
2. The clerk read out an e-mail from Cllr Barbara Tait regarding the review of planning applications, this was placed in the circulation envelope to be reviewed at leisure.
3. The clerk also included an e-mail from Eastington Parish Council regarding the same issue as Cllr Tait.
4. The clerk has been in contact with Inspector Fagan regarding having the mobile speed camera visiting the village. Inspector Fagan will carry out a site visit and review possible locations for his unit to set up the speed

cameras.

5. The next Parish Cluster meeting takes place at Kingshill House on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7pm.
6. Nikki Humphries has contacted the Parish Council regarding the emergency plan. Battle boxes are available to councils if they send a copy of the plan to SDC. The clerk forwarded this e-mail to Cllr Burgess.
7. The community safety panel meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 10am in the Council chambers at Ebley mill.

176/10 Website Update

Cllr Cook has added a diary to the website and is waiting for a copy of the history of the village. Cllr Cook will contact Pat Bozworth to see if this can be made available.

Cllr  
Cook

177/10 Leyhill Prison

Cllr Ashman wishes the council to address the problem of subsidence on Norton's Alley, in the past the working group from Leyhill prison built up the bank with sleepers to give it better protection. Work now needs to be carried out further along the bank. All councillors voted to approach Leyhill to carry out this work in the Spring of 2011. Cllr's also discussed the conditions of the bus shelters in the village, this may also be something the workforce could take on. The clerk to write to Leyhill prison.

Clerk

178/10 Footpaths and watercourses

Cllr Ashman showed the council a map of the village which has been divided up into areas, Cllr Ashman proposed the cllr's each have a section which is their responsibility. The area will have footpaths and watercourses that need to be walked, the ideas is to monitor these areas and report any issues to the council so they can be addressed. All the council voted for this to be enforced and it will commence in December.

179/10 Allotment Updates

Cllr Burgess had nothing to reports; the clerk is to chase Darren Howard regarding his tenancy agreement as it has not be received. Mr Williams to be approached regarding carrying out the repairs needed on the gate at Westfield allotments.

Clerk

180/10 Playarea Update

Cllr Ashman has produced a safety schedule for the play area which is completed every month this log needs to be kept up to date and is transferable between councillors. It has been decided that in order to repaint the equipments as per the ROSPA report specialist contractors need to be sourced. The clerk is to write to ROSPA for advice on contractors.

Clerk

181/10 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report

182/10 Highways Repairs & Maintenance

Cllr Eve reported Peak Lane has been patched and the gullies should have been cleared. The road at the top end of the village seems to be suffering and the flooding on the Coaley to Uley road is still under negotiation.

- 183/10 Any other business  
Cllr Childs asked about the survey that took place a few years ago for the Stroud Valleys project, individuals surveyed the hedgerows throughout the village, but a report has never been received. The clerk will contact The Stroud Valley's project to chase this up.
- 184/10 Matters for forward consideration  
Emergency Plan  
Footpaths and Watercourses
- 185/10 Items for Press Release  
Minutes
- 186/10 Items for Publication  
Minutes
- Date of the next meeting  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010
- Clerk

Meeting closed at 21.18.