

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th
NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE PARISH ROOM OF THE CHURCH**

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

REF

176/12 Open Forum

The chair invited members of the public to address the council.

Ms Penny wished to express her concern over the planning application for Levers Hill, there seems to be a high level of deceit regarding the application. Ms Penny has been looking after the land as a nature reserve for the last 7 years All the residents in the area have objected to this application.

Serge brought a couple of points to the council's attention. The football team were concerned when 3 weeks ago tractor marks were left across the field. The driver of the tractor is unknown as it was not the contractors employed by the council.

Serge also wished to ask on behalf of the school mums whether it is possible to put a gate behind the tennis court on the footpath as the bridge crosses the stream towards the fields. Council to discuss under village maintenance.

Cllr Dennis Andrewartha updated the council on news from Gloucestershire County Council The scrutiny committee is looking at the potential budget and pressure is on to decrease the amount of spending. But it is expected there may be significant increases in some areas such as care for the elderly, vulnerable children and the disabled. There is no money available for the other important services i.e. Highways. Cllr Andrewartha has allocated his £10,000 budget for highways to be used on estate type roads and extensive patching not just filling. Cllr Andrewartha has been invited to Dublin to look at an incinerators, this has been declined.

There are 2 pieces of news from Stroud District news, the new administration is writing to the secretary of state asking him to call in the incinerator issue on several grounds. It is believed that other options are not being considered,

There are plans for more houses to be built in rural locations. There was an exception policy for many years this is being reviewed. There is a conversation taking place about giving the parishes which build affordable homes bonuses. i.e. parishes would receive 80% of the band c tax for 6 years in the region of £8000 a year for 6 years. It is believed the policy will be formed around support to borrow money to buy the property.

177/12 Apologies

Cllr S. Childs.

178/12 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
Cllr Burgess agenda item 4b.

179/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

180/12 Planning

The Council discussed and decided on a response to local planning authority:

a) S.12/2042/CPE – Elm Farm, Bristol Road, Cambridge – Commercial Storage Premises. **Council Supported.**

b) S.12/1831/OUT – Land AT, Levers Hill, Coaley Peak – Erection of a residential dwelling. **Council Objected.**

c) S.12/2037/AGR – Waterend Farm, Coaley – Lean-to extension to existing hay barn. **Council Supported.**

The council has received notification on the following applications:

a) S.12/1261/FUL – Twyning Ash, Tickshill – new agricultural building to cover existing manure store. **Permission Granted.**

b) S.12/1262/FUL – Twyning Ash, Tickshill – new agricultural building to cover existing silage pit. **Permission Granted.**

181/12 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

V Higgins	45.00	Newsletter Advert
-----------	-------	-------------------

Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wages October 2012
Longford Fencing	117.60	Repair of recreation field fence
Greenville Grounds	80.00	Churchyard grass cutting
L. Thornton	2.29	Stamps
L. Thornton	100.00	6 months office usage

182/12 Council Houses at Far Green

Cllr Cook advised that the council houses at Far Green are to be flattened, Cllr Andrewartha reported that in the past 2 houses have been knocked down and 4 built on the land. The local authority would rebuild rather than offering it to the parish council for affordable housing. There is £15 million in the budget to build council houses. If the land is sold it would be to a registered social landlord.

183/12 Clerks Report

1. On the 20th November there is a 'water where you live' seminar at the Royal agricultural college, Cirencester, 2.00-4.00pm. Please advise the clerk if you wish to attend.
2. The clerk reminded the council of the highways open evening on 14th November 5.00-8.00pm at Leonard Stanley Village hall.

3. An email has been sent to all councillors with the revised draft of the AONB management plan 2008-13. The consultation period is 22nd October 2012 until 13th January 2013.
4. The clerk read an email from Mrs Jones regarding the condition of Knapp Lane. Although the council is very sympathetic to the problem, further to Cllr Andrewartha's comments on the highway budget it would appear there will not be any improvements made in the near future.
5. The clerk shared letters from Mr O'Brien to highways regarding the damage to the drain/gully outside his property. Mr O'Brien is concerned about the surface water and the potential ice in cold weather. These were sent to the council to keep us informed no action required at the moment.
6. The consultation on major transport schemes has been extended by one week.
7. The Clerk has received notification that Elmcote Lane will be closed at the motorway bridge from 2nd January – 1st March. This information will be placed on the website and in the newsletter.

184/12 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Coaley wood still needs clearing

185/12 Allotment Update
Nothing to report.

186/12 Village maintenance
The council discussed the issue raised by Serge in the open forum, the placing of a gate into the field by the tennis courts; it was felt it is the parent's duty of care to supervise their children. Cllr Eve proposed nothing should be done as children should be adequately supervised. All support.

187/12 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
The clerk advised she has spoken to Mr Goaman regarding the flooding on Silver Street, the matter needs attention as there are several factors causing the problem and also water is running down Peak lane and the Culvert is unable to cope. The road out towards Ashmead is also flooding. Cllr Eve will speak to Mr Portlock and look at the options available to help rectify the problem.

188/12 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.

189/12 Matters for forward consideration
Affordable housing.

190/12 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed 8.55pm