

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th
NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF

156/13 Open Forum

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave them the opportunity to present to the council:

Dr Marion McDowell wished to express her surprise that the 5 houses and car parking at Far Green have been approved, it seems wrong that they did not take the residents objections into consideration as there was over 20 as well as the parish councils. Mr McCormack has spoken to the ombudsman, in particular raising concerns on how the preplanning had been handled.

Dr McDowell has also spoken to the ombudsman. They have advised that it is unlikely anything will happen. The District council have 12 weeks to react to a formal complaint, the more individual formal complaints the better.

It is generally felt that SDC have not handled this application professionally. With so many objections why did this application not go to the development committee? Ideally the outcome would be for the council to reconsider and have a public meeting, with a reduction of properties on the site, the district council has disregarded its own rules.

Mr A Griffiths advised that works have started and the work traffic is causing a problem. The vehicles are parked on the road and pavement creating an obstruction. There has been 4/5/6 cars parked there and they are not putting any warning signs out to alert road users.

Mr Griffiths has complained to the police but nothing done. With the cars parked there exiting the drive is very difficult.

Cllr Burgess recommended taking pictures to support this problem; this gives visual evidence of the issue.

Mr McCormack confirmed to the council that he has sent a complaint to the ombudsman.

Dr McDowell stated that the Parish Council or District councillor could have called it into the development committee, the council was not aware of this new rule. Dr McDowell advised it is well hidden from public scrutiny.

Report from County Councillor Lydon attached as appendix I.

157/13 Apologies

Cllrs Childs and Eve.

158/13 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None declared.

159/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2013 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

160/13 Planning

The Council discussed and decided on a response for the following planning applications:

- a) S.13/23292/LBC – The Leigh, The Ham – Removal of fixed glazed and wood to the North, South and West elevations and replacement with traditional lead lights and iron casements **SUPPORTED**
- b) S/2142/CPL – Silver Street House, Silver Street – erection of a twin unit (log home) in the garden grounds. **SUPPORTED**

The Council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

- a) S.13/1595/FUL – New Dwelling, Trenley Road –erection of a garage.
Permission granted.

The council were notified of an appeal notice

APP/C1625/A/13/2200214 – Barn at Riverside Bungalow, Halmore Lane – appeal was successful.

161/13 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Pleasure Gardens	45.00	Newsletter Advert
CJH Carpentry	60.00	Newsletter Advert

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	374.00	Wages (September 2013)
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162/13 Clerks Report

1. The clerk read an email from Paul Freeman, Chair of governors at Coaley School. He is very concerned about the street lighting by the school. The clerk will contact highways to discuss any possible solutions. Clerk
2. There is a Parish and Town councils meeting on Tuesday 7th January, 7pm in the council chambers at Ebley Mill. Clerk
3. There is still time to complete the road safety survey if you have not already done so.
4. The clerk has been contacted by Ruth Hobbs who has expressed concern regarding potential flooding at her property. Cllr Ashman and the clerk to arrange a site visit. Clerk
5. Thursday 7th November at 1.15pm there is a housing and support meeting taking place at the subscription rooms, Stroud.
6. Further to the discussion in the open forum regarding the houses at Far Green, the clerk will contact GAPTC for advice on the situation.

- 163/13 Standing Orders
The clerk informed the council that GAPTC have advised there will be new standing orders to be adopted within the next couple of months.
- 164/13 Tennis Courts update
The horseweed problem needs to be resolved, Clerk to speak to Lynette Wilcox and see if a farmer is able to recommend anything. Clerk
The clerk will check the councils insurance regarding liability.
A possible solution is to continue to run the same as present and approach the shop and pub about holding the key.
- 165/13 Future Councillors to be discussed
Cllrs Eve and Ashman have confirmed they will be resigning from the council May 2014 and Cllr Childs is still undecided. The clerk will write an article to go into the December/January newsletter.
- 166/13 Grounds
A councillor has been approached regarding the amount of groundwork taking place at a property on the way out of the village. The clerk will contact SDC Clerk
planning to verify the regulations on groundwork.
- 167/13 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
There is a tree down at the top of Knapp Lane; the tree has fallen across the fence into the field. The clerk will also chase the report on the trees on Peak Lane. Clerk
- 168/13 Allotment Update
Cllr Burgess has tried to visit Sue regarding the chickens on the allotments, Cllr Burgess will pursue this. Cllr Burgess
- 169/13 Village maintenance
SDC have agreed to send Leyhill into the village for the day and they will clear the kerbs and tidy up Norton's Alley.
- 170/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 171/13 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.
- 172/13 Matters for forward consideration
Tennis Court
Precept.
- 173/13 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Appendix I

Gloucestershire County Councillor Steve Lydons report.

Here is a brief report of key GCC matters effecting Coaley and surrounding area

1. Incinerator Planning Inquiry- This starts on Nov.20th if GCC wins the appeal ie the incinerator is turned down, GCC will have to pay £15m to UBB as part of the contract agreement, signed before the planning committee decision. There is growing concern about the whole nature of how the original decision was made, and how robustly GCC will defend its own planners. I am asking a no. of questions on this matter at the next full meeting.
2. County Councillors Highways £20 k allocation - I have allocated approx £15k of this sum to resurface Oakway in Dursley.
3. Dursley ambulance station future- This has now resolved, at long last to be at the Fire Station. I asked in my capacity as Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee the Chief Exec of the Ambulance Service to attend the committee to clarify the situation. He was also be asked to detail how the ambulance service propose to address their poor performance on attending emergencies in rural areas including Stroud District. The other topic he was asked to clarify is the future of the triservices centre run jointly with the police and fire service, which many of us see as model of good practice it is understood that the ambulance service are looking to pull out.
4. Budget- I am the Labour spokesperson for finance, GCC like other councils is facing big cuts in funding, I have asked that Parish, Town and District Councils are given early warning of the budget implications for them so they can plan accordingly. Key challenges facing the County is the overspend in the area of adult services and how to cope with Government grants for not raising the precept being incorporated into future baselines.
5. Unitary Council- The full council at GCC has formed a working party to explore options of how best to organise the services and geographic make up of local govt in Gloucestershire. I am member of the working group and am particularly keen to build on the work of Parish and Town Councils in supporting and delivering local services. I have asked that Parish and Town Councils be part of the consultation process.
6. Highways Contract and the Effects on Prow- The contract is close to being let, there has been much concern about the effects of the new contract on the all the good work carried out by various volunteer walking and rambling groups. A meeting is being organised at Shire Hall to bring together the various groups to hopefully address their concerns.
7. The Living Wage- After much deliberation the Council has agreed to include paying a "Living Wage supplement" to those county staff not in receipt of that wage, for consideration as part of the budget. I will continue to campaign that all contractors suppliers to the County be pay the Living Wage and ultimately all employers.
8. Credit Unions- I am asking a question about what the County is currently doing to support CUs and meeting with them to ascertain what more can be done.

9. Role of GFirst and LEP - I am also asking what contribution does the County make to these bodies and how it measures the success of its support, ie what role if any to stave off the results of redundancies at Lister Petter.

10. Support for Community Shops and Pubs - Following a request from Martin Gregg, I am asking what support if any GCC gives to these important assets, particularly advice and guidance when communities are considering setting up these ventures.