

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2011
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF Action

165/11 Open Forum

The chairman welcomed to the meeting Sue from the RSPCA, Simon from Mitchell Taylor Architects. The organisation purchased Beech Meadow, Coaley in 2007 and now plans to redevelop it into a rehoming centre for cats and dogs.

The property consists of a farmstead and house. The plan is to retain the existing house on the site and demolish part of the present barn. The scheme is based around a courtyard and thought has been given to ensure it fits into the local environment. The area will also be landscaped to make the most of the location, making the buildings sit within the landscape, there will be green roofs and sustainable buildings

The Council were shown a presentation of the plans and artists drawings of the proposed development.

Cllr Eve raised the issue of the lane which the development is located on it is quite narrow, would there be an increase in the volume of traffic? Simon from the architects firm has had the lane monitored for speed limits and volume, also conversations have taken place with the highway engineers and they seem satisfied. Staff will be on site, so you will have traffic at the start and end of shifts but visitors will be kept to a minimum.

Sue from the RSPCA, confirmed there would be approximately 20 dogs and 30 cats plus domestic mammals on the site, Cllr Eve expressed concern regarding an increase in noise level. Sue assured the council this will not be a problem.

Sue advised of the opening hours, members of the public would be able to drop in by appointment between 10.30 -3.30 the centre will then be closed one day a week. Although staff will be at the centre 24 hours a day. 20 part time shift workers and 2 permanent members of staff. This development should bring much needed jobs to the area.

Cllr Eve asked if the neighbours have been consulted regarding this development, Sue responded that the RSPCA are looking for local support.

Cllr Ashman asked how far along the development stage are they? Sue advised they need to ensure there is local support for the centre and also funds still need to be raised. There will be several large fundraisers in the future. With regards the time frame, hopefully the centre will start to be built the end of 2012.

The council thanked Sue and Simon for attending the meeting and keeping the council informed of the plans.

- 166/11 Apologies
Cllr S. Childs.
- 167/11 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None to report
- 168/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting
- 169/11 Council to discuss and decide on a response to local planning authority:

S/11/1783/CPE – Caravan, Trenley Road – change of use of land from agricultural to residential, including stationing a residential caravan.

The Council agreed to validate the length a caravan has been on this site and raise no objection to the change of use.

170/11 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Income Received

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| CRFC | 100.00 | 1 st instalment |
| Ecoarborist | 60.00 | Newsletter Advert |
| Waterend Farm | 45.00 | Newsletter Advert |
| CJH Carpentry | 60.00 | Newsletter Advert |
| SDC | 6500.00 | 2 nd Precept Payment |

Payments for Authorisation

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| L Thornton | 341.80 | Wages September 2011 |
| Greenville Grounds | 120.00 | Grass cutting July |
| The Local Answer | 315.00 | Newsletter Oct/November |
| GAPTC | 80.00 | Chairman's Training |

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| Moore Stephens | 162.00 | External Audit |
| L Thornton | 65.00 | Newsletter Editing |
| Coaley Village Hall | 72.00 | Jubilee Room Hire |
| RBL poppy Appeal | 20.00 | Poppy Wreath |
| Coaley C of E School | 2000.00 | Grant |

- 171/11 Transfer of land to the Village Hall Committee Clerk
 Further to the last meeting, Cllr Ashman spoke to Mr T Eve regarding the proposed transfer of land. Cllr Ashman suggested a swop rather than the council handing over the land and receiving nothing in return, it was suggested the council give the village hall committee the land at the back of the hall to enable them to develop in exchange for the land they presently own which is part of the football pitch, All councillors were in favour of this proposal, the clerk had drafted a letter before the meeting, all were happy with the contents and this will now been sent.
- 172/11 Cam and Dursley Area – Community Plan Clerk
 The clerk read an e-mail regarding the community plan; the councillors suggested Mr Doughty is invited to a meeting to make a report.
- 173/11 Telephone Box Clerk
 The condition of the phone box needs to be reviewed, windows have been punched out and the box itself is becoming an eyesore. Bt wrote offering the box to the council but this was declined. The council now needs to decide the next step as BT will not maintain these boxes. The clerk will put an article in the newsletter to see what the suggestions are from the parish.
- 174/11 Noticeboard All
 The clerk has researched the numerous options available for replacing the existing noticeboard, these were placed in the circulation envelope to be reviewed by the councillors and discussed at the next meeting.
- 175/11 Clerks Report
- An information evening is taking place on Monday 10th October, 6pm at Shire Hall.
 - First Aid course, Thursday 27th October at Ebley Mill. Cllr Burgess would be interested in attending. Clerk to put his name forward.
 - The clerk contacted highways regarding the comments of a parishioner on the developments at Victory Cottage, Silver Street. The enforcement officer visited the site, they are not concerned regarding the path, they have noted 2 more bollards than were originally there and the residents should have sought a licence to cultivate regarding the shrubbery. The enforcement officer will write to resident and bring these matters to their attention and seek to resolve the issues.
 - The clerk highlighted a letter from SDC regarding the plans to charge for parking in Dursley and other towns in the County, this was placed in the circulation envelope.
 - A notice has been received regarding Bridleway CCO 85A, the clerk

- placed this in the circulation envelope.
- Mr O'Brien has been keeping the clerk up to date regarding the whistleboards. A surveyor has visited the site to see if by removing some trees a better line of vision can be achieved. Mr O'Brien will continue to keep the council updated.
 - An e-mail has been received regarding the councils reserve funds; Chris Brierley from BBC Gloucestershire has requested the information under the freedom of information act 2000. The councillors all agreed the clerk should send the requested information.
 - Cllr Lumley had advised the clerk prior to the meeting that there had been an issue with the work group on Norton's Alley and the use of the village hall. The clerk will contact Lesley Chalmers and Tony Eve and resolve these issues.

The meeting was suspended by the chair as County Cllr Brian Tipper arrived and requested to address the council.

Cllr Tipper thanked the chair, there is not much to advise the council of but Cllr Tipper just wished to keep in touch. Cllr Tipper advised that the County boundaries have changed and any feedback should be addressed to the County Council.

Meeting re-opened.

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| 176/11 | <p><u>Footpath, ditches and stiles</u> The footpath sign on Trenley Road has fallen over and also the sign at Pinnell's End has been covered with a plastic bag. Clerk to report theses.</p> | Clerk |
| 177/11 | <p><u>Grant application</u> Even though the clerk has sent a couple of e-mails to the Tae Kwon Do group regarding the grant application they made, a response has not been received.</p> | |
| 178/11 | <p><u>Allotment Update</u> Cllr Burgess will draft the contract for Mr Williams before the November meeting. The clerk confirmed the hedges at the allotments will be cut by Pete Hedges in the near future.</p> | |
| 179/11 | <p><u>Replacement of Recreation Field Fence</u> The clerk reads through the quote which has been received to replace the fencing on the recreation field. The councillors would like to see photos and also a quote to replace like for like. Clerk to source by the November meeting.</p> | Clerk |
| 180/11 | <p><u>Village Maintenance</u> The street lamp in Silver Street is not working. Clerk to report</p> | Clerk |
| 181/11 | <p><u>Highways Repairs and maintenance</u> Cllr Eve has chased Dave Portlock regarding clearing the gullies out.</p> | |

