

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd
OCTOBER 2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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142/13 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed Mr Steve Lydon, County Councillor to the meeting. Mr Lydon apologised for not being able to attend the councils meeting as much as he would like. Although he will send a written reports if unable to attend.

The future of the ambulance station at Cam has been up for much discussion lately, the scrutiny committee is supporting the ambulances being placed in the Dursley fire station. This needs to be approved but should not be a problem. The ambulance service is not achieving the results it should be. Cheltenham hospital is closed from 8pm – 8am. And the 111 service is failing miserably.

The roads and potholes are a constant source of concern, £80million is needed to bring them up to scratch in Gloucestershire, and only an additional £1 million has been allocated in the budget. The road maintenance contract is presently going through the final stages; far more focus is needed on maintenance and repairs. The County Council spends £50 million a year on infrastructure.

Cllr Burgess asked if the shortfall in the County councils expenses will get worse. Cllr Lydon expected that this would be the case; The big challenge is the majority comes out of council tax topped up with £166 million from the government. The elderly population and children in care are expensive, and the government does not support the increase in council taxes.

Cllr Lydon reported on a discussion being held about how people in Gloucestershire would like the county council to be organised, it is expected for at least one county council in the Country to go bust before the end of the year. One of the questions being posed is ‘do you need a large officer core to run the councils?’ Cllr Lydon would like to see more responsibility going to the parishes; as they know the local needs of the residents

Cllr Lydon reported he attended the community shop celebration it was a great opportunity to support such a superb community asset.

Cllr Lydon also confirmed the village hall committee have written to the County council for a grant and he has supported this.

143/13 Apologies

Cllrs Ashman and Eve.

144/13 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None declared.

145/13 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.

146/13 Accounts
Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Clutterbucks	45.00	Newsletter advert
Hilary Mann	45.00	Newsletter advert

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	374.00	Wages (September 2013)
Greenville Grounds	175.00	Churchyard grass cutting
L. Thornton	130.00	N/L editing Aug/Sept & Oct/Nov
L Thornton	51.99	Replacement ink cartridges
Bibby Factors	315.00	Newsletter Oct/Nov
Greenfields Garden	829.20	Repairs to the playarea
Village Hall	57.00	Jubilee room hire

147/13 Clerks Report

1. The clerk reported that the next Gloucestershire local access forum takes place on 10th October, 2pm at Painswick Town hall.
2. The clerk ran through the changes to how PROW will operate from 1st April 2014.
3. The council has been notified of the review of polling places and polling stations 2013. This review starts on Tuesday 1st October commencing 15th November.
4. There are changes taking place to the appeals system for small commercial and advertisement applications. Clerk to email to all councillors.
5. The clerk advised of the latest changes to the planning legislation, this will be emailed to all councillors.
6. Cllr Childs attended the local police meeting which incorporates Cam, Coaley and Stinchcome and deals with all policing issues. The same 3 key issues were discussed, Cllr Childs will email out her notes and the minutes once they are received.

148/13 Tennis Courts update

Cllrs Burgess and Ashman met with Helen Wilcox and Fiona Porter regarding the future of the courts. There are a number of issues, the first one is the horsetail weed, this needs to be solved as the weed is now rapidly spreading. When the club was first set up there were 11 family members but these people have now moved on leaving the running of the club to a few individuals. The committee would like to return the asset to the community. There is money in the bank, which at present is £15K. The committee has run

through the running costs with the councillors. At the moment there are a number of people who manage the court (bookings/rentals etc) but these people are not really interested in continuing. The committee is not pressing to keep it as a member paid for facility.

Cllr Lumley advised that the electricity control box has been vandalised. The clerk will contact Barbara Tong to ascertain the usage for the courts.

Clerk

The options discussed were:

Restrict to member only and keep the facility locked

Leave it open but this presents a problem with the electricity.

Change the function to a multi court facility ie five a side, netball etc.

Cllr Ashman and Burgess had proposed the money presently in the bank from the tennis club could be put aside and used for the necessary repairs but once the money has run out then it would be open for all to use.

Any decision will be referred to the November meeting.

149/13 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Nothing to report.

150/13 Allotment Update
Cllr Childs reminder the chair that Sue needs to sign a retrospective agreement regarding livestock on her allotment. Cllr Burgess to action this.

Cllr Burgess

151/13 Village maintenance
The council asked if they own the bus stops, the clerk will confirm this. Cllr Cook chased the action taking place regarding the trees on Peak Lane; the clerk has contacted the original person several times but is not receiving any responses. The clerk will contact GCC and see if there is another person who can assist with this matter.

Clerk

152/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance
Nothing to report.

153/13 Playarea Update
Repairs have now taken place and the playarea should be up to standard.

154/13 Matters for forward consideration
Councillors
Tennis courts
Standing orders

155/13 Items for Press Release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.35pm