

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd October 2017 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: J. Burgess (Chairperson) S. Cook, B. Bywater, E Ely, P. Wait and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

REF

164/17 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed Serge to the meeting. Serge is concerned about the poor state of the pavement in front of the church. Clerk to report to highways

Serge is also concerned about the local plan review, the plan appears to be guaranteeing the future of the green spaces around Coaley, but people need to respond to the review.

District Cllr Dewey was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Dewey reported the parking charges are increasing in the Stroud District. In the next year there will be a consultation about the parking in Nailsworth, Dursley, Stratford park and Wotton, presently there is no charge to park in these areas, this will be reviewed.

The Stratford park Lido presently has a proposal to heat it, 2000 people responded to a survey on how they would use the lido and how it could be self funded going forward.

The government wants all local authorities to review their local plans every 5 years. Although the current plan was approved in November 2015, an early review will ensure it remains up to date and meets future needs for the 20-year period 2016-2036. Plans can take up to 5 years to produce and so it is important it is started now. There is a document on the SDC website detailing the review in more detail and there are also public exhibitions. The last page of the document refers to Coaley.

Cllr Dewey also reported on the consultation white paper issued about the local review. Authorities have been notified there is a need to build another 1/4 million houses across the Country. This means a 40% increase to SDC on top of what is already planned in the local plan, the intention is to make all houses more affordable. The developers are not building fast enough, to affect local house prices and they are sitting on land banks. In order to meet this target SDC would need to have approximately 600 houses built a year, last year 530 were built which is the most built for a long time.

165/17 Apologies for absence
Cllrs Hobson.

166/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
No declarations.

167/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

168/17 Planning

The council discussed the following planning applications:

- a) S.17/1911/HHOLD – Bramley, Far Green – Proposed alterations to first floor to provide additional bedrooms and proposed single storey rear extension.

Supported

- b) S.17/1843/LBC – Oatridge House, Coaley - Replace five rotten timber casement windows with like for like fenestration and double glazed units. Replace two ground floor PCV windows recently fitted, one to match existing and the other larger opening to be replaced with timber French doors with double glazed units.

Supported

169/17 Accounts

a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	6750.00	2 nd Precept payment
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages September 2017
A Hambling	318.48	Newsletter October/November
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
Greenville Grounds	175.00	Grass cutting in churchyard
Grant Thornton UK LLP	120.00	External Audit
L Thornton	2.60	Stamps

170/17 Clerks Report

- The shop is no longer selling cigarettes, they also need more volunteers to help with the running of the shop.
- SDC have contacted the council to request financial assistance to empty the dog bins within the parish. The council voted to contribute £95.76 to this service. Clerk to advise SDC.
- The clerk has received a response from the National trust regarding the new fencing on their land at the top of Peak Lane. The NT feels confident that over time with the correct grazing regimes in place at the site, the flora and fauna will flourish and the fence will not cause an issue for local wildlife.
- The clerk has invoiced the solar farm for this year's community benefit, this should be received by the end of November.
- The clerk has been contacted by Mid Cotswolds trails seeking financial support for signs which have been erected across the district. Councillors voted not to support as it is felt there are too many signs on the road and they are no longer effective.
- SDC have advised of the changed to the planning system on the website, clerk to attend a training course at SDC.
- Mick Thorpe, our parish wardens has been walking the paths in the Coaley and made some substantial improvements. The council agreed to add some information on the footpaths on the council's website.
- The community shop now has a photocopier; this new facility needs to be supported.

Clerk

- 171/17 Tennis courts
 Cllr Bywater confirmed the combination lock is working well on the tennis courts, Cllr Bywater proposed the council continue with the free court promotion. All councillors voted in favour.
 The clerk advised further to the last meeting there are many options, in varying price ranges available to change one of the courts into a multi use court. Cllr Bywater proposed asking the residents of the village for any preferences via the newsletter.
- 172/17 Village Hall Update
 Cllr Ely confirmed the village hall committee have agreed to clean the front of the village hall.
- 173/17 Pub working group update
 Cllr Bywater updated the council, the pub has now exchanged and the new owners hope to have it open in the New Year.
- 174/17 Parish Plan
 Cllr Burgess asked District Cllr Dewey about the best way to contact the Greenway project, Cllr Burgess would like to approach them to understand how to best include Coaley in the project. Cllr Burgess advised they have a Facebook page. Cllr Burgess
- 175/17 Grant Application
 Cllr Ely confirmed the playgroup have now raised the funds for the playarea refurbishment. The Council will no longer consider this grant application.
- 176/17 Newsletter review
 Cllr Bywater showed the council the changes which have been implemented for the newsletter, other little changes will also happen over time. All in agreement that it is an improvement.
- 177/17 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
 Cllr Bywater confirmed the sign on the railway crossing has still not been updated, clerk to chase. Clerk
- 178/17 Allotment Update
 Cllr Burgess reported Mr Howard has been on contact regarding poisoning of his trees, but there is no evidence regarding the cause of this. Also stones are being thrown onto his allotment, again no proof where they are coming from.
 Cllr Burgess to monitor the situation. Cllr Burgess
- 179/17 Village Maintenance
 Clerk to pursue the councils application to adopt the village phonebox. Clerk
- 180/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
 Cllr Bywater reported the verge from the school to Westend has now been cutback. The abandoned vehicle in the village has been reported and there is a police aware sticker on it.
 Cllr Bywater updated the council regarding the speed surveys, 15 sessions have now taken place over several months. The stats now need to be analysed by the police, Cllr Bywater will upload this once the information is retrieved the speed monitor kit.
 The hedges owned by the parish council will be cut end of October/beginning of November, the other hedges are on the highways schedule. Cllr Burgess

181/17 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.

182/17 Matters for forward consideration
Gemma Carter to be elected onto the council.
Shop feedback via Cllr Wait to be added to the agenda.
Speed survey
Local plan review

183/17 Items for press release
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.50pm