

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th December 2017 IN
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

REF

205/17 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed Mr and Mrs Hall to the meeting, Mr Hall wanted to bring to the council's attention the planning application at Calderdale, the boundaries shown on the plan are not correct, there are also issues with the driveway. Laurence Corbett the planning officer is seeking advice from the agent but it unable to get hold of him. Mr Hall highlighted the development which has taken place at this property, the property was originally known as Balmoral, and was a small cottage which has had substantial development over the years. Mr Hall is concerned about the increase in traffic, there is parking spaces for 10 cars on the proposal. With the original application for the annex when the property was known as Balmoral, conditions were put in place to state the annex can only be used in conjunction with the main residence and it was not to be developed independently.

Cllr Burgess encouraged Mr/Mrs Hall and neighbours to post their comments onto the planning website.

Mrs Yvonne Billet was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Billet advised the council that notices have appeared on the post opposite Betworthy Farm, regarding the affordable housing development, the notices are not on the gate.

The clerk confirmed the council has been made aware of this notice and contacted John Longmuir for clarification, John has advised it is not a new application, SDC have just reworded the application as required by their office. Comments can be accepted on this application until the 18th December. Clerk to forward email from John Longmuir to Mrs Billet.

Mrs Billet mentioned David Drew has recently been promoting the idea of turning areas of the Cotswold's into a national park. Mrs Billet was interested in the council's thoughts. Mrs Billet thinks the concept is a good one as the more protection the better. Also National Trust alongside the Wetlands and Wildfowl have taken over Coaley Peak.

County councillor Loraine Patrick offered apologies for not being at the last parish council meeting. There is not much to report, Tinkley Lane has had the passing bays potholes filled in.

CC Patrick reported that Andrew Middlecote is being replaced by Paul Helbrow in the new year.

The Prow deregulation will take place, after 2026 there will be no historical paths, Coaley will receive an invite to a meeting once more information is available regarding these changes.

The Ofsted report into safe guarding of children, shows things are going in the right direction but not fast enough. Finding experienced social workers is an issue, looking to change things with incentives. The location where social workers are working will become their base. Batch reporting and police holding onto referrals has now stopped also

the front door policy has been changed, people will be seen within 24 hours. CC Patrick is arranging to shadow someone on the frontline to see what is happening.

Cllr Burgess welcomed Mike Dowty from the Greenway project. Mike is a volunteer on this project, which is a small project team sub section of Vale Vision, led by Phil Littleford. The greenway is a route which is for non motorised use, not a hobby trail it is intended to link communities together and become part of a safe routes to schools and also promote a healthy lifestyle. The route is presently recognised as from Coaley junction up the valley through Cam and Dursley and on to Uley. Some sections are already in place in Dursley, the largest chunk in Dursley goes through the Littlecombe estate this was part of the planning agreement before the new houses were built. The path will then continue along Long Street and the intention is a new shared path will be created alongside the main road through to Uley. It has been found in the past landowners don't generally mind selling land for community use, so it is hoped this is a viable option.

The Dursley to Cam section is slightly trickier but a route has been recognised as through Everlands to Chapel Street, along Chapel Street to Tesco, then past the Winterbottom hall and then down the side to the old railway. Any new development for the North East of Cam will require the developer to put in a shared use path.

Greenway is a lobbying group, there is no finances to buy land. The concept is to have a sustainable approach, safe routes to school. This path would not be for horse riders due to the challenges this would create for the surface. The path would then need to be adopted by highways to maintain it for future users.

Cllr Dewey has met with the director of planning at SDC regarding the greenway project, presently the group is missing out on money as there is not a defined project plan. Mr Barry Wyatt can source money to carry out a survey along with GCC. Once the survey is done and parcels of projects can be identified and then achieved, lottery funds and other grants can be applied for. SDC have £300,000 allocated to walking in the district, this money could be applied for by the group.

Cllr Burgess is keen to get Coaley involved in this project, Lots of people come from out of the village to use the school and potentially the pub.

Mike suggested attending a future project team meeting, volunteers are always welcome, details are available on the FB Page and website.

Although Mike highlighted at this stage the group could not look into extending the project away from the main route as it is a huge project.

Cllr Bywater suggested the route could be linked via Pinnells End Lane footpath which goes through to Upthorpe.

Mrs Billet asked if landowners are notified about the project, should their land be on the intended route.

Mike confirmed they would, as they would have to agree to sell their land in order for the project to proceed.

Mrs Billet asked if the whole project can be done through raised funds.

Mike confirmed not everyone will be pleased for money to be spent on this project, there will always be those who think the money should be spent elsewhere.

Serge mentioned to the council the footpath outside the church still requires attention, clerk to report and send details through to CC Patrick to chase.

Cllr Dewey has been in Uley looking at water problems through the village. If there are any issues of water in Coaley Cllr Dewey has requested, he is notified.

206/17 Apologies for absence
Cllr Hobson.

207/17 Co-option of a new councillor
Martin Percy was voted onto the council. All councillors supported this co-option.

208/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
No declarations.

209/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

210/17 Planning
The council discussed the following planning applications:

- a) S.17/2238/FUL – Capehall Cottage, Bristol Road – Proposal to reinstate Capehall cottage back into 2 dwellings with a new rear extension to provide 3 bedroomed dwelling.

No Comment

- b) S.17/2498/FUL – Calderdale, Coaley – Triple garage to become a four bedroomed bungalow.

Object

- c) S.17/2496/FUL – Calderdale, Coaley – Annex to become three bedroom detached dwelling.

Object

211/17 Accounts
a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages November 2017
A Hambling	318.48	Dog bin emptying
Npower	11.65	Electricity tennis courts
L Thornton	200.00	Annual office usage
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
TW Hawkins	509.45	Grass cutting
Stephen Cook	34.80	Web hosting

- b) The council reviewed the first draft of the precept, some amendments were discussed to be amended by the clerk for the 2nd draft.

212/17 Clerks Report

1. The neighbourhood warden and PCSO have now erected the speed signs the school children designed. Clerk to locate the signs they removed.

Clerk

2. The clerk has received an email from Martin Prout regarding their land on Pinnells End lane, Martin is interested in proposing the land is used for future affordable houses. Council did not feel there is a need at the moment, also a needs survey would need to be distributed.
3. The external auditors for the next PKF Littlejohn LLP for the next 5 years.
4. SDC have forwarded an email from a local bee keeper who is seeking more land in the area to put bee hives. Cllr Burgess proposed the allotment land at Westfields as an option. Clerk to pursue.
5. The next Parish & Town council meeting will take place at Ebley Mill on Tuesday 30th January at 7pm.
6. GCC will be holding the Town & Parish council meeting on 6th December between 7-9pm.
7. Mick Thorpe provided the council with an update on the footpath crossing the railway. PROW are expecting another application to keep the path closed, if the council can provide evidence of its potential use then PROW can be canvassed to get the path opened.
8. GAPTC have published the subscription fees for 2018/19.
9. The village hall committee have confirmed there will not be an increase on room hire fees for 2018.

213/17	<u>Tennis courts</u> Cllr Bywater to update the code on the padlock.	Cllr Bywater
214/17	<u>Phonebox update</u> Clerk to chase with SDC as no further communication has been received.	Clerk
215/17	<u>Village shop update</u> Cllr Wait reported the shop has been fitted with new carpet and the committee are pursuing the fresh bread with a company from Stroud. Cllr Wait mentioned that the coffee sign needs to be larger to entice passing trade.	
216/17	<u>Speed Survey</u> Cllr Bywater is waiting for a response on how to upload the data as unable to find the link.	
217/17	<u>Parish Plan update</u> Further to the presentation from The Greenway project, it would be beneficial to Coaley to be involved with this project and the council will pursue. Clerk to report on multi use ideas at the January meeting.	
218/17	<u>Review of councillors' roles</u> Defer to January meeting.	
219/17	<u>Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u> Nothing to report.	
220/17	<u>Allotment Update</u> Now the hedges have been cut, the clerk will instruct pest control at SDC to carry out a visit.	Clerk
221/17	<u>Village Maintenance</u> The street light on Knapp Lane is not working. The clerk confirmed she has already reported this but will chase with GCC.	

- 222/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
The passing bays on Peak Lane have been filled but it is already falling away. Cllr Burgess asked all councillors to check the grit bins near them as bad weather is forecast. All
- 223/17 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.
- 224/17 Matters for forward consideration
Roles
Greenway
Multi use area.
- 225/17 Items for press release
Minutes
Newsletter

Meeting closed at 9.30pm