

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 IN  
THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: M. Percy (Vice Chairperson), G. Carter, J. Hobson, P Wait and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Cook and Bywater.

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105/19 Open Forum

Mr Goman was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Goman would like all planning applications where trees are removed to be required to plant replacements.

Cllr Jim Dewey advised Stroud valley project did have trees for people to plant, SDC will try and designate land to plant tree to in order to assist with the carbon neutral policy.

106/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr Cook and Bywater.

107/19 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Cllr Carter, agenda item 5a.

108/19 Report from District Councillor Dewey

Cllr Dewey asked for the application for Rose cottage to be called in to the DCC, the chairman of the committee has refused this request on the basis of the policies raised are not sufficient. Cllr Dewey asked what the planning conservation aspect was, the officer felt the proposed plans would take away from the original building. The applicants can appeal against the decision.

Cllr Dewey provided copies of the carbon neutral motion passed by Stroud and Stonehouse town councils.

109/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

110/19 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.19/0890/LBC – Knapp Farm, Knapp Lane – proposed demolition of existing conservatory, construction of new dining room extension, alterations to existing kitchen and new extension and alterations to existing porch.  
**Support.**
- b) S.19/0872/HHOLD – 7 Cider Orchard – single storey extension to the rear of the property, change of cladding materials to existing dormer windows and garage and change of fascia/soffit materials and guttering type. **Support.**
- c) S.19/0806/HHOLD – Old Penny Cottage, Silver Street – conservatory to front elevation. **Comment.**

Clerk

The council has received notice of decision on the following applications:

- a) S.19/0425/HHOLD – Rose Cottage, Haw Street – replacement of modern conservatory with a single storey extension. **Refused.**
- b) S.19/0426/LBC- Rose Cottage, Haw Street – replacement of modern conservatory with a single storey extension. **Refused.**
- c) S.19/0462/LBC – Oakridge House – replace existing roof light with a conservation roof light. **Granted.**

111/19 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	6600.00	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment precept
D. Dungworth	12.73	Allotment rent
D Howard	55.92	Allotment rent
SDC	1330.68	CIL payment
K Wilkins	45.24	Allotment rent

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	406.40	Wages (April 2019)
Greenville Grounds	175.00	Grass cutting
BHIB	1133.04	Annual insurance
L Thornton	200.00	Annual office usage (18/19)
L. Thornton	2.44	Postage

112/19 Clerks Report

- a) The clerk emailed planning enforcement regarding the issue of parking on The Street by construction crews working at The Willows. Enforcement are unable to deal with this matter as it is not part of the planning approval and directed the parish council to the highways department.
- b) Cllr Cook asked the clerk to write to the owners of The Bungalow, Far Green to ask them to cut back the hedge which encroaching onto the footpath.
- c) The clerk received confirmation from SDC that the planning application for Rose Cottage will not be submitted to the development control committee.
- d) The clerk has forwarded an email to Cllr Cook to include in the newsletter about a possible bird disease, an email has been sent to K Daniels to thank them for raising the issue.

Clerk

Cllr Cook

113/19 Tennis courts

Cllr Carter to provide information on an electrician to the clerk.

Cllr Carter

114/19 Village shop update.

Cllr Wait updated the council on the new building proposal, negotiation is underway with the village hall committee. The shop has suggested no rent for 6 months whilst it is being built, they would also like a clause in the agreement that if the shop fails then the village hall committee take it on. The village hall is not in support of this and wants the shop to be removed if it fails. Talks continue.

115/19 Village hall update

Cllr Cook and Hobson have been assisting the village hall with investigating broadband options. Cllr Cook has now put a proposal in to the committee to consider.

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| 116/19 | <u>Policing</u><br>Cllr Carter reported on some anti social behaviour in Betworthy, this appears to be being dealt with.  |             |
| 117/19 | <u>Telephone Box</u><br>The cork board is now up, Cllr Carter suggested putting footpath maps in plastic wallets for locals/visitors to use. Mr Goman has some detailed maps which he will forward to the clerk. The box will be maintained by the council; a sign will be put up to contact the clerk to have an item placed in there or with any suggestions. Clerk to price a tourist information sign for the top of the box.   |             |
| 118/19 | <u>Carbon neutral motion</u><br>Cllr Pearcy will scan in the documents provided by Cllr Dewey, clerk to draft a motion for the next meeting.  |             |
| 119/19 | <u>Recreation field sub committee</u><br>Nothing to report at the moment, first meeting to be scheduled.  |             |
| 120/19 | <u>Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u><br>The clerk reported the new kissing gates have all been risk assessed, the timings for the installation is now being organised by the Cotswold warden coordinator.  |             |
| 121/19 | <u>Allotment Update</u><br>Cllr Carter proposed making the allotment area at Far Green into a wildlife garden. The idea would be to install benches, fruit trees and other trees/flowers to attract the wildlife and encourage people to use the space to relax and enjoy nature. A working group could get together in the autumn. Cllr Carter to approach the produce show or brownies/school to design a layout for the area. Mr Goman makes bird boxes and hedgehog boxes which could be placed in there. | Cllr Carter |
| 122/19 | <u>Village Maintenance</u><br>The clerk asked for suggestions for the lengthmans.   | Clerk       |
| 123/19 | <u>Highways repairs and maintenance</u><br>The grit bin on Knapp Lane has an apple tree growing in it, clerk to report to GCC. Cllr Carter advised that the signpost at the end of Knapp Lane is bent and twisted and facing a house.<br>GCC highways signs are in the verge, on the corner of Knapp lane.<br>Weeds need removing from the paths, gutters through the village.  | Clerk       |
| 124/19 | <u>Playarea Update</u><br>Clerk to ask Steve Marshall to quote to carry out the repairs on the equipment as identified in the Rospa report.   | Clerk       |
| 125/19 | <u>Matters for forward consideration</u><br>CIL payments  |             |
| 126/19 | <u>Items for press release</u><br>Minutes   |             |

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm