

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020  
VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.**

Present: Councillors: S Cook (Chairperson), P. Wait, M Percy, J Hobson, C Eardley and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Bywater

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88/20 Open Forum  
None.

89/20 Apologies for absence  
Cllr Bywater and District Cllr Dewey.

90/20 Declarations of Interest by Councillors  
None.

91/20 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

92/20 The council has received notification of the following planning applications:  
a) S.20/0529/AGR – Land adjoining Trenley House – agricultural storage unit.  
**Supported with comment re the airfield proximity.**

93/20 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	6600.00	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of precept
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	406.40	Wages April 2020
Playsafety Ltd	94.80	Annual playarea inspection
BHIB Councils LTD	1147.68	Annual insurance renewal
Greenville Grounds	175.00	Grass cutting

94/20 Clerks Report

1. The clerk has received an email from one of the neighbouring properties to the allotments at Far Green, the resident would like a copy of the tree planting plan to check proximity to the boundary. Council agreed the clerk can send copy to the resident.
2. Mrs Tomblin has contacted the clerk requesting the tennis courts are reopened, councillors asked the clerk to confirm with SDC on the present restriction. It is expected they will remain closed until a further address by the prime minister.

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95/20	<p><u>Tennis courts</u> Cllr Cook confirmed the courts are locked, the situation will be monitored and courts reopened once government guidelines allow. Cllr Cook will monitor the weeds on the courts.</p>	Cllr Cook
96/20	<p><u>Village shop</u> Cllr Wait reported the building of the new shop has been postponed, if the builders can guarantee the building will be watertight by the winter the build may commence later in the summer. Having the shop open over the lunch period has been successful and the shop opening hours will be reviewed, the proposal may be to open later and close earlier. The committee has seen a 26% increase in profits. The committee will also look to give the paperboys a bonus as they have done a sterling job. All new customers to the shop have been impressed with the choice of stock and the prices.</p>	
97/20	<p><u>Village hall update</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
98/20	<p><u>Coaley climate action network</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
99/20	<p><u>Policing</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
100/20	<p><u>Telephone Box</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
101/20	<p><u>Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u> Cllr Eardley has been told of a couple of areas of concern, these are erosion of the path at 'Norton's Alley' and problems with the footbridge over the stream behind the tennis courts. The clerk confirmed both of these areas have been reported. Norton's Alley will be repaired by the Cotswold wardens once circumstances allow. Cllr Cook asked the clerk to request some more footpath markers from GCC.</p>	Clerk
102/20	<p><u>Coronavirus Update</u> There are eight vulnerable households registered who might require help and 32 people or couples volunteering to help. Most vulnerable people have either required a watching eye or have requested help for a specific task (prescription collection normally). Both Stroud District Council and GL11 have told us about vulnerable people but when we enquire we are reassured to find they are already being helped by friends, relatives or neighbours. This is a good thing. There has been no further contact or activity from the resident who the council were worried about.</p> <p>Stroud District Council sent a letter to every house in the district with details on where to get help. People from Coaley contacting them will be referred to us. Cllr Cook has put up posters through the village advertising the help scheme. This together with the article in the last newsletter should have given people plenty of opportunity to find out about the scheme. Cllr Cook is hopeful no one is left wanting.</p>	

103/20	<p><u>Allotment Update</u> Andrew Griffiths is now cultivating his allotment, clerk to send agreement and invoice. Cllr Cook is worried by the emergence of various weeds in the allotment at Far Green, mainly horsetail, this is the invasive weed we get in the tennis courts, it didn't seem to be there last summer. David Wilcox is willing to lend a hand with their control and he will ask his agronomist for advice. A specific weed killer may need to be purchased, it is approximately £50 a litre, no more than 1 litre should be required.</p>	Cllr Cook
104/20	<p><u>Village Maintenance</u> Cllr Hobson reported someone has dumped several piles of weeds on the recreation field in the scrub area near his house. The area next to the front wall used to be trimmed when the rec was mowed as it's on a footpath. The clerk confirmed this should still be trimmed by the contractors maintaining the recreation field and 5 other footpaths. Clerk to chase up the contractors. An email has been received from a resident about placing a dog bin at the entrance to Norton's Alley, this has been discussed by the council in the past, unfortunately it is not possible as the bin must be located on the highway to enable crews to empty it. Clerk to respond to the resident.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
105/20	<p><u>Highways repairs and maintenance</u> Cllr Cook has reported three potholes to GCC highways. One is at the bottom of Hamshill by Laburnham Cottage, and two at the other end of Hamshill by Mallock Mead and Harvest House. GCC have confirmed all three will be repaired and "work will commence within the required fault repair time". From the GCC website it appears that a hole has to be at least 30cm wide and 4cm deep to qualify for a repair.</p>	
106/20	<p><u>Playarea Update</u> The clerk has distributed the RoSPA report, the toddler seat needs to be replaced, all other reports were listed as minor. The playarea is presently closed to the public.</p>	
107/20	<p><u>Recreation field subcommittee report</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
108/20	<p><u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Parish Plan.</p>	
109/20	<p><u>Items for press release</u> Minutes.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.