

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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45/13 Open Forum

The chair welcomed County Cllr Dennis Andrewartha to the meeting.

Cllr Andrewartha managed last week to successfully push a paper through regarding the ex-infrastructure award system; small parishes which have exception site would need to build a minimum of 10 houses to qualify for the award. The amount awarded could be £40/50,000 this could then be used for, village hall, sports facilities.

Cllr Andrewartha highlighted 2 major issues; there was opposition to the budget reserves which presently stand at £106 million this year expecting to rise to £126 million next year. There is a desperate need for more money to be spent repairing the roads as it is a losing the battle, Cllr Andrewartha proposed allocating an extra £5 million this year but the Conservatives rejected the proposal. Cam and Dursley main roads are appalling. Knapp Lane has been done which is a great improvement but it only benefits a few people money should have been spent on the main infrastructures.

The incinerator proposal was a 13 hour debate, the landscape consultation argued it cannot be seen from 20 miles away but this was eventually rejected. Cllr Andrewartha is concerned about the consequences of the refusal, recycling needs to be improved across the County.

Cllr Andrewartha thanked the parish council for looking after him over the last 8 year, Cllr Ashman went on to thank Cllr Andrewartha for all his support to the parish during his time in office.

The chair welcomed Julian Kent, a development officer from SDC and Bryn Harrell the development manager to the meeting. There is a proposal to develop a new housing programme, which will be located at Far Green, Coaley. The houses on the site at present are in poor state of repair, these would be demolished and a redevelopment of 5, 2 bedroom terraced houses with 2 parking spaces each would take their place. These properties would be aimed at young families; they are only for rent and would be managed by SDC. They would ideally be limited to local families.

The properties will be built to a high specification and the heating maybe through

ground source heat pumps as there is no gas at this end of the village.

With regards the present tenants they will be offered the opportunity to move back in. SDC presently has 2000 families on a waiting list; young people really struggle to get onto the housing ladder. Ideally the demolition will take place fairly soon, the plans will be submitted to the planning department once this has all taken place building will start, which is expected to happen in the new year and to take approx. 12 months to complete. The Planning officer felt it was not necessary to have an open meeting; neighbours will get a letter drop and then the opportunity to contact the planning officers. The Chair confirmed with the development officers that it would be ok to show the initial stage plans at the Parish meeting.

Cllr Lumley, how will you heat? Still in the planning stages, solar panels are a possibility. Any questions please email through.

46/13

Apologies

Cllr J Burgess and Cllr I Eve.

47/13

Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None

48/13

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

49/13

Planning

The Council discussed and decided on a response to local planning authority:

- a) S.13/0497/HHOLD – Bracken House, Levers Hill – alterations and extensions to the existing house and garage outbuilding. **COUNCIL SUPPORTED HN16**  
 b) S.13/0619/HHOD - Streamleaze, The Ham – Alterations and extensions to existing garage/workshop/ancillary building. **COUNCIL SUPPORTED HN16**

50/13

Accountsa) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Millwood	100.00	Newsletter Advert
A-Z Services	45.00	Newsletter Advert
Everhot	45.00	Newsletter Advert

Payments for Authorisation

L. Thornton	341.80	Wages March 2013
Local Answer	315.00	Newsletter April/May
L. Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
Village Hall cttee	55.50	Hire of the Jubilee room
L. Thornton	39.99	New printer

- 51/13 Clerks Report
1. The clerk advised the council of an email from Martin Surl, the Police and crime commissioner for Gloucestershire. He is hosting a get together on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Waterwells for those who wish to attend.
  2. SDC is producing a new local plan which will shape the future of the district until 2031; the consultation is until 8<sup>th</sup> May for all those wishing to contribute.
  3. PSCO Griffiths has sent an email updating the council on the local shed break ins which have been taking place. 2 people have been arrested.
  4. The clerk advised that the amount available under S137 has been increased to £6.98 per parishioner.
- 52/13 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed  
Cllr Cook has reported several tree issues to the clerk which have been subsequently reported. There are also abandoned tyres and other debris in Coaley woods. Clerk
- 53/13 Annual Parish Meeting  
This has been confirmed to take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the village hall. The Golden Jubilee nomination slips are in the shop for voting. PSCO Griffiths has confirmed he is able to present at the beginning of the meeting. Clerk will provide the tea/coffee and biscuits. Clerk
- 54/13 Allotment Update  
The clerk read an email from Mrs Crumpton regarding the allotments, the council discussed this in great detail. The chair and allotment representative will arrange a site visit and report back to the council. Cllr Ashman  
Cllr Lumley enquired about people outside the village applying for allotments. The chair confirmed this has been refused in the past due to the lack of water and the traffic it would bring into the village, but it was suggested the individual wrote to the council with the request to enable it to be discussed by the present council.
- 55/13 Village maintenance  
The ditch opposite Severn View has fresh grass dumped in it; the council requested the clerk write to properties 1&3 as they have recently mowed the lawns. Clerk  
A litter pick is required through the village with particular attention to the verges from Coaley mill to the railway bridge. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 56/13 Highways Repairs and Maintenance  
Nothing to report.
- 57/13 Playarea Update  
There is a trip hazard due to rubber matting and wood surround. RoSPA should be sending through the report in the next couple of weeks for the council to review.

58/13 Matters for forward consideration

Litter pick

59/13 Items for Press Release and publication

Minutes.

**Meeting closed 8.54pm**