

Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Amanda Rossiter, Parish Clerk

Date: 7th December 2020

Meeting Commenced: 19:30

Meeting ended: 21:20

Present:	Mr Ken Brown (Chair) Mr D Purnell Mr K Larkin Mr D Palmer Mr R Symons Mrs J Burton
District Councillors:	Mr K Tucker Mrs C Braun Mr G James
County Councillor:	Dr J Cordwell
Clerk:	Miss A Rossiter
Other:	Five members of the public

Items

- To receive and accept any apologies for absence*
None Received
- To invite and receive any declarations of interest*
None Received
- To receive and approve the minutes of the council's 2nd November 2020 meeting (Previous minutes are available to view on the Parish Council website)*
All Agreed
- To note any matters arising from the meeting held in November and not covered by agenda items (Item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)*
Comments from council on report:
 - Clerk to post Audit Notice on Notice Board
 - Cllr Brown has briefly looked into Recreation field covenant and will raise with solicitors.
 - Clerk to speak to Nick Riddiford on progress with discussion on the current location of play area
 - Clerk to post tender for work on Churchyard wall
- Meeting for public discussion and questions (Open to members of the public to raise issues)*

1. Member of public (MoP) concerned about loss of trees over the past year and is setting a self challenge to arrange the plantation of 700 trees in next 12 months. Asked parish councillors (PCs) for their views, plans or for the provision of a corner where trees can be planted. PCs advised that Woodland trust will provide trees and there are grants that can be applied for. PCs noted that there will be another member of public replacing trees after recent woodland management.

Cllr Braun noted that Wotton Environmental Network are looking for volunteers to help with tree planting. GCC has committed to plant 35M in next 10 years. Wotton town council has been looking into where they can plant trees. Climate Action Network is working with Wotton council to plant and care for trees. PCs will think about plans and liaise with MoP.

2. MoP raised issue that the footpath sign by Brookside Cottage is no longer there. It was also noted that the gate is padlocked. Clerk to report to PROW.

3. MoP reported on traffic speed concerns along the narrow section of Frog Lane/ The Street. MoP requested council to consider some action to provide more road safety, especially for pedestrians. MoP confirmed that rush hour (am & pm) and school pick up were the most problematic times of day, with cars mounting the kerb in the tighter parts of the road. MoP suggested a post to be installed on the tight corner to prevent cars from mounting the pavement and endangering people.

PCs noted that they had put up 20 is plenty signs within the last week. The council has contacted our local PCSO about utilising new speed monitoring technology, PCSO is making enquiries into being able to support with the new equipment. Cllr Symons will chase this.

It was noted that the school parking may be creating part of this issue, with concerns about vehicles parking right up to and on the corner of Lower House Lane, creating a dangerous blind bend for vehicles travelling away from the Church/School towards the B4060. It was suggested that the council request that the school raises the concerns with parents and invites guardians to park in a more courteous manner. Clerk to write to Paul Batchelor about this and also to Highways to request yellow no parking lines to be painted on the stretch of road nearest to the corner of Lower House Lane.

PCs recalled that there have been attempts to have speed restrictions in place, but have not been successful and asked Cllr Cordwell for support. A suggestion was made to request school hours speed restrictions.

Clerk to write to Paul Helbrew of Highways to raise concerns about the speeding and the parking and request that they explore the possibility of a 20mph limit and the installation of a bollard near the church cottages. Clerk to suggest an onsite visit with Highways and a member of the council within this communication.

6. *To consider and comment upon the following planning application(s) / appeal(s):*

- a. *S.20/2350/HHOLD | Rear single-story house extension & fabric improvement to former garage building. | Underwood House 11 Barrs Lane North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DT*

Cllrs discussed plans and noted that there was an existing parking problem which should not be proliferated. For this reason the PC agreed to respond with a request that a condition is added by SDC stating that the new studio bedroom should not be a separate dwelling.

- b. *S.20/2365/FUL | Erection of general purpose agricultural building | Site For Barn Opposite Westridge Smarts Green North Nibley Gloucestershire*

- c. The Council discussed the application and noted there are already a number of storage/ equestrian buildings on this land. As the land comprises only 11 acres concern was expressed regarding the proliferation of buildings and structures on this land which is open countryside outside the settlement boundary within the AONB. It was noted that Local Plan policy CP 15 requires a fully justifiable case to be made for agricultural buildings of this kind as being essential to the maintenance or enhancement of a sustainable farming enterprise. It was resolved to request Stroud to ensure the proposal is fully compliant as insufficient information has been submitted with the application to meet the policy requirement.

- d. *S.20/1916/FUL | Minor amendments to existing storage building, change of use of land for stationing glamping pods & associated car parking and replacement storage building. | Road Green House Road Green North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6BA*

The council discussed the application and noted concerns over poor access and potential drainage issues. The PCs agreed to support Alkington PC and Highways in their objections.

- e. *S.20/2318/HHOLD | Proposed garage. | 4 The Street North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DW*

Council discussed and agreed to respond SDC with no comments

7. *The council to note the following planning application / enforcement decision(s)*
 - a. *S.20/1901/HHOLD | Erection of single storey rear extension | 7 Warren Croft North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6EN - Permitted*
 - b. *S.20/1749/CPE | Confirmation that an existing building (Building A) is an office (B1a) and associated access, metal gate and surrounding hardstanding is lawful. | Building A Swinhay Farm Vernals Lane Swinhay Wotton-Under-Edge Gloucestershire - Permitted*
8. *To discuss the road safety within the village and agree any action. Specifically:*
 - a. *The narrow section of The Street/Frog Lane (outside Church Cottages)*

Clerk will write to Paul Helbrew to try to arrange a site visit to view the area of concern (see notes above).
 - b. *The wooded area on New Road/B4060*

Cllr Brown has spoken to local landowner who has confirmed that piles of wood will be removed imminently. Chair thanked MoP for kindly digging the ditches and clearing the debris blocking the drainage, which were raised as a concern by another MoP.

Councillors also discussed drainage issues in other locations locally. Cllr Palmer has checked the drains and found that several were blocked and some for a considerable time. Clerk to compile list of blocked or problematic drains from councillors and write to Highways.

The effectiveness of the recently erected reflective post barriers on the sharp bend on the B4060 were discussed. Clerk to write to Highways to request that the row of reflective posts is extended further up the road, or preferably a barrier is installed.
 - c. *B4060/New Road road closure(s)*

Clerk has written to Highways about concerns and has been supported by Cllr Tucker. Request made to Cllr Tucker and Cllr Cordwell for immediate support in finding solution. Clerk to write to County Councillor, Vernon Smith to reiterate concerns over signage and also suggest that current road works could be managed via traffic lights. PC requested that Cllr Cordwell also write to Vernon Smith.

Cllr Symons has been investigating new speed camera technology and how we may be able to return to plans to install speed cameras on this stretch of road. Cllr Symons will report back to clerk.
9. *To confirm receipt of written report on the Public Footpaths from Cllr Palmer and agree any actions*

Chair thanked Cllr Palmer for his work on this. Report has been sent to GCC Public Rights of Way. Cllr Palmer to draft a letter for clerk to forward to PROW.
10. *To discuss current Covid19 guidance and decide if any action from NNPC is appropriate*

Cllrs made a comment that there are groups that have been doing tremendous work for the community and wanted to express their gratitude. Clerk to write a note of thanks in next OTE submission.
11. *To discuss Ash Dieback concerns and agree necessary actions*

PCs agreed that the best action would be to walk the areas of concerns when the trees are back in leaf and report to project team. Clerk to add to March agenda.

Cllr Brown noted a local dangerous tree concern. Clerk to write to Paul Helbrew to highlight the risk of the privately owned tree falling into the highway.
12. *To discuss and agree the requirement for a new notice board outside the village hall*

Cllr Symons suggested that we purchase a new Notice Board for outside the Village Hall. Clerk to add to budget agenda and also March meeting.

13. *To agree person specification to be used when assessing suitability of co-option candidates*
All agreed
14. *To review price estimate and confirm instruction to Garden Supplies for tree and hedge cutting works to be carried out in cemetery*
All agreed to go ahead. Cllr Symons will instruct.
15. *To review any tender responses for works on Churchyard Wall and agree on contractor instruction*
To be added to January agenda
16. *To discuss Fastershire project and agree on next steps from PCs*
Cllr Palmer attended meeting which discussed the Kingscote rollout which includes Tetbury to Forthay. Clerk to contact Fastershire and ask when to ask when residents of the village (where ducting is already in place) will be able to request connection.
17. *Parish council finances*
 - a. *To note receipt of North Nibley United Charities Funding and agree next steps*
PCs agreed that the banked money needs to be ring fenced so that it doesn't appear in next year's audit. Lloyds are currently not opening new accounts so will sit in PC account for time being. Clerk to keep on agenda.
 - b. *To agree bank reconciliation report*
Council all agreed accuracy
 - c. *To agree legacy transactions report*
Council all agreed accuracy
 - d. *To agree and pay TW Hawkins invoice for grass cutting services (£694.32)*
All agreed
 - e. *To agree and pay Poppy Wreath Donation (£25)*
All agreed. Cheque to be made payable to Royal British Legion and delivered to David Earle
 - f. *To reimburse Cllr D Purnell for materials required to erect new Notice Board (£24.64)*
All agreed
 - g. *To agree and pay SLCC registration fee required for clerk CiLCA training*
Anticipated invoice not received. Clerk to add to later agenda
 - h. *To agree and pay GAPTC invoice for clerk's training (£20)*
All agreed
 - i. *To agree and pay clerk's wages 2nd Nov - 6th Dec (£585.75)*
All agreed
 - j. *To agree and pay clerk's quarterly allowances (£100)*
All agreed
18. *The Council to receive the following reports from councillors.*
 - a. *Verbal reports from parish councillors*
Cllr Brown made the following reports:
 - There have been reports that dogs have been sighted next to Millmans farm, similar to those which were reported as killing sheep in previous years.
 - Mink have been spottedClerk to add a note in OTE and Social Media alerting livestock/poultry keepers of both of these issues.
 - b. *Written report from district councillors*
Cllr Tucker discussed the revisions and volunteered to support groups. Clerk to advertise Grant Scheme in OTE, website and social media and also write to previous applicants
 - c. *Written report from county councillor*

No additional comments from councillors

19. *The council to receive and approve a written cemetery report*

PCs confirmed receipt. No items to be agreed. Chair offered his thanks to the Burial Clerk for her hard work. Chair noted that he will address mole concerns.

20. *To receive for information details of any correspondence received (Written report supplied by clerk)*

No comments to add

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4th January 2020, at 7.30 pm