

Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Amanda Rossiter, Parish Clerk

Date: 2nd November 2020

Meeting Commenced: 19:30

Meeting ended: 20:50

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

Items

- To receive and accept any apologies for absence*
Apologies from Cllr Burton accepted
- To invite and receive any declarations of interest*
There were none
- To receive and approve the minutes of the council's 5th October 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 October and not covered by agenda items*
(Item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)
No further comment
- Meeting for public discussion and questions*
(Open to members of the public to raise issues)
Chair opened meeting to members of the public
There were no comments made
Chair closed the meeting
- To consider and comment upon the following planning application(s) / appeal(s):*
 - S.20/2198/FUL | Works to existing vehicle access (retrospective), extension to access track and erection of agricultural building | Hunts Court Forthay North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DZ*
Cllrs noted that an existing pedestrian access gate has been in place for a number of years at the proposed track entrance. An enforcement officer has visited the site and the works have now stopped. It was discussed that the proposal cuts across the public footpath and this has caused PROW to express concerns, especially due to the use of heavy farm machinery. There is also a lay-by at the proposed entrance site which is currently used as car parking for local cottages, there are no other visitor parking options. It was noted that there are also concerns over the sight lines. the alignment goes into an area where it is proposed to erect a new barn and abuts the area where planning permission exists for four glamping pods. Concerns had been expressed by local residents that this new road would be used to access the pods rather than the approved access via the existing road into Hunts Court to the north.

The landowner was permitted to comment on the above and informed the council that he was unaware of the cross over. There is no intention to access the glamping pods, and the path is purely for agricultural use. The original farm buildings are now transformed to residential, therefore there is a need for the barn being built for agricultural use/storage. The landowner advised the council that the access further North of the proposed entrance was dual usage and gave access to his own private residence.

It was noted that the access point on the plans is 9.5m further south than the existing access and that it shows a clear crossover of the current public right of way. The landowner informed the council that he was unaware of the irregularity and will get this rectified with planners.

Proposal agreed that the PC submit a holding letter to Stroud outlining the above concerns and to allow the owner the opportunity to submit amended and accurate plans.

- b) *S.20/2114/AFPA | Extension of an agricultural / forestry track into woodland to facilitate extraction of timber requiring prior approval following S.20/1896/AGR | Field East Of The Reservoir And North Of The New Inn North Nibley Gloucestershire*
Application has been withdrawn as of 29th October

7. *The council to note the following planning application / enforcement decision(s)*
(a) Appeal A Ref: APP/C1625/C/20/3249765 Land Opposite the New Inn, Waterley Bottom, North Nibley, Gloucestershire GL11 6EF - **No further action to be taken on this appeal**
(b) Appeal B Ref: APP/C1625/C/20/3249766 Land Opposite the New Inn, Waterley Bottom, North Nibley, Gloucestershire GL11 6EF - **No further action to be taken on this appeal**

8. *To discuss proposals for a play area in North Nibley*

Mr Riddiford attended the meeting and advised that limited actions have been taken on the proposals because of Covid restrictions. The current position of the proposal is that an agreement needs to be made on the location of the play area. There is a covenant on the playing field which is where the current proposal is to place the play area. One of the affected parties of the covenant has expressed a wish to utilise the covenant to prevent the play area being placed near Lower House Lane.

It was recognised that the area near the village hall has not been fully explored as an option with SDC. There are concerns that the placement near the village hall would result in a loss of the play facility for the younger children within the village, especially those at the play group, it was also noted that the liability, ownership and cost would need to be considered.

The relevance of the covenant was discussed and whether NNPC should explore this further.

Mr Riddiford informed the council that the proposal for the play area is to cover all ages from toddler to young teens. The consideration of safety and security of users was raised specifically the "blind spots" caused by hedges. Mr Riddiford explained the reasoning for the proposed position.

Proposal agreed that the parish council approach SDC to discuss the possibilities of placing a play area near the village hall. Cllr Tucker will confirm best contact and advise clerk and PCs.

Proposal agreed to consider the legal costs of exploring the covenant restriction. Chair to approach Loxleys for information.

9. *To consider and decide if the council should renew its Local Council Award Scheme membership*
Clerk to check eligibility and add to December agenda

10. *To discuss and make a decision on laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the PC at the war memorial*

Virtual service will take place this year due to Lockdown rules. There will be a wreath laid at the chapel with information items usually placed in the cemetery. "Tommy" is now on the main road. Proposal that at 12pm chair of the council and chair of the chapel each place wreaths at the cemetery war memorial on Remembrance Sunday (Government Covid guidelines permitting).

11. *To receive an update on repairs to church yard wall*

Draft letter has been sent to cllrs for review with suggestion for contractors to contact for tenders

12. Parish council finances

- a) *To approve and pay clerk's wages for period 5th October to 1st November 2020 (£468.60)*
Agreed
- b) *To approve and pay Greenbarnes' Invoice for notice board (£1,618.79)*
Agreed. It was noted that there is a repair to be made following an accident in transit
- c) *To reimburse Cllr Palmer for council USB stick (£16.59 + vat total of £19.91)*
Agreed
- d) *To approve and pay invoice from VisionICT for website hosting Dec 2020 - Nov 2021 (£150)*
Agreed

13. The Council to receive the following reports from councillors.

- a. Verbal reports from parish councillors
Cllr Purnell - Attended Stinchcombe Hill trustees meeting (socially distanced). Ash Dieback was raised and there will be a working party to address this

Cllr Palmer - A Monument Trust meeting took place last week. The dedicated service of the late Chris Burns-Cox to the Monument was recognised by the remaining Trustees. George Macklin was elected Chair. The monument lights have been repaired and will be tested this week. The alternative lighting system that the Trust considered was unfortunately not vandal proof and so an alternative solution is being actively pursued. It had been brought to Cllr Palmer's attention by a number of landowners that members of the public have taken to walking around their fields often with dogs running free. He suggested that the clerk include an item in OTE on the subject.

Cllr Brown - Has been approached by the PCC re St Martin's churchyard Yew Tree. Proposal agreed that clerk write to PCC to confirm that NNPC is in agreement for PCC to take action on the removal of the tree if they so wish.
It was noted that there hasn't been an Autumn grass cut at St. Martin's churchyard therefore the clerk will contact the contractors to arrange this.

- b. Written report from district councillors
Cllrs thanked the DCs for their continued detailed reports, but made no comments on reports. Cllr Braun added that there are some amendments to the complaints procedure within the Code of Conduct and would forward the details on.
- c. Written report from county councillor
No comments from PCs

14. The council to receive and approve a written cemetery report

Proposal made and agreed to remove dying Cherry Tree. Suggestion made that public may wish to pay to plant a remembrance tree in it's place. Cllrs Purnell and Palmer to remove the tree and dispose.

- 15. To receive for information details of any correspondence received (Written report supplied by clerk)
No comments

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 7th December 2020, at 7.30 pm