

STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11 SEPT 2018 AT 19.30

[N.B. These minutes remain in draft form until approved at a subsequent meeting of the Council]

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Jean Sadler JS, James Langdon-Down JLD, Jessica Horler JH ,Marian Flynn, Cath Elsmore CE

In attendance: District Councillor Marrilyn Smart, 4 members of the public Clerk: Clare Davies, Roger Pickett: Dementia Friendly Communities

2281 TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE MEETING
Council elected JLD to chair the meeting

2282 APOLOGIES
Councillor Michael Parker

2283 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

2284 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION
None.

2285 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER
Council Co-opted Cath Elsmore onto the Parish Council

2286 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JULY 2018
It was resolved to confirm the minutes as an accurate record.

2287 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JULY 2018
None

2288 **PRESENTATION ON DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES-ROGER PICKETT**

Roger Pickett explained that Dementia Friendly Communities is a project which has been successful and funding has been extended. The project supports people to understand the issues that people with dementia face to enable them to continue to live in their communities. Roger offered the community an awareness session.

Action: Clerk to email Ray Hedges to find out some available dates and to share those dates with Roger for the awareness session.

2289 **PARISH CLERKS REPORT**

The clerk provided a brief verbal report. Documents to set up the bank account were circulated and signed by Council.

2290 **REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**Staunton Parish Council Report
District Councillor Report**

New Hospital in the Forest of Dean

I am sure most of you will have seen in the Press that the Citizens Jury have now met and made a recommendation on the site of the New Hospital in the Forest of Dean. Although the vote was close their preferred option is Cinderford.

Both Hospital Boards, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Glos Care Services, have now met to confirm the final decision.

Pest Control Service to be discontinued

Cabinet have now confirmed that the Pest Control Service offered by the Council will cease on the 31 March 2019. They have however agreed to set up a fund of £8,000 to be drawn on when necessary for those residents in most need. The fund will be managed by the Environment Regulatory Service Team who will be able to monitor need and will be used to avoid enforcement action if the resident is in receipt of benefits.

Chalets at Kiln Cottage

I confirm that this development has been reported to the Council and I have talked with the Enforcement Officer who confirms that it is being investigated.

Visit to Stowfield Quarry

Following the invitation from the Quarry Manager to view a blasting shot from the viewing Platform on the 4 September, I confirm that I was present, along with John Rogers, Cllrs Terry Hale and Carole Allaway Martin and Andy Birchley Environment Officer from Gloucestershire County Council. The invitation was also extended to Staunton Parish Council and other interested parties as a result of recent meetings of the Stowfield Liaison Committee. Nick

Bainton, Chief Environment Officer from Glos C.C. was also present in the Village when the shot went off.

Watching the shot go off from the viewing platform was impressive and the care that the Quarry take on health and safety grounds before the shot goes off. However there was a complaint from the village.

The shot fired was a normal shot, 3 levels down in the Quarry, and out of the 3 seismographs that were deployed only one triggered which was at Kiln Cottage and had a reading of 1.91m/s and an air over pressure reading of 100db which confirms the shot was well within permitted consent and in line with normal readings. The 2 seismographs that did not trigger were at 2 Whippingtons and the Bungalow at Crossways.

Sheep Complaints in Staunton

There have been several complaints about wandering sheep in Staunton. The best way to report such incidents is to phone the Forestry Commission on 0300 067 4800 where all such calls are logged.

I spoke to Cllr Terry Hale who is on the Sheep Liaison Committee where such complaints are discussed. He also contacted Mick Holder from Commoners Association, the Police and Trading Standards. The sheep in question were then lifted from Staunton.

Councillor Mairilyn Smart OBE
District Councillor
Christchurch & English Bicknor.

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Action: Members of the public asked to call Forestry Commission on 0300 0674800 if they see sheep in the road

2291 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For members of the public to ask questions and make comments.

- a. For the Chairman to direct whether public comments or questions shall be responded to and how.

Members of the public raised an issue about potential planning breaches at Kiln Cottage

2292 FINANCE

- a. The cheques as listed were agreed and signed

To	Purpose	Power	Value of cheque (£)
Clare Davies	Salary/Expenses July £211.92, (includes Mileage and home allowance)	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	£211.92
Clare Davies	Salary/expenses August £211.92 (includes mileage and home allowance)	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	£211.92
N. T Sargent	Grass Cutting and treatment of knotweed September	Public Health Act 1875 s 164 Highways Act 1980 s. 96	£136
Stephen Harris	Bracken Bashing	Public Health Act 1875 s 164 Highways Act 1980 s. 96	£486.00
		Total	£1045.84

The Village Hall brought the paperwork for the planning permission for the windows and a cheque for £117 was approved by Council for this which will be reimbursed by the Village Hall.

b. Annual returns 2017/2018

The new accounts were presented to the auditor but due to confusion around the new system this year this needs to be redone at the next meeting since Staunton Coleford have a turnover less than £25,000 so can exempt themselves and save £200. Council approved that it would make itself exempt from a full audit.

2293 QUARTERLY RISK ASSESSMENTS

Council need to carry out risk assessments of areas on a quarterly basis. The bench on The Butts that was falling apart has been removed by John Richards and the notice board on The Pound was fixed. Council thanked John Richards for this work.

Action: Clerk to send out risk assessment forms in October, January, April and August the month before these meetings.

2294 HOW TO MAKE THE WEBSITE MORE USER FRIENDLY

The clerk reported that the website is difficult to maintain.

Action: Clerk to get some quotes for providing a more user friendly website and present them at the next meeting.

2295 STAUNTON MEEND

John Flynn attended the meeting for this item and explained that he had asked Gloucester Trust to take over the management of the Meend since the task is onerous for volunteers and wanted to arrange for a successor to take over the management. Council will be meeting with Gloucester Wildlife trust. A member of the public asked why the bracken had not been treated this year and John explained that the contractors' machinery broke down in the middle of the work. A member of the public asked for the financial records to be made available.

2296 ROAD SAFETY

John Flynn is still working on this project and explained that his primary objective is to get the police to attend more regularly. JH tried to find out about the number of groups using the route for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions but this information is not readily available.

Action: Council to create a road safety questionnaire to be delivered to villagers
JS to put something on Facebook for volunteers
Clerk to get some quotes from IT companies to boost the Wifi signal of the pub to install a camera
JS to email constabulary details to Clerk who will email them to say that Council will form a team to use the speed gun on the road.
Clerk to write to Police Commissioner requesting his assistance with implementing further policing activities of the 30 mph limit through the village.

2297 MINOR MATTERS

JH and MF were happy to create planters but have realized that they will be difficult to maintain in hot weather as there is no water supply.
Action: CE and JH to research prices of bulbs

2298 PLANNING

P1319/18/FUL -Pike House - extension on footprint on the original house - no comment

2299 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

MF informed Council that the progress for getting planning permission for the new windows is underway and the village hall will be redecorated once they are installed. The gate posts have also been fixed.

WORK FOR THE LENGTHSMAN

The following tasks were identified for the lengthsman;

- 1) Trim tree on The Pound
- 2) Path is overgrown from Church to Bowketts Cottage
- 3) Clear weeds from church wall
- 4) Clear muck and weeds from around the bus shelter

Action: Clerk to forward this to Councillor C Allaway-Martin

THE DEFIBRILATOR

This needs a guardian who checks that it is working regularly and Council need training on it.

Action: Clerk to find dates that the village hall is free with Ray Hedges

REMOVAL OF THE FLYTIPPED OIL TANK FROM THE MEEND

A member of the public in attendance at the meeting informed Council that he had contacted the water board who removed it.

2300 TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There is Japanese knotweed by the reservoir on the Meend.

2301 TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Risk Assessments

Cost of bulbs
Road Safety and speed gun
Meend

Defibrillator
Approval for Clerk training
Website

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DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

To note that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 9th October
No further business and the meeting ended at 9:15pm