

STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th JANUARY 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, Jessica Horler JH, Michael Parker MP Cath Elsmore CE, Andy Richards AD, Fran Sargent FS.

In attendance: District Councillor Mairilyn Smart, Brian Watkins Local Highways Manager Gloucestershire Highways. Clerk: Clare Davies, 1 member of the public

2355 **APOLOGIES**
James Langdon-Down

2356 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Andy Richards declared an interest in the following items 13 Retendering Parish Council contracts, 19 Council's response to notification of landowners intent to access A4136 via parish land, 20 To consider tenders for the Meend contract. Andy Richards also declared that he holds the contract for the Snow Plough for Staunton Coleford PC.

2357 **REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**
Andy Richards request for dispensation with regard to item 20 tendering for the Meend Contract.

2358 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13th NOVEMBER 2018**
It was resolved to confirm the minutes as an accurate record.

2359 **ROAD SAFETY**
In response to the Parish Councils Road Safety Survey results Brian Watkins the Local Highways Manager was invited to the meeting to discuss the views of the parishioners he advised that all the standard qualifying road safety work to this stretch of the A4136 was completed in 2012. He advised that a pedestrian crossing or similar scenario wouldn't meet GCC funding criteria because the pedestrian footfall is below levels required which are 100 crossings per hour. He went through the various possible suggestions as follows;

- Reducing speed limit to 20mph through village - not possible no school etc
- Increasing 30mph range out from village towards Coleford - not possible
- Speed Cushions - very noisy for those living next to them especially with use of heavy lorries so wouldn't be supported
- Zebra Crossing - best place on the A4136 would be between the pub and Well Meadow but the road shape doesn't help with visibility, lack of footfall and very expensive (approx. £60,000 would have to be funded by village).
- Pavement to continue between the church and corner of Well Meadow - difficult because it would have to encroach on a local persons' land (approx. £40,000)
- Slow Down permanent solar panel sign £7500-10,000 would last approx. 10 years
- Increase repeater 30mph through village - village has required number of street lights should signal to the driver it is 30mph

Action:
Brian Watkins to provide a list of possible traffic calming solutions with potential costings

Brian Watkins to provide cost to erect a 'Gateway' to the village solution at Coleford end.
Brian Watkins to investigate whether rumble strips can be refreshed and whether count down speed limit markers can be added from the Monmouth approach
Brian Watkins to look at painting large 30 markers on the A4136 through village.
Clerk to contact Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the availability of ASB and Road Safety Funding and Councillor Allaway-Martin regarding discretionary pot of funding from the quarry.
Clerk to rebook Road Safety cameras for 2 week period in March 2019 (cancelled from Jan 2019 due to lack of volunteers).
Clerk to rebook Road Safety camera training with Coleford Police Station.
Brian Watkins to look into clearing the path between the hot dog van and the end of the wood on the LHS of A4136 heading out of the village towards Coleford.
John Richards to circulate invitation to speed gun training to friends of the church

2360 TO DISCUSS ACTIONS REGARDING THE QUARRY
No update at present - next Liaison Meeting 22.02.2018.

2361 PARISH CLERKS REPORT
No actions from the clerks report

2362 REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
Staunton Parish Council
District Councillor Report 8 January 2019

Happy New Year to you all!..

Future of Five Acres College Site

I have nothing further to report from my report to you in November – There is a Scrutiny meeting on Thursday where an update of o Five Acres is on the Agenda.

Parking in Forest Close

I have not received any further complaints from the resident in Forest Close

Street Warden Team win another Award

The three person team won this prestigious accolade at an RSPCA Paw Print award ceremony in London on the 27 November having submitted several case studies showing how they improved support for pet owners who have dementia. The team became aware of several dog owning residents with dementia were experiencing difficulties with caring for their pets. Rather than removing pets from the care of their owners, the team who have dementia awareness training – devised ways to provide extra care and support which would ensure the continued health and welfare of the pets.

New Booklet helps prepare for emergencies.

Advice includes devising a family emergency plan, looking out for neighbours, establishing emergency friends, community alarm systems and coping with severe weather, security incidents and loss of power. It has been designed so that peoples can refer to it easily and quickly, and it also provides some very useful checklists and telephone numbers.

A copy of the booklet can be downloaded on our Website.

Council Carol Service Wednesday 12 December at 6.0pm

The Council Christmas Carole Service held on Wednesday 12 December at Coleford Baptist Church was a great success. Over 100 local people attended and we had lovely

performances from Coleway Junior School and the Coleford Community Choir. Proceeds from the Collection and Raffle was £252.00 which has been split between the Baptist Church and my chosen Charity “Forest Mental Health Carers Support Group”

Councillor Marilyn Smart OBE
District Councillor
Staunton Parish Council

2363 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. For members of the public to ask questions and make comments.
- b. For the Chairman to direct whether public comments or questions shall be responded to and how.

A member of the public asked whether Council were able to do anything about parking in the main road and pot holes in the common.

Action

AR and FS to make a list of all Meend maintenance issues to prioritise order of works
 FS to send a village map of roads and who he believes is responsible for them to Clerk
 AR to discuss with Forestry Commission about contributing towards the maintenance of the road across the Meend
 AR to discuss with Forestry Commission transferring the ownership of a small patch of land in the middle of the Meend to Staunton Coleford PC.

2364 FINANCE

- a. The cheques as listed were agreed and signed

To	Purpose	Power	Value of cheque (£)
Clare Davies	Salary/Expenses December £212.12 (includes Mileage and home allowance) plus recorded delivery charge £1.70	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	£213.82
HMRC	PAYE Clare Davies Salary	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	£137.20
Andy Richards	Snow warden duties	Public Health Act 1875 s 164 Highways Act 1980 s. 96	£67.50
Cheryl Hockey	Horse management contract	Public Health Act 1875 s 164 Highways Act 1980 s. 96	£658.32
PATA payroll	Payroll services	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	£45.00
		Total	£1099.34

1.1 To approve a financial statement and cash re-conciliation to date
Approved

1.2 Precept

It was resolved to request £7643

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STAUNTON MEEND

It was resolved to delay setting up the new Management Committee till June after the re-election of the Parish Council Councillors in May 2019. JS updated Council about the current situation regarding funding and explained that Natural England will be providing 1 further year of funding until 2020 and this will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Action: JS to speak to Chris at Natural England to confirm the pony grazing regime for 2019/2020

JS and JH to discuss the stipulations with the Horse Management Contractor

Clerk to draft a letter to Horse Management Contractor to confirm outcome

JS to speak to Chris at Natural England to see if there is a funding for a Conservation Consultant to work with Council on a 10 year plan. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust could potentially provide this service.

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MEEND MAINTENANCE

Action: AR and FG to look at fencing on Cheryl Hockey's land to see whether a temporary fix is possible

FS to inspect at the trees opposite Buckstone House to see whether they are dangerous
Clerk to contact BT Open Reach to find out who is responsible for trimming back if a tree is growing into a telephone line

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TO DISCUSS RETENDERING PARISH COUNCIL CONTRACTS

It was resolved to continue with the current contracts and agreed that if we intend to start a retendering process it needs take place in September 2019.

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MINOR MATTERS

It was noted that Jack Cockburn had passed away. Council and expressed their condolences to his family and noted their appreciation for all the work that he had carried out researching and recording the history of the village over the years

Council noted the report from the consultant for the Kiln Cottage Application and will await the full planning application from Forest of Dean District Council.

A note was circulated by FS from Gigaclear regarding the Fastershire High Speed internet cable as follows;

"I can confirm after investigation, the route for the network is currently in the design process. At the moment we do have a forecasted date for the beginning of the build of July 2020, however I do need to advise that this is subject to change. Please be assured that the residents of the community will be advised of when the build will begin".

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PLANNING

P1841/18/FUL Land At Broadstone Camp Site, Staunton, Coleford, Gloucestershire.

Change of use of agricultural land to expand existing camping site including the siting of 9 camping pods

It was resolved to ask how sewage from the site will be removed and about the drainage from the pods

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REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

None

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TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

- 2372. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
Report on Forest land, Meend Maintenance, Road Safety, Trees, Quarry
- 2373 NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS INTENT TO ACCESS A4136 VIA PARISH LAND**
It was resolved to seek legal advice regarding the issue
Action: Clerk to seek legal advice
- 2374 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**
Andy Richards declared an interest in this item and left the meeting. It was resolved to appoint Andy Richards as the Maintenance Contractor for the Meend for 3 years with an option to extend the contract for a further year.
Action: Clerk to draft contract
- 2375 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**
To note that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 12th February 2018
No further business and the meeting ended at 10:15pm