

**STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2020 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, Jessica Horler, James Langdon-Down, Cath Elsmore, Paul Mobbs-Morgan, Andy Richards. District Councillor David Wheeler.  
Clare Davies (Clerk),

2603. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from County Councillor Carole Allaway-Martin and Councillor Michael Parker

2604. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2605. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

2606. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020

It was resolved to confirm the minutes as an accurate record.

2607. REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wheeler provided a verbal update advising that County Councillor Allaway-Martin has been communicating with Brian Watkins regarding road safety improvements.

Cllr Wheeler provided a verbal update on the district issues as follows;

The budget for 20/21 has just been completed and it will be a difficult year which will see the district council using its reserves. This years' services will be maintained but this may not happen in coming years.

A new housing development of 280 houses has been approved at Berry Hill.

2608. PARISH CLERKS REPORT

Clerk provided a brief verbal report on the work of the past month.

2609. TO CONFIRM THE GIGACLEAR PUBLIC MEETING

Cllr Horler reported that she had contacted Ben Stone of Gigaclear regarding the public meeting but he has not responded. The clerk reported that Gigaclear are chasing for the agreements to be signed. Council resolved to sign the agreements if GAPTC raise no concerns.

Actions: Clerk to contact GAPTC to seek advice to see whether any other parishes had concerns regarding standard contracts from Gigaclear.

Clerk to contact George Greeves to arrange the site meeting that was promised by Gigaclear.

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Cllr Horler to chase information regarding the public meeting.

2610. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS ROAD SAFETY UPDATES

Cllr Sadler reported that she had received an email from Brian Watkins providing the following update;

“I have tested the VAS sign and as far as I can tell it’s the sign that is faulty. I have emailed Westcotec for some advice on how I get the sign repaired.

Works Orders have been raised for:

Footway and dropped kerbs either side of the A4136 at Wellmeadow

Footway and dropped kerbs either side of the A4136 by the Church

Footway resurfacing on the steep footway by the Church

Supply and install of 4 number gateway gates

Supply and installation of Parish Signs and sped limit signs at the start of 30 limits.

Installation of Ribbed markings and 4 number SLOW markings

Sweeping of footway opposite the Church.

Interim reinstatement of Brindsey Lane currently with Ringway.’

Cllr Sadler reported that Brindsey Lane has now been patched up and that she has followed up the email to find out whether the Works Orders raised includes the repainting of the dragons teeth and rumble strips on entry to the village

2611. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS QUOTES TO REPAIR PARISH COUNCIL OWNED ROADS

Cllr Richards reported that a company attended the site but weren’t able to provide a quote for the works since it was beyond their capacity. Cllr Richards informed council that he is waiting for a quote from another company.

The resident who is patching up the lane to Birchenwood has requested for additional stones to finish the works. Council resolved to order an additional 10 tonnes of stone to complete the works.

2612. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON STAUNTON MEEND

Cllr Sadler reported that the PA1 capital grant for PEA from Defra has now been formally confirmed, but that a number of points need to be clarified with Natural England.

Two independent ecology consultants have expressed an interest in quoting for the conservation plan. Cllrs Sadler, Mobbs-Morgan and Richards will be holding preliminary site meetings with both on 26<sup>th</sup> February and quotes should be received in time for Council to consider and award at the March meeting.

Moorland Mousie Trust have asked that the ponies return before end May and remain on site for at least six months. The Mousie Trust is aware of the background to the continuing uncertainty re the grazing regime and that it is council’s intention to resolve the matter by mid- March at the latest.

Cllr Richards confirmed that part of the dry stone wall by the Buckstone has collapsed.

Actions: Clerk to send information to Sarah Sawyer at the AONB and see whether volunteers can rebuild the wall.

Cllr Sadler to contact Natural England for clarification of latest ES extension funding conditions re grazing; whether to continue with mechanical bracken bashing; and for further advice on best practice for birch management.

2613. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE BIRCH CONTROL PROCESS ON THE MEEND  
Council to discuss this with Natural England and the Ecologists.

2614. TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES OF TREES ON PARISH LAND

The Forest of Dean District Council has agreed the replacement of trees felled at Kiln with 6 Field Maple. Max X3 to be planted opposite Kiln by 15<sup>th</sup> March,

Council resolved to plant 2 opposite Kiln Cottage and the rest to be planted on the Meend by March 2021.

The lime crown on the Pound has been raised, but the contractor is still waiting for the traffic management licence to carry out work to the cedar and beech by the monument.

The contractor has the condition report on trees on The Butts scheduled in for March when the leaves come into furl.

Action: Cllr Sadler to check whether she has any Field Maple Whips

Cllr Mobbs-Morgan to plant the whips.

2615. TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 Staunton House, Staunton, Coleford, Gloucestershire. Erection of a single storey rear garden room with associated works. Demolition of existing shed/store  
No comment

Land To The South Entrance Of Tillis View, Staunton, Nr Coleford, Glos.

Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and works. Existing garage structure retained and used as part of dwelling. Deadline 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

Council noted that the Planning Officer has requested further detailed information before this application can be considered.

Council provided the following observation:

The plot is too small for the proposed stand-alone residential development

Action: Clerk to submit comment to FoDC planning

2616. I) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FINANCES

a. The following payments were agreed to be paid by BACs;

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To	Purpose	Power	Value of the cheque
Clare Davies	Clerks Salary(includes overtime, Mileage and home allowance plus expenses)	LGA 1972 s.111	£224.08
Moorland Mousie	Pony Transport	LGA 1972 s.111	£280.80
Trunkarb	Trees at Kiln Cottage	LGA 1972 s.111	£2340
Alan Griffiths Transport Ltd	Stone to repair potholes	LGA 1972 s.111	£186
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,030.88</b>

Council agreed to pay an additional £186 towards another 10 tonnes of gravel and have agreed that the invoice can be paid before the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to request a revised quote from Complete Landscape Gardeners removing point 8 as the trees have already been trimmed.

2617. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2020-2021

Council confirmed that a precept request of £8596.00 was approved by Forest of Dean District Council.

2618. TO DISCUSS THE DEFIBRILLATOR MAINTENANCE WIT THE WALKING GROUP

Cllr Horler reported that this item will be discussed with the Village Hall at their next meeting.

2619. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

None.

2620. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

2621. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To confirm Gigaclear public meeting  
Audit to have it ratified  
Road Safety update  
Birch Control on the Meend  
To decide on the ponies  
To discuss the green agenda March

2622. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

17 MARCH 2020 – ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting ended at 9:00pm