



MINUTES (SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING) of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: Cllr Adrienne Wood (Chairman), Cllr Carli Burke, Cllr Karen Licence, Cllr Rebecca Prince.

Also Present: Liz Dowie – Clerk
5 members of the public

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Lennon, Cllr John Workman and Borough Cllr Mike Dean.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To agree the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th December 2021.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2021 **were approved** unanimously and were signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors.

Cllr Berliner reported on Borough matters including the review of the Social Media Policy and changes to the distribution arrangements for sandbags which are available to vulnerable residents.

Cllr Gray reported that Gloucestershire County Council were expected to have a balanced budget at the end of the current financial year. The 2022/23 budget consultation was available on the GCC website. A 3% increase was proposed and more funds were expected to be made available for roads and children's services. £300K was also included in the budget to assist communities with traffic calming. The budget will be debated at the next Council meeting on 16th February. GCC is also seeking to identify locations for e-chargers with a view to installing 1000 chargers over the next 3 years.

Cllr Gray also reminded the Parish Council that he still has funds available for Highways and Build Back Better projects.

He reported that Gloucestershire had reached the final 5 in a bid to host the tokamac fusion reactor in the county.

The Clerk asked Cllr Gray if GCC were able to assist in sourcing a suitable tree to be planted to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. He will put the Clerk in contact with the recently appointed tree officer.

5. To receive reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk.

Cllr Burke reported that delivery vehicles were using a short cut between Gravel Pit Lane and Queenwood Grove despite the route appearing not to be suitable for vehicles. Cllr Burke will provide more information about the location and the Clerk will investigate further.

The Council had received reports that contractors' working on Old Road had been parking their vehicles too close to the junction of Southam Lane and Old Road and that this was hazardous to vehicles emerging from Southam Lane and to pedestrians crossing Old road. The Clerk was asked to write to the homeowner to request that vehicles park further away from the junction.

The Clerk has received enquiries from residents regarding the road closure at the junction of Southam Lane and the A435. The closure is still being advertised as an overnight closure for 30 nights between January and April, but the road is closed during the daytime. The Clerk has requested clarification from GCC.

The gate catch on the gate off Southam Lane at the start of route ASM11 has been replaced by the Cotswold Warden. He also advises that GCC are liaising with the landowner regarding the broken stile on ASM118 opposite the Ellenborough Park Hotel and it is hoped that this will be replaced with a kissing gate. He is also in contact with GCC regarding a repair to the decking on the footbridge on footpath ASM11.

The former flood warden has reported a water mains leak on Kayte Lane to Severn Trent Water. He has suggested that the pipework may need updating and that a maximum weight limit for vehicles may be appropriate along this route.

The new noticeboard for School Lane is expected to be delivered in the next few weeks.

6. Public adjournment.

Ellenborough Park Hotel - a resident advised that no action appears to have been taken regarding the stagnant oily pond in the field behind the Ellenborough Park Hotel which is considered to be a hazard for dogs or children. The Clerk wrote to the hotel management about this in December and will chase for a response.

Road Safety - a resident noted following a recent visit to Central Scotland that a 20mph speed limit has been introduced in many small villages which have main roads running through them.

New Road – it was noted that a water leak on New Road which had caused the tarmac to break up had not yet been fixed despite barriers having been put up by contractors. (Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk had established that the matter had been referred by the Highways Department to Severn Trent Water).

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – it was reported that information about plans for The Queen's Jubilee will be included in the next newsletter.

7. Planning.

7.1 To note any applications received after publication of the agenda:

21/01540/FUL – Land at Heather Chase, Cleeve Hill – Erection of dwelling, detached garage and associated works. **An extension for comments will be requested so that this application may be considered at the next meeting.**

7.2 Other planning matters:

There were no other planning matters to report.

8. Finance.

8.1 The accounts and bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2021 (previously circulated) **were approved** by the Council.

8.2. As Cllr Lennon was not at the meeting confirmation of the quarterly check of bank reconciliations was deferred to the February meeting.

8.3 Payments for January **were approved** by the Council: payroll services £95.40 (now paid annually), web hosting / emails 2022-23 £107.99, Clerk's salary £264.76, Clerk's mileage/expenses £157.08, PAYE £66.20.

The Clerk also reported confirmed receipt of the following:

Grass cutting contribution from GCC £540

VAT reclaimed 2020-21 £753.25

The precept request, as approved at the December meeting, had been submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm at Southam Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm