

STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12 JUNE 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 MF, Michael Parker MP, District Councillor Mairilyn Smart MS, Clerk: Clare Davies

2238 TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE MEETING
Council elected MF to chair the meeting

2239 APOLOGIES
None

2240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

2241 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION
None.

2242 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22
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It was resolved to confirm the minutes as an accurate record.

2243 REPORT FROM THE PARISH CLERK

The clerk reported that the chair of Coleford Parish Council had contacted the Council to request that they support Coleford Town's bid to become the site of the new hospital. Council commented that this is an individual and not a Council matter and that they have responded to the survey accordingly.

2244 REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The County Councillor was not in attendance.
The report from the District Councillor is as follows:

**Staunton Parish Council Meeting – 12 June 2018
District Councillor Report**

New Hospital in the Forest of Dean

After the decision in January that there should be a new hospital in the Forest of Dean. There is now a further consultation as to the location of the new hospital. There are drop in sessions where you can have your say at many locations in the District all detailed in this Booklet. The engagement booklet is also available at GP Surgeries, libraries, pharmacies and community hospitals. Please have your say as this will be an important decision for our District. The deadline for responses to the consultation is 1 July.

Publica Group

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The Publica Group is one of the case studies in a new national "Transformation in localities toolkit" launched at the District Councils Network Spring Assembly which aims to provide district councils with a practical evidence base to work together. The new Company Publica Group Ltd launched in December 2017 includes the partner councils of Cotswold, Cheltenham and West Oxfordshire.

Applications invited for Community Grants

The 2018/2019 community grants pot is now open for applications with a share of £28,000 available, with a maximum limit of £2000 per project for constituted groups and £500 for non-constituted groups. Last year community grants helped 22 different organisations, supporting a wide variety of local community ranging from environmental projects, help to develop community skills, providing support and advice to vulnerable groups, the provision of much needed equipment and materials for small voluntary activity groups and specialised training for volunteers.

Application packs are available to download from the Community grants and funding page in the Communities section of the Council's website or call 01594 810000. The closing date for applications is 4.30pm on Friday 27 July.

Pest Control Service

On the 10 May the cabinet approved the recommendation to phase out the District Council's pest control service. The Council will continue to honour existing commercial contract and where possible take booking for domestic pests for the remainder of the financial year with a view to stopping the service on the 29 March 2019.

The alternative commercial service does not offer an equivalent service because it is a price per treatment not a price (as we offer) per eradication completed. The loss of a subsidised service for those on benefits will impact on this Group. It is also a cut to the services offered by the Council

Many members who attended the Cabinet meeting were unhappy with this decision. It seems no work has been done to assess the impact or identify serious alternatives. The Labour group have requested a Call-in to Scrutiny on this decision. The meeting was held on the 30 May with the recommendation that Cabinet think again.

Armed Forces Day Saturday 30 June

On Monday 25 June at 10.00 I will be raising the Armed Forces Flag on the forecourt in front of the Council Offices in Coleford leading up the Armed Forces Day on the 30 June. This gives us in the District an opportunity to show our continuing support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces Community. This includes not only currently serving troops but also their families, veterans and cadets. We will also take a moment to reflect on those that have made the ultimate sacrifice and those that have suffered life threatening injuries. The ceremony is open to everyone, so please come and join me on the 25 June.

Councillor Marilyn Smart OBE
District Councillor
Christchurch & English Bicknor.

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2245 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.

None

2246 FINANCE

- a. The cheques as listed were agreed and signed

To	Purpose	Power	Value of cheque (£)
Clare Davies	Salary/Expenses to date £211.91, plus additional £19.80 for petrol since there were 2 meetings in May and stationary £26.58	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	£258.29
N. T Sargent	Grass Cutting June	Public Health Act 1875 s 164 Highways Act 1980 s. 96	£100
Cheryl Hockey	Herd Management contract April-June 2018	LGA 1894, s.8(1) (i)	£716.25
		Total	£1074.54

2247 STAUNTON MEEND UPDATE

Councillors reported that they will be visiting a site that is currently managed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on 27th June to discuss whether they would be suitable for taking over the management of the Meend. **Council commented that it was important to ensure the site they visit is as similar as possible to the Meend'**

Action: To invite John Flynn to the meeting on 10th July to discuss the background of the Meend

2248 QUARTERLY RISK ASSESSMENTS

MF reported that one of the benches on The Butts is in disrepair. JS reported that the roof on the noticeboard needs to be refurbished. JLD reported that there are no health and safety issues with the paths.

Council stated that they believe that the risk assessments cover the following areas;

- 1) The Pound to Kiln Cottage
- 2) The Butts to the church
- 3) Brindsey Well and St. John's Well,

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4) The Frogs Mouth

MP stated that he may be happy to take responsibility for Brindsey and St. John's Well at some point in the future.

Action: Clerk to place advert on Facebook and the Village website for quotes/volunteers to repair bench and Notice Board.
Clerk to find risk assessment document and circulate.
JS to take photos of the noticeboard and bench.

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COMMUNITY GRANT IDEAS

One of the ideas that has come forward is to restore the Brindsley Well iron water pump The Village Hall Committee have stated that they are keen to have it erected on The Pound.

Council discussed the suggestion of erected flower tubs and are looking into 3 locations where they could be potentially placed.

Action: MF to discuss this suggestion with the Village Hall Committee.
JH to research price and type of planters that could be used.

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AREAS COVERED BY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Councillors were unclear on the areas that were covered by maintenance contracts.

Action: Clerk to contact Nick Sargent to discuss whether the knotweed has been treated and to request a list of areas that are covered by the ground maintenance contract and the frequency that they are attended.

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SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEARS APM

Council resolved not to have a guest speaker at next years' APM due to the low turnout of parishioners attending over the last 2 years.

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ROAD SAFETY

Council reported that they had seen some good road safety signs in St Briavels Parish. JS reported that there is a restricted By Way which is dangerous since there are no signs to indicate that it opens onto a main road and has witnessed groups of children using the pathway. **JS suggested that perhaps a solar panel could be used for the VAS sign.** The County Councillor has a pot of money for road safety.

Action: Clerk to contact clerk at St Briavels to ask where the signs were obtained and whether they were authorised by FODDC.

Clerk to contact County Councillor to invite her to the next meeting.

Clerk to contact Brian Watkins to find out the process for section 106 funding

Clerk to contact Mr Houldey to find out who owns the by way.

Clerk to contact the police to request that they set up a speed check.

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MINOR MATTERS

None

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REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

None

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- 2256 **PLANNING**
None
- 2257 **TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**
None
- 2258 **TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
Quarry
Gloucestershire Minerals plan
- 2259 **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**
To note that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 10th July 2018
No further business and the meeting ended at 9:10pm

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