

STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th January 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, Paul Mobbs-Morgan, Andy Richards. Ben Stone and George Greaves Gigaclear
Clare Davies (Clerk),

2580. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from County Councillor Carole Allaway-Martin, District Councillor David Wheeler, and Councillors Cath Elsmore, James Langdon-Down and Michael Parker

2581. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2582. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

2583. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12th November 2019

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

2584. REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

None

2585. PARISH CLERKS REPORT

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

2586. TO DISCUSS GIGACLEAR DIGGING COUNCIL LAND TO LAY THE NEW INTERNET CABLES

Ben Stone and George Greaves met Council to provide a report as follows:

Work to install superfast broadband is taking place in Staunton and Newland over the next 9 months. A connection pod will be placed outside each property and residents have the option to connect to that pod. Installation is free as long as the connection from the pod is under 100m to the property. Each resident will get a card from Fastershire providing information. Residents will be able to see when the work is being carried out to their property by entering their postcode into the Fastershire website. Council asked for a named contact because of previous poor experience with contractors reinstating the road. The village hall will be provided with a free connection.

Actions: George Greaves and Ben Stokes to provide a detailed map and timescale as to where and when the cables will be installed in view of other road works that council wants to undertake in the area.

Ben Stokes to arrange a community liaison meeting at Staunton. Cllr Horler to liaise.

2587. TO REVIEW THE PARISH CLERKS HOURS

Council recognised the need to increase the Clerks' hours due to the increases in administration over the last 10 years. Council resolved to trial 6 hours per week.

Action: Clerk to provide dates for performance review

2588. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS UPDATES ON ROAD SAFETY

AGENDA ITEM 9 ROAD SAFETY AND AGENDA ITEM 15 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ROADS OWNED BY PARISH COUNCIL DISCUSSED TOGETHER

Council has received no update from Highways.

Council considered a proposal from a local resident to improve a patch of road outside their property on the common and resolved to provide the stone to carry out the works under the condition that the parishioner arranged public liability insurance to operate the necessary machinery.

Action: Clerk to respond to parishioner regarding their proposal.

Clerk to send a holding email to another parishioner in lieu of waiting the outcome of Gigaclear's work

Cllr Sadler to escalate Highways inaction to Cllr Allaway-Martin

Cllr Richards to get quotes from local companies to repair parish owned roads.

Cllr Sadler to conduct a parish owned road condition survey

2589. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON STAUNTON MEEND

Cllr Sadler provided the following report;

1. Council have had confirmation from Rural Payments that the existing HLS funding has been extended for a further 12 months. Unless anything changes in the meantime, there is no need to apply for further funding before 2021.

2. Council's PA1 application for a grant of £1100.00 towards the ecology survey and conservation plan has been signed off by Natural England and is currently with Rural Payments for processing.

3. Council have until end October 2020 to submit a draft survey and conservation plan to Natural England so that it can be used to support the new 2021 HLS funding application. The survey and recommendations already provided by Glos Trust go some way towards this, but further work will have to be commissioned to meet the full spec.

Council resolved to continue their search for a suitably qualified consultant to create a conservation plan.

Council resolved to return the Exmoors onto the land mid to end of May.

Action: Cllr Sadler, Richards and Clerk to continue the search for consultant who can write a conservation plan

Add conservation plan and birch control to February agenda.

2590. TO DISCUSS ON GOING PROBLEMS WITH THE QUARRY

Cllr Sadler provided the following report:

The attendance was disappointing, with only District Cllr Dave Wheeler, Coleford Town Cllr. Clive Elsmore and Cllr Sadler present.

Quarry Manager Jay Deakin reported that the shot sequence had been altered for several firings last year and this may have been responsible for the increased impacts experienced in the village. JD said he was intending to revert to previous sequence so we shall see if this makes any difference.

The potential deepening of the Quarry will be going into Glos CC Mineral Plan (final draft still awaited). Deepening will involve the removal of the spine between existing quarry and Rogers quarry. It is anticipated this is still some time away as at least 12 months surveying will be required following on discharge of current planning conditions before any new planning application can be submitted.

If this year's output continues at present rate (which is anticipated) then a further Section 106 payment will be triggered in the summer.

Those present reviewed membership of the liaison committee following the May local elections and agreed that as Staunton is more impacted by the quarry's activities than elsewhere, we should have two representatives going forward. Next meeting sometime in April. Date TBC

2591. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MANAGEMENT OF TREES ON PARISH LAND

Permission from FoDC to carry out the tree works as per application no P1823/19/TCA Staunton has been granted. Trunkarb is carrying out the works on 28th January.

Action: Clerk to email resident to ensure that the open area adjacent the trees to be felled at Castle Ditch is kept clear and that the felled timber can be stacked in the area.

2592. TO RECEIVE QUOTES FROM COMPLETE LANDSCAPE GARDENERS FOR KNOTWEED TREATMENT, VILLAGE HALL CARPARK MAINTENANCE AND GARDENING CONTRACT.

Council reviewed the quotes for knotweed treatment and the gardening contract and approved them.

Action: Clerk to write to tenants of the property next to the village hall regarding the knot weed that is growing from their land into the village hall car park. Clerk to state that Council's contractors are willing to work on their landlords land with the costs to be covered by the land owner.

2593. TO DISCUSS REPLACEMENT BENCH ON THE POUND

Council approved Cllr Richards proposal for a replacement bench costing £150 plus vat for the seat and £100 approximately to collect and fit.

2594. TO REVIEW QUOTES FROM WEBSITE PROVIDERS

The clerk produced a report outlining two website providers. Council resolved to commission <https://parish-council.website> to create a new website

2595. TO DISCUSS GRANT PROVISION FOR LOCAL CHARITIES
Council resolved to offer Lydney Dial-a-ride a grant of £100
Action: Clerk to inform and arrange payment.

2596. TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1891/19/FUL | ERECTION A PORCH EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION INCLUDING PROVISION OF FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM LEVEL AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. DEMOLITION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION. | THE BOWERY NEWLAND COLEFORD GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL16 8NP

No comment

2597. I) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FINANCES

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

To	PURPOSE	POWER	VALUE OF CHEQUE (£)
CLARE DAVIES	SALARY/EXPENSES DEC £ (INCLUDES MILEAGE AND HOME ALLOWANCE PLUS EXPENSES)	LGA 1972 s.111	£388.09
PATA PAYROLL	PAYROLL SERVICES	LGA 1972 s.111	£23.25
HMRC	PAYROLL SERVICES	LGA 1972 s.111	£180.20
GAPTC	GAPTC NETWORKING MEETING	LGA 1972 s.111	£20.00
GAPTC	CLERKS TRAINING NOVEMBER	LGA 1972 s.111	£40.00
		TOTAL	£ 651.54

2598. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2020-2021

Council resolved to increase the precept by no more than £5 per household a year in 2020-21.

Action: Clerk to get some advice from GAPTC

Clerk to send proposed precept info to Councillors for February meeting.

Cllr Horler to email GAPTC about new pay scale for clerks

2599. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Signed Chairman.....date:

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Approximately 54 people attended the Champagne and Canapés event and 26 parents and children at children's at Xmas party feedback was very positive for both events.

Village Hall refurbishment will continue

2600. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

2601. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Precept setting

To agree a conservation plan consultant

To confirm Gigaclear public meeting

Road Safety update

Birch Control on the Meend

To discuss the green agenda March

To discuss defibrillator maintenance with walking group

2602. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

14 JANUARY 2020 – ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting ended at 10:00