

STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN STAUNTON VILLAGE HALL ON 5 JUNE 2023 AT 19:00

[N.B. These minutes remain in draft form until approved at a subsequent meeting of the Council]



ABBREVIATIONS USED

FODDC Forest of Dean District Council **GAPTC** Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils
GCC Gloucestershire County Council **GH** Gloucestershire Highways
GCCR Gloucestershire County Council Rights of Way
HLS Higher Level Stewardship scheme **HMRC** His Majesty's Revenue & Customs
LAHM Local Area Highways Manager **NALC** National Association of Local Councils
RPA Rural Payments Agency **WVA** AONB Wye Valley AONB

PRESENT

Rees, Barter, Mobbs-Morgan & Richards.
Clerk – Mr Martin. 5 members of the public.

3334 APOLOGIES.

Councillor Allaway-Martin sent her apologies for her absence.

3335 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

There were none.

3336 DISPENSATION REQUESTS.

There were none.

3337 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Resolved.

3338 CLERK'S REPORT.

3338.1 The Clerk read emails from the correspondence made on the suitability of the VAS equipment. It was reported that the costs to upgrade the machines with solar panels would be within the high hundreds of pounds range, however, it was

mentioned that the panels only prolong the life of the batteries and do not make the machines self sufficient.

3338.2 Cllr Wheeler addressed the observation that other Parishes had two machines, saying that they must remain mobile.

3338.3 There are also residual build back better funds from county councillor Martin if the Council wished to either purchase a new VAS machine or upgrade the current one. Any new addition to the asset list would also require an update to the council's insurance policy.

3338.4 Regarding the bins and the grit. The Clerk was instructed to chase this timeline up as the actual delivery had been promised before last Christmas.

3338.5 The matter of the Council's previous enquiries with highways over the potential purchase of some of its land for use as a car park, was reported to have never been recorded by Highways, meaning that they were oblivious to this request. A new, more formal enquiry letter would need to be drafted to reinstate this.

3338.6 Tarmac has been approached for a potential meeting over the quarry blasting. The management here were open to a meeting, and discussion was had on what was the best date to hold this. A tentative date of September 11th was suggested and this would be proposed to the Tarmac management and Nick Bainton at GCC.

3338.7 Highways needs to be made aware of an overgrowth of weeds on the pavement by the church wall.

3338.8 The Clerk presented a template for the recruitment and co-opting of a new Councillor. The Council approved this document and will circulate it through the Council's media.

3339 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

3339.1 A complaint was heard regarding the lack of carparking space for the village pub. It was suggested that a finger sign or similar to the village hall overflow car park would assist in reducing obstructive parking in the village. A sign to serve as directions to the village hall carpark as a overflow carpark was suggested. This needs to be requested of the village hall management committee. The planning application stated that 'no building work shall commence on site on the dwelling proposed until the alterations to the car parking for the White Horse Inn, including demarcation of spaces have been implemented in accordance with the submitted plan and shall be similarly maintained thereafter. The Clerk will investigate the original planning application documents and report back. Notice of the overflow site could also be put up on the council's Facebook page.

3339.2 The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the District Councillor, Mr Wheeler to address a series of related planning issues.

3339.3 The Clerk will also liaise with residents as to whether it is necessary to report speeding instances to the local police.

3340 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS & COUNCIL REPRESENTITIVES.

3340.1 See Above.

3340.2 See Above.

3340.3 The Clerk was informed of a sighting of Japanese Knotweed and would pass this information to Andrew Blake, Manager, Wye Valley ANOB.

3340.4 Nothing to report.

3340.5 See above.

3341 PLANNING.

None.

3342 FINANCE.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: to approve the following accounts for payment (Authority: Localism Act 2001 s.1).

| BACS ref | Payee | Purpose | Amount | VAT | Payment value |
|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Gallagher | Insurance. | 1,343.99 | 0.00 | 1,343.99 |
| | GAPCT | Training. | 35.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 |
| | | TOTALS | 1,378.99 | 0.00 | 1,378.99 |

3343 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.

None.

3344 STAUNTON MEEND.

Recent clearing work has been done and it remains to be seen what new plant life materialises. The Clerk was asked to contact Helena to request a report on the project, even if there were no updates at the next meeting.

3345 OTHER PARISH LAND.

No other quotes have been found and the repair work to repair the wall at Elmlea will be an item in the next agenda.

3346 ASSETS.

The assets will be inspected and any issues would be reported back on.

3347 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN.

The Clerk had recently received a template form of the Emergency plan and will report back on an adaptation on this for next meeting.

3348 STAUNTON VILLAGE HALL.

None.

3349 MILLENNIUM PROJECT – VILLAGE PUMP

Nothing to report.

3350 JUBILEE ORCHARD

Nothing to report.

3351 RESOLVE ON ISSUE LICENCE FOR METAL DETECTORS ON PARISH LAND.

It was resolved to approve the licence for the detectorists on Council land. Mr Barter offered to forward digital maps to the Clerk and the detectorist.

3352 CORRESPONDENCE

See in Clerk's report at Item 5.

3353 MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk apologised for the recent delays in Council correspondence due to internet service faults.

3354 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was a report of Ash dieback on Council land at the Frogs Mouth. This will be investigated and reported back with quotes for clearance looked in to.

3355 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None. Other than above points.

3356 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

8:09 pm end.