

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010

Chairman M. Stuart  
 Vice Chairman P. Nicholas  
 Parish Councillor J. Caunce  
 Mrs F. Chapman  
 Mrs E. Chubb  
 J. Harris  
 J. Kimberley  
 Mrs D. Land  
 P. Jay  
 R. Webb  
 C. Bennett (CDC)  
 Georgie Curtis (Youth Parish Council)  
 Paul Humphreys (Youth Parish Council)  
 Sinead Peare (Youth Parish Council)  
 Jasmin Tresadern (Youth Parish Council)  
 Chris Wearing (Youth Parish Council)  
 Mary Mychaleckyj (GCC Youth Services)

The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Stuart opened proceedings at 7.30pm. To ease proceedings Cllr Stuart with the agreement of the assembled Parish Councillors rearranged the order of the published agenda.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had apologised as she was on holiday.

Cllr Jenkins had apologised as he was on holiday.

Cllr Messenger (CDC) apologised for his absence due to a family bereavement.

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

It was proposed by Cllr Caunce and seconded by Cllr Harris that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Cllr Jay and Cllr Webb both abstained as they had not attended the meeting. The remaining of the Parish Councillors were all in favour.

#### **YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Mary Mychaleckyj (GCC Youth Services) gave a report on the “Get Your Way” event the youth of the village had organised on the 30<sup>th</sup> July. Ninety-nine young people had attended the event and she was full of praise for those who took part. Mary will circulate a report by Chris Cowcher from GRCC on a survey, based on a questionnaire and response study, taken at the event to establish the bright ideas of South Cerney’s young people. Mary will in due course hold a road show to prioritise the ideas gathered so that the young people’s ideas can be incorporated in the refreshed Village Plan. The road show will “unpack” the comments collected for greater clarity.

Cllr Stuart had visited the event several times during the day and was highly impressed with those participating in the fun. Cllr Bennett (CDC) had cause to request that the music volume was reduced and was pleased to report that action had been taken and sustained. Cllr Nicholas added that the information gathered from the event was priceless. Cllr Jay stated that the noise was of a less nuisance than that experienced by the activities of the Street Fair and it was only right that the youth should be allowed the same latitude as their elders to enjoy their activities.

Cllr Harris proposed and Cllr Stuart seconded a motion that the Parish Council give a vote of thanks to all those involved in making the event such a success. The Parish Council was all in favour. Mary Mychaleckyj especially wanted to thank Chris Cowcher, Cllr Caunce and Cllr Kimberley for all the help given in making the event a success.

Cllr Stuart thanked the group for taking the time to come to the Parish Council. The group then left the meeting.

**The Chairman Cllr Stuart with the agreement of the Parish Council promoted this application to item 4 on the agenda in order that those members of the public who were in attendance could partake in the discussion. The report on the deliberations of the Committee remains part of the record and that of the Parish Council follows it.**

### **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH AUGUST**

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart, Cllr Webb had attended the meeting. Cllr Jay remained as an observer.

Eight members of the public were present.

Cllr Nicholas opened the meeting at 9.05 pm on Monday 9th August.

#### **Apology**

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology for her absence due to a family commitment.

#### **Planning Applications received by Cotswold District Council**

The Committee had agreed with Cllr Nicholas who recommended that the application for the change of use of the paddock at the Crown Inn should be discussed first.

Cllr Mrs Chapman had declared a prejudicial interest as a close neighbour and left the room.

#### **10/03052/FUL**

Mr Graham Palmer, Crown Inn, Cerney Wick GL7 5QH

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to a caravan, tent and motorhome site.

Erection of facilities block on land parcel to the east of the Crown Inn, The Street, Cerney Wick

Cllr Nicholas had requested that members of the public introduce themselves and give a reason for attendance.

Ian Fairbrother, Cerney Wick resident was there to observe proceedings.

David Jenkins, Cerney Wick resident was there to observe proceedings.

Dr David Howard, Cerney Wick resident pointed out that the area concerned in the application was particularly sensitive to the village as it was at the confluence of routes to South Cerney, Ashton Keynes and the old A419. It was a conspicuous site centrally positioned within the village.

Stephen Wrigley, Cerney Wick resident stated that he had not yet decided on a response but would observe the debate. He stated that the site was a visual amenity to the village with a public footpath traversing it. Previous behaviour on the site had been inappropriate and he was concerned at the biodiversity element of the sewage disposal.

John Bass a friend of the applicant had come to support the application.

Graham Palmer, applicant and licensee of the Crown Inn, Cerney Wick attended to explain any queries that the Planning Committee may have.

Andrea Rimes was there to observe proceedings.

Colin Palmer, brother of Graham, was there to support the application.

Cllr Nicholas emphasised that his personal opinion was that a change of use would enhance the viability of the public house but as a visual amenity it was too conspicuous. On balance he was not in favour but remained to be convinced otherwise, especially if conditions were imposed such as seasonal use, noise control, number of pitches.

There was concern over the line of the public footpath through the site as it was not clearly marked on any diagram.

Cllr Webb suggested that if the area was screened from public view it might be more appropriate.

It was argued that a public footpath traversed the site and there was another alongside the canal which would make it impossible to screen the site securely.

Cllr Stuart agreed with Cllr Nicholas.

Cllr Jay was concerned with the lack of information on the application. For example he queried how many stalls would be available in the toilet block. As the area was calculated at 1.35 acres and maximum density of pitches at 30 per acre this would mean that there could be 40 pitches on the site. If a pitch held four persons this could, in an extreme situation, amount to 160 people using toilet facilities. There was no statement on the occupancy throughout the year.

Cllr Webb suggested that the applicant consider withdrawing the application and reapplying with a more comprehensive plan. As the application stands, that is what will be considered at Committee stage.

Cllr Nicholas stated that he would vote against the application as it has been presented. Cllr Jay agreed with Cllr Nicholas.

No recommendation was made to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to inform Parish Councillors of the web site link and request that they familiarise themselves with the application in preparation for the debate on Wednesday.

The debate concluded and the eight members of the public left the room.

Cllr Mrs Chapman returned to the room for the remainder of the committee meeting.

### **Parish Council discussion at its meeting on Wednesday 11th August.**

Cllr Caunce and Cllr Mrs Chapman declared prejudicial interests as close neighbours of the applicant and left the room.

Cllr Nicholas explained that he had decided not to make a recommendation to the Parish Council following the meeting on Monday as he considered such an act as pre-emptive. He then invited Parish Councillors to comment on the application.

Cllr Webb stated that there was no visual impact from the bridge over the A419 dual carriageway as the site could not be seen. On entering the village by car it was not intrusive either.

Cllr Kimberley said that temporary campsites were desperately needed in the area although one must be concerned with the visual impact of such sites. The treatment of sewage emanating from such projects in close proximity to the river Churn was unwelcome and likely to affect the biodiversity of the area.

Cllr Harris concurred that there was a shortage of camping sites in the Water Park. The footpath and the sewage treatment were issues which needed to be resolved. He queried if the reed bed could cope, especially with effluent treated with chemicals from motorhomes and caravans.

Cllr Jay was concerned with the lack of detail given in the application.

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Land had no concerns with tents but regarded campervans and caravans as unacceptable.

Cllr Stuart reported on a meeting with Mike Barton PROW officer at Gloucestershire County Council who told him that the footpath went diagonally across the paddock from the new kissing gate although Mr Barton had no concern if the path was neither blocked nor impeded. Cllr Stuart agreed with others who had stated that there was a shortage of camping facilities in the area. He further agreed with Cllr Jay about the lack of detail in the plan and advised that the applicant withdraw the plan and present it with more information at a later date.

Cllr Nicholas was aware of the need to be sympathetic to the viability of the public house but the visual impact was unsightly and of overriding concern. The scheme could be acceptable as a temporary site but not as a permanent feature.

Cllr Stuart stated that if permission was to be granted then a condition restricting its use to the four summer months of the year should be imposed.

Cllr Nicholas then invited members of the public for their views.

Stephen Wrigley began by stating that he had not yet made up his mind whether to agree or object to the application. Sewage disposal, lack of detail in the plan, the impact on the vole population which was now positive would change to negative and the visual impact on the village were all cause for concern.

Mrs Pat Smith reminded the meeting of recent planning applications which had been refused on grounds of being detrimental to the open aspect of the village which she considered that this application for a campsite would create if granted. She was also concerned on the disposal of campervan and caravan sewage which would have chemicals added.

The applicant, Graham Palmer conceded most contentious criticisms and will seek advice from the planners at CDC on whether or not to withdraw the application.

Cllr Bennett (CDC) informed the meeting that the Environment Agency was not supportive of the application as the site was in a Zone 3 on the flood plain. He was of the opinion that the scheme was visually detrimental to that part of the village. Both of these points he continued are sufficient for refusal and the District Council will seek enforcement to stop the current activity which was exceeding the established time limits on using the paddock as a campsite.

Dr David Howard had two technical issues. First, there were many boxes in the application which had not been addressed and many with incorrect answers. He considered that the ablution block plan was incomplete and overall the application was an abuse of the planning process in submitting such an application. Secondly, the dual use of the paddock for the sale of alcohol and food plus the holding of a music venue within a marquee conflicts with the application for a campsite. Cllr Bennett explained that the permissions needed were granted by totally separate regimes.

Cllr Nicholas stated that if the Parish Council was to object to the application then its reasons should be as follows. The listing was not significantly prioritised.

1. The visual impact of tents, caravans and motorhomes would be detrimental in this conspicuous part of the village.
2. There was a lack of detail on the plan regarding the provision of facilities in the service building.
3. There was no detail on the number of plots which would be available.
4. There was no concession regarding full time occupancy, i.e. 365 days throughout the year would be possible.
5. There was a lack of detail in what the environmental impact would cause.

6. There was no assessment on the capacity of the treatment of sewage from the toilet block.
7. There was no assessment on the treatment of sewage from caravans and campervans contaminated with chemicals within their system to deal with effluent or how it was to be handled on site.
8. The public footpath which traverses the site was not properly delineated.
9. There was no mention of traffic issues, especially the impossibility of caravans passing each other on some parts of the village road system, especially on the north and south west routes.

Cllr Jay reiterated previous advice and suggested that the applicant withdrew the application. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Jay that the Parish Council objects to application. The Parish Council agreed and voted unanimously to object.

The delegation then left the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Chapman returned to the room for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Nicholas continued with his report on the deliberations of the Committee.

Cllr Caunce remained outside as he had declared a prejudicial interest in the next application as the applicant was a business associate.

#### **10/02513/FUL**

Applicant: Watermark Fisheries, Isis Lakes, The Spine Road, South Cerney

Proposal: Construction of five fishing holiday lodges for use in conjunction with existing fishery at Horseshoe Lake Fisheries, Horseshoe Lake, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UZ

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council does not object to this application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

NO OBJECTION

Cllr Caunce returned to the room.

#### **10/02699/TPO**

TPO 136 Grp 1. Situate by river. Poplar - pollard to just above main forks. Willow - pollard back to old pollard points. Sycamore pollard to just above main first fork area at Brookside, Robert Franklin Way, South Cerney GL7 5UD

Noted

Cllr Nicholas had declared a prejudicial interest as the applicant was a client of his firm. Cllr Stuart had declared a prejudicial interest as the applicant was a neighbour. Neither Parish Councillor had voted on the application at the Committee stage. Cllr Mrs Chubb declared a prejudicial interest as she had a family connection with the applicant. The three Parish Councillors then left the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Webb took over as Chairman.

#### **10/02759/FUL**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jeffery, Homelea, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to side at Homelea, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR (R)

It was proposed by Cllr Caunce and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council ratifies the decision of the Committee and does not to object to the application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

NO OBJECTION

Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart returned to the room.

Cllr Nicholas resumed as Chairman.

**10/03141/LBC**

Mr Philip Cernik, Brook Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TP

Proposal: Erection of a satellite dish at Brook Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TP

Provided the dish is erected to the rear of the property.

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council does not object to this application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

NO OBJECTION

**Planning Applications granted by Cotswold District Council**

**10/02593/TCONR**

This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation. No initial alert would have been sent.

Walnut tree situate near boundary wall with Langet End. Remove one branch back to main trunk, 4 branches which have been reduced in the past to be brought back to the same reduction point which is approximately 2 metres of regrowth to be removed at Providence Cottage, Langet, Upper Up, South Cerney GL7 5US

**10/02759/FUL CT.8848**

Erection of two storey extension to side at Homelea, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR

**Planning Applications refused by Cotswold District Council**

**10/01775/ADV (CT.1454/5/B)**

Retention of a 'V' board advertising sign adjacent to road (Retrospective) at Isis Lakes, Spine Road East, South Cerney

**Neighbouring Authority planning application objected to by Cotswold District Council**

**10/02836/NEI**

This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation. Erection of 3 advertising signs at Cotswold Country Park & Beach, Cotswold Water Park, Spratsgate Lane, Gloucestershire

**Planning Applications granted by Gloucestershire County Council**

**09/00556/CPO 09/00140CWMAJM**

Progressive extraction and processing of sand and gravel with restoration using imported inert fill to a mix of wetland, grassland and recreational use, together with replacement visitor parking and access for Keynes Country Park at land east of Spratsgate Lane and adjacent to Keynes Country Park, Shorncote, Glos.

The Planning Committee was seriously disappointed with this decision by Gloucestershire County Council to grant the application despite the Parish Council unanimously objecting to the proposal.

**Matters Arising**

The Clerk was asked to contact GRCC for a copy of the Housing Needs Survey of



November 2006. The Clerk reported that a copy would be sent when the person responsible at GRCC returned from holiday. Cllr Nicholas had sourced a copy and proposed that he forward it to Sarah Hamilton-Foyn at Pegasus Planning Group who were acting on behalf of Harrow Estates, developers interested in the CAMAS site at South Cerney. Cllr Caunce seconded the motion. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Nicholas reported that an accord had been reached with the planning authority at CDC on the type of fence which would be erected around the allotments.

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 10.23 pm.

Cllr Stuart thanked Cllr Nicholas for the professional way he had conducted the meeting and especially in handling the application regarding the change of use of the paddock at the Crown Inn, Cerney Wick.

The meeting then continued as per the revised agenda.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **Japanese Knot Weed**

Gareth Harris, Biodiversity Officer at Cotswold Water Park informed Cllr Stuart that neither the CDC nor the Environment Agency were concerned with the weed growth. The Committee was aware that a contribution may be requested from the Cotswold Water Park at a later date, if remedial work was to be carried out. No decision at this time was necessary. At the Parish Council meeting members wished to assure Gareth Harris of its support. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council is minded to make a contribution not in excess of £150 in order to control the weed. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **Mill Leat**

Tim Dowan, Community Resilience Riparian/Liaison Officer at CDC had met with Jim Sokol of the Environment Agency and inspected the watercourses in the village and made the following report. After walking the length of the race he confirmed that currently no diversion or abstraction was uncovered that would affect the current levels. There is one overspill point along the length – however there simply isn't enough water in the stream for this to come into effect. Having followed the mill stream to its source (the river Churn) it is apparent that the mill race is simply suffering from the current dry conditions and there is hardly any water entering from the Churn. There is a gravel berm which has been naturally created – Jim has agreed to look at this, alongside a few other areas in the river which may benefit from some clearance. The weir mechanism at the Lower Churn has been repaired and slightly altered – Jim is looking into the effect this has on the side stream and if action is needed to reinstate the original style gates. He contacted the downstream landowner of the side stream who has agreed to undertake the necessary maintenance – this will be done nearer the winter at the end of the main bird nesting season.

### **Obstructive Parking in Clarks Hay**

Cllr Mrs Land had met with Mike Barton and jointly inspected the state of BSC10 (the pathway from Clarks Hay alongside the garage to Churn Close). Cllr Mrs Land complained about the treatment she endured when she made a complaint to one of the people employed at

the garage over inconsiderate parking practices. Cllr Nicholas suggested that a dossier of parking abuse is compiled. Cllr Caunce volunteered to attend any such instances if called on and record the issue on his mobile phone camera.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

During July, of the 20 available working days I averaged 3 hours 30 minutes per day which is about par for my contract. I will not be attending the annual conference of the SLCC in Durham this year as I do not consider the distance involved, the time it will take to travel and the consequent cost worth the effort.

### **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Cllr Caunce, Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Harris and Cllr Stuart attended the meeting. Cllr Caunce had opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Two members of the public were present.

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Kimberley apologised for his absence as he was involved with the South Cerney Youth Group.

Cllr Nicholas apologised for his absence as he had commitments at work.

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had made an apology for her absence as she was on holiday.

#### **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

##### **Moles at Upper Up**

Cllr Stuart reported that there was still evidence of the previously reported mole activity on the playing field. He advised that no action was needed immediately but he would continue to monitor the situation.

##### **Upper Up Clubs**

Cllr Stuart confirmed that the Football Club had not yet provided proof of its public liability insurance. The Cricket and Tennis clubs had previously furnished proof of their public liability insurance. The Digger Uppers whose constitution had not been finalised until yesterday, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, were aware of the requirement and would comply as soon as possible.

##### **Composting**

Cllr Stuart reported that Kelvin Wearing was managing the compost operation at Upper Up most efficiently.

##### **Obnoxious smell in Station Road**

Cllr Stuart reported an exchange of emails with Cllr S. Parsons (GCC) regarding the previous work carried out. Cllr Parsons was positive that the cost of the repair would not be borne by the Gloucestershire County Council.

##### **Fenplay Sand**

Cllr Stuart confirmed that Tim Bryant had spread the special sand over the Fenplay surfaces at Upper Up.

##### **Vibrant Village Presentation**

Cllr Stuart and Reta-May Matthews had attended a presentation ceremony held in Painswick for the Vibrant Village awards. South Cerney had received a certificate which was on display at the United Church meeting room.



**Salt Bins**

Cllr Caunce reported that after consulting with Paul Swift the provision of salt bins by the Parish Council and their consequent replenishment by Gloucestershire Highways remained unresolved principally because of the uncertainty of future budgets.

**Flower Show**

Cllr Stuart reported that Miles King of the Digger Uppers had been awarded first prize for the condition of his allotment.

**INSPECTION REPORTS****Upper Up**

Cllr Stuart stated that the requirements of the recent annual inspection had been noted and no particular action was needed. Cllr Stuart then made his report. The rope surface of one of the four handles on the Activity Area had not deteriorated. Sand had been spread over the Fenplay surfaces. The Cycle Mounds were in good condition and well used. The grass and weeds had been cut on the north side. CCTV cameras will be removed at the end of August. There was no deterioration in the car park surface. The refurbished pathway westwards from the car park to the bridge needs heavy rain to compact it. Cracks in the Shelter floor were much bigger, probably due to the recent spell of hot weather and was of more concern because in the winter months water will ingress, possibly freeze and consequently cause even more damage. The Clerk was asked to write to Park Leisure and ask it to make the necessary repairs to obviate further harm. Explain to the company that if it declined then the Parish Council would use the money it owed to make the surface good.

**Robert Franklin Way**

Cllr Mrs Chubb stated that the requirements of the recent annual inspection had been noted and no particular action was needed. Cllr Mrs Chubb then made the report on the inspections which had been carried out in conjunction with Cllr Mrs Tunbridge prior to her holiday. Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had confirmed that the screws at the rear of the train unit had been replaced. The outer handle of the entrance gate to the smaller children's area had been fixed and the panel to the left of this gate had been repaired. Generally the equipment was in good order.

**Cerney Wick**

Cllr Caunce made his report. All was in order. The swing seats were showing signs of deterioration and would need to be replaced.

**UPPER UP CAR PARK REFURBISHMENT**

Cllr Harris stood by his opinion that the best way to solve the perennial problem of flooding on the surface of the Upper Up car park was to use an auger to drill holes 1.5m deep with 1m centres on specific parts of the surface. The holes should be filled with 20mm reject washed gravel. A trial area of 30 holes was suggested over three separate places. Any specification should explain that the use of an auger was important if in the future it was decided to resurface the area with a honeycombed grass crete option. If the holes were excavated with a mini digger the resultant hole would leave a depression on the surface. Cllr Stuart and Cllr Harris will make a joint visit to the area to map out suitable test areas and report back to the committee at its next meeting.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Harris will continue to contact Paul Swift of Gloucestershire Highways regarding the two overgrowing hedges in Bow Wow.

Cllr Harris reported that the alteration to the timing of the street lights had finally been accomplished.

Cllr Caunce will continue to liaise with Paul Swift regarding the promised signs for the cycleway near to the entrance of Wickwater Lane.

Cllr Caunce asked the Clerk to remind Gloucestershire Highways that the double yellow lines on the B4696 (Spine Road) needed to be reinstated. The previous reinstatement did not continue far enough and some vehicles were parking on the verge to observe the cable ski activities on Lake 11. Paul Swift had informed the Clerk by email that the area had been surveyed and the plan is to extend the lines. A new Traffic Order will need to be set up with consultation with the Parish. This work is now on the programme for early (first quarter) 2011/2012.

### **TASK LIST**

The task list was updated and a copy will be emailed to Parish Councillors.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Caunce asked the members of the public to leave the meeting while the Committee discussed the quotations received for tree work.

Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest in this quotation and also left the room.

Six contractors had responded. After analysis the Committee decided to accept the lowest quotation which had been tendered by James Harris Contracting and recommend it to the Finance Committee.

Cllr Harris rejoined the meeting and was informed of the decision of the Committee.

There being no further business Cllr Caunce had closed the meeting at 8 pm.

### **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Cllr Jay, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Jay had opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Eight members of the public were present.

#### **Apology**

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology for her absence due to a family commitment.

#### **Matters Arising**

The Clerk was asked to enquire at the next meeting of the SLCC if there was a provision for the supply of locum clerks if a Clerk could not attend a meeting or found the work to onerous due to holiday commitments or some such event.

#### **Spreadsheet Analysis**

The fourth month of the spreadsheet was consistent and there was no exceptions to report.

Eight members of the public left the room after a request by Cllr Jay as the next items on the agenda were of a sensitive nature.

## **Recommendation for acceptance from the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee**

The Playing Field and Village Maintenance Committee requested that the Finance Committee accepts its recommendation that James Harris Contracting be appointed to carry out the specified tree work as his tender was the lowest of the six contractors who replied. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the Parish Council agrees to this recommendation. The Finance Committee was in agreement.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council accepts the recommendation of both committees and appoint James Harris Contracting for the contract. The Parish Council was all in favour.

## **Upper Up Water Bill**

After a careful analysis of 28 previous bills the Committee concluded that as there was a spread of estimated readings it was impossible to account accurately for the excessive use of the water in the last period by any specific club. There were various influences which contributed to abnormal use. For example the Tennis Club had used water through access to a standpipe provided by the Cricket Club for the resurfacing of its courts. The Football Club possibly had used more water than usual in the refurbishment of its club house and the installation of new showers which could have contributed to more use. In the event it was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the Parish Council agrees to reassess its recent demand from the Tennis Club and ask it to pay £20 as its contribution. The Committee was all in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Caunce and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that a revised demand of £20 is sent to the Tennis Club to settle the account. The Parish Council was all in favour.

## **Payments Outstanding**

Thames Water	Outstanding fees (MAI) (ex VAT)	£4,894.90
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## **Payments In**

South Cerney Football Club	Revised share of water bill (15-02-2010–19-05-2010)	£11.10
Zia Stephens	Thanksgiving tree payment	£155.00
Duck Race organising committee	Awarded for Youth Projects	£500.00
GRCC	Grant for youth event “Get Our Way”	<u>£400.00</u>
		£1,066.10

## **Payments Out**

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (August)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (August)	£100.00
M. McKee	BT telephone and internet access (July)	£37.52
M. McKee	Clerk’s travel (July)	£36.40
Kelvin Wearing	Composting labour (July)	£96.00
R. Webb	Ink Cartridge (reimbursement)	£15.99
Adrian Gibbs	Ground maintenance (July)	£1,075.12
Amber Radio	Public address system for youth event	<u>£235.00</u>
		£1,646.03

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council agrees with the recommendation of the Committee to make the above payments. The Committee was all in favour. Cllr Webb had inspected the invoices and agreed the Clerk’s travel expenses for July.

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### **Local Authorities Members' Allowances**

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council agrees with the recommendation of the Committee to accept the award granted by the District Council's Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances. The Committee was all in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council agrees to the Members' Allowances payments. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **Community First Landfill Grant**

Cllr Jay, Cllr Stuart and two committee members of the Digger Uppers had a very productive meeting with Rebecca Lamont Jiggins from Community First who is a very useful contact in the office which allocates landfill grants. Rebecca was very enthusiastic at the developments on the playing field, especially the activities of the Digger Uppers. It may be that if an application could be presented in the near future there was a chance that it could be fast tracked to fruition. Cllr Jay stated that could involve a modicum of "pump priming" but it would be money well invested. As with all Community First grants the applicant must make a payment to the provider.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Counce that the Parish Council is minded to make a contribution not in excess of £2,800 to the grant provider if requested. The Parish Council was all in favour.

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

### **BURIAL AUTHORITY**

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Jay that Richard Wrightson is invited to join the Burial Authority. The Parish Council was all in favour. The Clerk will write to Mr Wrightson and ask him if would be willing to serve.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Cerney Lakes Tennis Club – Water bill
2. Gloucestershire Highways – Update on snow warden information (emailed to Cllr Harris)
3. Quotations for tree work as specified
  - (a) James Harris Contracting
  - (b) Tim Adams
  - (c) Tony Williams
  - (d) Philip Dickenson
  - (e) Glebe Contractors
  - (f) Luke Whiteside
4. CDC – Summer Off The Streets brochure
5. CDC – Michelle Gorton CDC Licensing Officer: Notification of licence application (emailed to Parish Councillors)
6. GCC Planning Committee – Permission granted for 09/0014/CWMAJM (CDC ref 09/00556/CPO) (emailed to Committee)
7. GCC Environment Directorate – Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP3) (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
8. Gloucestershire Police Authority – Police Authority's Annual Report 2009-2010 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)

9. Cotswold Conservatives – Request to post notification of Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP Surgeries on notice board
10. CPRE – Fieldwork magazine August 2010 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
11. Gloucestershire Highways – Proposed repair to road bridge, South Cerney (emailed to Parish Councillors)
12. CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine Summer 2010 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
13. 10/03052/FUL
  - (a) Mr & Mrs Rau – email objection(s) to application (emailed to Committee)
  - (b) Mr J. Caunce – copy of email to CDC: objection and comments
  - (c) Mr S. Wrigley – copy of email to CDC: comments
  - (d) Mr I. Fairbrother – email objections to application
  - (e) Jenny Pegler – copy of email to CDC: objection and comments
14. Home Start Cotswolds – Scheme News magazine July 2010
15. Thames Water – South Cerney FWFAS and Rising Main: Water Industry Act 1991 Completion of Works notification
16. South Cerney Youth Group – Thank you letter for support given by Parish Council to the “Get Your Way” project

## **COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart signed the Digger Uppers constitution in the Village Hall on Sunday 8th August.

Cllr Caunce reported that a hedge on the north west corner of Station Road near to its junction with the Spine Road (B4696) is overgrowing and restricting the visibility of those using the highway. The Clerk will report the incident to Paul Swift, Gloucestershire Highways.

Parish Councillors agreed with Cllr Caunce who found the response from the Enforcement Officer about the unfinished footpath (BSC26) which runs parallel to Cerney Wick Lane on Waters Edge (Lake 10) inadequate. The Clerk will inform the officer at CDC.

Cllr Kimberley reported on his research into a replacement train unit for the Robert Franklin Way children’s area. Currently he was waiting for a final price from one supplier and also a site inspection.

Cllr Harris, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had attended a Parish Forum meeting on 27th July which had discussed the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Cllr Jay reported that the post supporting the gate on BSC16 which leads from the allotments towards the Bowling Green at the end of Church Lane is in need of repair/replacement. Cllr Jay was also concerned with the gate at the entrance to the allotments, near the Church which was also in need of attention. The Clerk will inform Mike Barton, PROW officer at GCC.

Cllr Stuart noted that the new advertisements on the metal framework on the side of the Spine Road (B4696) had been removed. He requested that the Clerk ask the Enforcement Officer to insist that the framework is also removed.

The Clerk reported that there was a large residential van being used within the curtilage of Crossroads Farm at the South Cerney/Ashton Keynes/Shorncote crossroads and he will inform the Enforcement Officer.

**TASK LIST**

The Clerk will send a revised list by email to all Parish Councillors. There had not been any additions, only items removed which had been actioned.

**CERNEY NEWS ITEMS**

Suggestions to be called for items which could be of merit to be included within the Precept.  
A report on the "Get Our Way" event.

Call for residents to come forward who may be interested in refreshing and reviewing of the Village Plan.

Results of the prizes awarded to the Digger Uppers at the Flower Show.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.