

At 6pm Cllr Stuart welcomed Philippa Lowe, Head of Development Services CDC and Mike Napper, Team Leader, Development Control CDC to a meeting with Parish Councillors. Ms Lowe thanked the Parish Council for the invitation and continued stating that the Cotswolds area was vulnerable to large development schemes as there was a lack of sites available within the housing bank. She advised the Parish Council to devise a plan to submit, if necessary, to developers who may be inclined to take advantage of the current state. To this end Parish Councillors decided to engage with the District Council and arranged to meet before the end of the month to devise a “wish list” of objectives if such a situation should arise. CDC would await feedback from the Parish and then filter viable schemes to the developer. It was agreed that the developer Harrow Estates or its agent Jo Hoare, Account Manager at PPS Group be invited to a meeting of Parish Councillors prior to the Council meeting on 9th February. Parish Councillors in attendance were Cllr Caunce, Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Jay, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart, Cllr Mrs Tunbridge and Cllr Webb. Cllr Bennett (CDC) also attended. The Chairman thanked the two CDC officers for attending and both they and Cllr Bennett (CDC) left the meeting at 6.55pm.

At 7pm at the behest of the Chairman, Cllr Nicholas welcomed Kevin Dickens from the Great Western Ambulance Service who proceeded to give a presentation on the operation of a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD). Eric Grubb also attended the meeting. Kevin explained through a slide show how effective and easy the equipment was to operate. If installed it would require a guardian to monitor its usefulness on a weekly basis. Cllr Nicholas with the help of Cllr Caunce will optimise fund raising for the equipment and when installed it will be advertised locally. It was hoped that this then would generate interest in residents to become First Responders. The presentation ended at 7.26pm and the Chairman, Cllr Stuart thanked Mr Dickens for attending the meeting.

#### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011

Chairman: M. Stuart  
 Vice Chairman: P. Nicholas  
 Parish Councillors: J. Caunce  
                           Mrs F. Chapman  
                           Mrs E. Chubb  
                           P. Jay  
                           Mrs D. Land  
                           Mrs C. Tunbridge  
                           R. Webb  
                           E. Jenkins (CDC)  
                           S. Parsons (GCC)  
                           Jasmin Tresadern (Youth Group)  
                           5 members of the public  
                           Gemma Casey (Member of the Press)

The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Stuart wished everyone present a happy new year and opened proceedings at 7.30 pm.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley had both apologised for their absence as they were on holiday. Cllr Bennett (CDC) apologised for his absence as he was attending another meeting.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tunbridge that the minutes were a true and accurate record. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **YOUTH REPORT**

Jasmin Tresadern apologised on behalf of Emily Hallett for her absence and gave a brief report on the activities of the Youth Group. The shopping trip to Cribbs Causeway was a success. On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January a group of 17, which filled the mini bus, went for a meal at Cosmos in Swindon. A five week climbing course in Northleach was planned. Work was continuing on the grant application and members of the Parish Council will meet the group on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January to offer support and guidance if necessary. Cllr Stuart thanked Jasmin for her report and she then left the meeting.

As members of the public present had come to the meeting to partake in the discussion on planning application 10/05119/FUL the Chairman proposed that the recommendations of the Planning Committee on the agenda be promoted to the next item. Parish Councillors were in agreement. Cllr Nicholas then began his report.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Webb had attended the meeting. Cllr Nicholas opened the meeting at 9 pm.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

### **Apology**

Cllr Stuart had declared a prejudicial interest in both applications as a trustee of the Village Hall and an acquaintance of the other applicant (10/05155/FUL) and left the meeting.

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

#### **Localism meeting**

Cllr Nicholas referred to an email which declared that the Localism Bill had been delayed due to parliamentary scheduling issues and was curious how that might effect the arranged meeting with Mike Napper and Helen Donnelley in March.

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

Cllr Nicholas had declared a personal interest as he was friendly with one of the neighbours. Cllr Mrs Chapman had declared a personal interest as a friend of the applicant Mrs Godwin.

#### **10/05119/FUL**

Applicant: Mrs Godwin, c/o McLoughlin Planning, Signpost Cottage, The Camp, Stroud GL6 7HN  
Proposal: Erection of 2 detached dwellings at 22 School Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TY

Cllr Nicholas stated that he did not approve of the plan as it was not using the recognised Cotswold design, especially in its location within the Conservation Area. The design did not mirror anything else to be found in the village.

Cllr Webb was concerned about the effect of construction traffic. Mr Ian Roberts, on a point of order, queried if Cllr Webb should make any comment as he was a member of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Nicholas apologised for not informing Cllr Webb of a statement made by Cllr Stuart, prior to the committee meeting, on a ruling from Cotswold District Council's

Monitoring Officer who stated that Parish Councillors who were trustees of the Village Hall should declare a prejudicial interest and not take part in any discussion. He thanked Mr Roberts for his intervention. Cllr Mrs Chapman stated that she did not like the design. Cllr Mrs Land stated that the disabled access to the Village Hall would be compromised through lack of width of the access. Cllr Mrs Land did not like the design either as it did not reflect the vernacular of the locality. Cllr Mrs Land agreed with Mr Roberts who said that as the carriageway would be only 3.5m wide and disabled access needed to be at least 1.1m, that left only 2.4m for vehicular traffic. Cllr Mrs Land argued that if access was allowed it would be particularly dangerous as there would not be a gate, as there is now, to slow egress. Mr Roberts stated that parking would be an even worse problem if permission was granted. Currently he ascertained there were 58 vehicles belonging to residents in School Lane which regularly leads to traffic problems. Both Mrs Robinson and Mr Roberts were not against the development in principle but the design and access were not appropriate. Visibility will be a problem and access dangerous if unfettered by a gate. Cllr Nicholas was concerned that the northern part of the plot was being described as a paddock when it patently was nothing of the sort. He presumed that as the area referred to as a paddock was outside the development boundary it was to avoid applying for permission to change its use from agricultural to residential curtilage which could well be resisted.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Jay, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb declared prejudicial interests in the application as they were members of the Village Hall Committee and trustees of the Village Hall and left the room. Cllr Mrs Tunbridge declared a prejudicial interest as the applicant was a good friend and left the room.

Cllr Nicholas listed, in no particular order, reasons why the Parish Council should object to the application: the plan does not use the recognised Cotswold design, especially in its location within the Conservation Area; the design did not mirror anything else to be found in the village nor reflects the vernacular of the locality; the track to the side of the Village Hall which will be used as the entrance is the only dedicated entrance for disabled users of the Village Hall; Cllr Mrs Land stated as the track is 3.5m wide and a dedicated footpath of 1.1m is required by the Disability Discrimination Act for access this only leaves 2.4m for vehicular traffic; coupled to this if the track becomes the entrance then the gate there on will be removed and traffic will not have to negotiate the obstacle as at present. Access to the Village Hall for disabled users would be compromised through lack of width; the use of the track is not conducive to a dual use as a disabled access and/or traffic access; Mr Roberts stated that parking in School Lane would be an even worse problem if permission was granted as currently there are 58 vehicles belonging to residents in School Lane which regularly leads to traffic problems; visibility will be a problem and access dangerous if unfettered by a gate; Cllr Nicholas stated that a further concern is that the northern part of the plot is described as a paddock when it patently will be nothing of the sort. It is presumed that as the area referred to as a paddock is outside the development boundary it was to avoid applying for permission to change its use from agricultural to residential curtilage which should be resisted; the Parish Council objects also to the nature of the development as it will set a precedent in relation to further development in the future.

It was proposed by Cllr Counce and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council objects to this application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

#### OBJECTION

Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Mrs Tunbridge and Cllr Webb returned to the room.

Cllr Nicholas had declared a prejudicial interest as a close neighbour and left the room at the Committee meeting. Cllr Webb had taken over as chairman of the Committee meeting.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Nicholas declared a prejudicial interest as he was a close neighbour of the site and left the room. Cllr Jay and Cllr Stuart remained outside as they had previously declared prejudicial interests as friends of the applicant. Cllr Webb took over as Chairman.

#### **10/05155/FUL**

Applicant: Mirus Construction Ltd, 44 Black Jack Street, Cirencester GL7 2AA

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings and associated works (revised scheme) at Kewstoke, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UR

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

NO OBJECTION

Cllr Jay, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart all returned to the room. Cllr Nicholas resumed as Chairman.

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

#### **10/04749/FUL CT.0649/3/G**

Attachment of external metal fire escape staircase and new door opening to first floor east elevation at Mayfair, Langet, Upper Up, South Cerney

#### **Correspondence**

Cllr Nicholas requested that Parish Councillors acquaint themselves with the content of consultation document on the Cotswold District Core Strategy 2nd Issues and Options Paper now on circulation as it would be discussed at next month's Planning Committee and Parish Council meetings.

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Footpath in Silver Street**

The Clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire Highways to see if it would consider refurbishing the footpath in Silver Street, northwards of Atkyns Manor for approximately 40 yards. The Parish Council is minded to financially support the refurbishment of this stretch of footpath.

#### **Road Gritting Schedule**

The Clerk was to enquire from Cllr Parsons (GCC) if he had any success in persuading Gloucestershire Highways to include that part of Berkeley Close leading to Ann Edwards School in its gritting schedule of primary routes. Cllr Parsons had responded by email that he had logged the requirement for the road to be salted. This however will not happen overnight. Apparently the salting lorries work to a detailed route plan. The plan maximises the distance covered per load of salt, and therefore any detour from it will mean that part of the route of that lorry will go without, unless it can be covered in some other way. The plan is reviewed each year, and adjustments made at that time. Cllr Parsons (GCC) accepts this procedure although Gloucestershire Highways do make adjustments to the plan since he has achieved one up in the hills for The National Star College, three years ago.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

On the evening of Wednesday 5th January I attended a meeting of the Precept Committee where budget proposals were discussed. Cllr Caunce, Cllr Jay, Cllrs Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart also attended. Cllr Jay will present the deliberations at this meeting.

During December of the 21 available working days I averaged just over 2 hours 45 minutes per day which is about 45 minutes per day less than my contract allows. No doubt this current month will more than make up for this shortfall with the extra meetings scheduled.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

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

### **Apology**

Cllr Kimberley had sent an apology for his absence.

## **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

### **Youth Shelter**

Cllr Caunce informed the Committee that he had been in contact with Mr Meredith who was unfortunately not well but would attend to the quotation when he had recovered.

### **Scout HQ Grounds**

Cllr Harris confirmed that the flailing of the grounds had been carried out.

### **Parking on Grass Verges**

PC Andy Burfoot acknowledged that it is possible to take action against inconsiderate motorists who obstruct the grass verges.

### **Upper Up Hedges**

Cllr Harris had liaised with the owner of Walnut Tree Cottage over the height of the Beech hedge overlooking the allotments to the west of that property.

### **Telephone Kiosk**

The Clerk was requested to get an update on the reported damage to the telephone kiosk. Originally the damage had been reported on 18th November 2010 under reference SS7VGT17 to 0800 023 2023. BT have informed the Clerk that the damage was reported to the wrong department. A new report has been made to 0800 252 541 under reference SS7WPH10 on 11th January 2011.

### **Recycling Bins**

The Clerk was requested to report to Scott Williams (CDC) that the area in the vicinity of the recycling bins in Berkeley Close needed to be cleaned up.

### **Sustrans Route 45**

Cllr Harris enquired if the hedge clearing had been carried out on the old railway line between the Spine Road and Station Road.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

### **Cerney Wick**

Cllr Caunce reported that all was in order.

### **Robert Franklin Way**

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. The train unit which had been removed had not yet been replaced.

## **Upper Up**

Cllr Stuart reported that the drainage experiment on the car park seemed to be working satisfactorily although areas not within the scheme were covered with surface water. Joy riders were continuing to create problems with the surface, making doughnuts with speed turns. Cllr Stuart had informed the police. Moles were again active and needed to be removed especially in the area between the cricket pavilion and the tennis courts. The Finance Committee will be asked to approve the hiring of Terminator Pest Control of 30 Gloucester Street, Cirencester. One rubbish bin requires a new inner container as the old one has been removed. Other areas and equipment on the playing field were all in order.

## **PLAYGROUND OF THE YEAR RESULTS**

Cllr Caunce was well pleased with everything provided on the playing fields although overall the judges' results of the competition awarded the playground and playing fields only 75%. No comments had been given and if the Parish was to enter a future competition an objective feedback would be useful.

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Stuart reported on the activities of the composting team. Grant Stratford will weigh the contents of two and a half bins and on the results the Parish Council will apply for the associated credits. It will be necessary to hire a chipper from Ermin Plant Hire to reduce the larger tree limbs and other material which will not compost readily. The Finance Committee will be asked to approved this expenditure. It was also agreed that Kelvin Wearing should be asked to continue his composting activity for the next four months and to arrange with him to use his discretion concerning the time he works each week so that he can build a reserve up of hours in slack times to use when quantities of materials increase in the spring. It was estimated that, on average, the Parish Council should consider employing him for three hours per week at £8 per hour. The Finance Committee will be asked to approve this plan.

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge was concerned that the "slapping post" on the eastern entrance gate to the allotments in Church Lane was missing which allowed the gate swing throughout its arc.

Cllr Mrs Chubb noted that the obstruction, which she considered a trip hazard on the ramp to the wooden bridge from Bow Wow to Box Bush, had not been repaired.

Cllr Harris added that the tree root on the Box Bush side of the wooden bridge from Bow Wow was a continuing menace to unsuspecting pedestrians.

Cllr Caunce reported that the rail of the bridge over the river Churn at Churn Pool, Cerney Wick had not been replaced.

The Clerk will remind Mike Barton, GCC PROW of the above incidents.

## **TASK LIST**

The Tree Wardens were instructed to carry out the annual tree inspection. The Clerk was to remind Paul Swift that action was needed to reduce the overgrowing hedge in Bow Wow before the nesting season begins.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Quotations from five contractors had been received to carry out the ground maintenance contract. The Clerk had analysed the returns to provide a simple comparison of costs. Adrian Gibbs was the most competitive. Consequently it was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Caunce that the Parish Council should agree to Mr Gibbs being awarded the contract for the next two years. The Committee agreed unanimously. The Finance Committee will be asked to approve his selection.

John Hicks Associates had offered to carry out the annual inspection of play equipment. His fees remain unchanged for the 10th year in succession. It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Caunce that the Parish Council agrees to Mr Hicks being awarded the contract to inspect the playgrounds and the associated equipment for the coming year. The Committee agreed unanimously. The Finance Committee will be asked to approve his selection.

There being no further business Cllr Caunce had closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2011**

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

### **Spreadsheet Analysis**

The ninth month of the spreadsheet showed expenditure as per budget. It was estimated that the budget for Village Maintenance would be exceeded. This was to be expected as unforeseen work was needed to maintain the Upper Up car park. All other expenditure was within the budgeted limits.

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

The Playing Field and Village Maintenance Committee requested that the Finance Committee accepts the following recommendations.

Adrian Gibbs is reappointed as ground maintenance contractor for the next two years, i.e. 2011 and 2012. John Hicks is reappointed to carry out the annual safety inspections on all playing fields and associated equipment. Kelvin Wearing's composting contract is extended for a further four months to average three hours per week at £8 per hour. Terminator Pest Control is requested to control mole activity on the Upper Up playing fields. The hire of a chipper at a maximum of £200 from Ermin Plant Hire to reduce larger tree limbs and other material which will not compost readily. The Finance Committee agreed to all the above recommendations and will recommend that the Parish Council accepts the proposals.

Cllr Jay proposed and Cllr Caunce seconded a motion that the Parish Council accepts the above recommendations. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **Payments In**

|                      |                                      |                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Tree planting scheme | Mrs S. A. Ailing                     | £35.00         |
|                      | Mr G. James & Mrs M. E. James        | £140.00        |
|                      | P. J. Bayliss                        | £140.00        |
|                      | Mr D. J. Poulton & Mrs S. M. Poulton | <u>£155.00</u> |
|                      |                                      | £470.00        |

### **Payments Outstanding**

|                           |                                 |               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Thames Water              | Outstanding fees (MAI) (ex VAT) | £4,894.90     |
| South Cerney Cricket Club | Share of water supply charges   | <u>£12.70</u> |
|                           |                                 | £4,907.60     |

### **Payments Out**

|            |  |         |
|------------|--|---------|
| Petty Cash | Bus shelter cleansing (January)          | £50.00  |
| Petty Cash | Litter picking (January)                 | £100.00 |
| M. McKee   | BT telephone, internet access (December) | £38.20  |
| M. McKee   | Clerk's travel (December)                | £31.20  |

|                          |   |                |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| South Cerney Newsletter  | Directory production grant  | £150.00        |
| James Harris Contracting | Tree work on Robert Franklin Way<br>and near VAS on Silver Street | £198.00        |
| James Harris Contracting | Repair to War Memorial  | £54.00         |
| Southern Electric        | Bus shelters supply   | £21.26         |
| Kelvin Wearing           | Composting labour (December)                                      | £48.00         |
| Riding for the Disabled  | Donation from Chairman's Discretionary Fund                       | <u>£100.00</u> |
|                          |   | <u>£790.66</u> |

Cllr Webb had inspected the invoices and agreed the Clerk's travel expenses for December.

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

Cllr Jay asked the Clerk to inform Southern Electric contracting department that the light in the bus shelter was not working.

### Correspondence

4. Santander Business Banking: Deposit offer.  
The Clerk was to enquire if the account funds would have the same protection as an individual and if the interest was paid gross.
10. Unity Trust Bank – Specialist bank for 'not-for-profit' organisations  
The Committee was of the opinion that the quoted rates were not competitive.

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

### PRECEPT PROPOSALS

The Precept Committee comprising Cllr Caunce, Cllr Jay, Cllrs Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart had met on Wednesday 5th January and agreed a budget to recommended for acceptance to the Parish Council. The figures were broadly in line with those of the previous year and because of a technical adjustment to the calculation of the local tax base and a transfer from the Parish Council reserves there would be a decrease of £1.37 per annum on a band "D" property. Village Plan projects were itemised generally and those groups benefiting would be as follows. In the Capital Budget: Scouts £1,000; South Cerney Youth Football £500; Play Group £500; Youth Group £8,000; United Church £300; South Cerney Stragglers £500 and the District Tree Warden scheme £100 which will be taken from the Training Budget.

Cllr Jay proposed and Cllr Mrs Chubb seconded a motion that the Parish Council agrees to the budget deliberations. The Parish Council was all in favour. The Clerk will inform CDC accordingly.

Cllr Caunce, on behalf of those attending, thanked Cllr Jay for generously hosting the meeting at his home.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. 10/05318/TCONR – Notification of intention to undertake tree work in a conservation area. Applicant: Mr L. Roper, Ham House, Ham Lane, South Cerney. Proposal: Reduce by approx 40% Pear tree situate right hand side of house when facing Ham Lane. Fell Pear in front garden (R) (emailed to Tree Wardens)



2. Mike Napper (CDC) – Response to request by Cllr Nicholas to observe meetings
3. John Hicks & Associates – Annual Playground Inspections charges (unchanged for 10th year)
4. Santander Business Banking – Parish funds on deposit offer
5. Environment Agency – Improved flood warning service
6. Gloucestershire County Council – Publication of the Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy in the period 2012–2027 (emailed to Parish Councillors)
7. GPFA – Results of the Playground and Playing Field of the Year Competition; Judging sheet (PF&VM committee agenda item)
8. 10/05318/TCONR – This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation. No initial alert would have been sent. Proposal: Pear tree situate right hand side of house when facing from Ham Lane – reduce by approx 40%. Pear in front garden – fell. Application Permit. Location: Ham House, Ham Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UF
9. Ground maintenance quotations:
  - (a) Adrian Gibbs
  - (b) Green Fingers in Bristol Ltd
  - (c) Bibury Landscapes Ltd
  - (d) Glebe Contractors
  - (e) Avium Grounds Maintenance
10. Unity Trust Bank – Specialist bank for ‘not-for-profit’ organisations
11. Gloucestershire Highways – Making travel safer on Gloucestershire’s roads in the winter. Map of primary routes treated
12. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Invitation to a tree planting event (emailed to Tree Wardens)
13. GAPTC – News Update magazine Winter 2010 (on circulation)
14. CDC – Consultation on the Cotswold District Core Strategy 2nd Issues & Options Paper (on circulation) *see* [http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a\\_id=2324](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=2324) and <http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/> (links emailed to Parish Councillors)
15. Mr D. Poulton – Planning application 10/05119/FUL: Location 22 School Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TY. Proposal: Erection of 2 detached dwellings
16. South Cerney Stragglers – Application for funding (emailed to Committee)
17. Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2011 (on circulation)
18. CDC – 10/05239/TPO: Application Permit. Location: Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney. Proposal: TPO 252 Fell T. 4 Red Horse Chestnut G. 1 Black Poplar (tagged 1488/1489 ) – laterally crown reduce to give up to 2 metres clearance from the approved building line.
19. Friends of Gloucestershire Libraries – Support requested to have an independent review of the County Council’s plans for the library service (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
20. Cerney Wick Riding for the Disabled Group – Donation request
21. 10/05119/FUL
  - (a) Mr & Mrs I. Roberts – Concerns on aspects of application (copy email to CDC Planning) (emailed to Committee)
  - (b) Chairman of South Cerney Village Hall Management Committee – Ownership of access lane from School Lane to the field gate set in the existing boundary wall at the rear of the Village Hall (copy email to CDC Planning)

## COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Nicholas reported on a meeting of the 3 Parishes he and others including Cllr Jay, Cllr Stuart, Cllr Jenkins (CDC), Roger Sleeman, Sarah Powell and Karen Mogridge had attended on 21st December in Somerford Keynes to discuss developments as it is considered that the Cotswold Water Park Society Ltd is moving forward without considering the issues raised by the Parishes. There was also concerns over the infilling of Keynes Country Park.

Cllr Jay reported that there is a fallen tree across the canal path (South Cerney to Siddington). It is about 18 inches in diameter and situated about 50m on the Siddington side of the memorial seat. The Clerk will inform Mike Barton at GCC PROW.

Cllr Jay wished to express his thanks to James Harris for recovering the dog bin from the river Churn.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that the dog bin at the eastern end of Church Lane in Cerney Wick needed to be emptied. The Clerk will inform Scott Williams at CDC.

Cllr Mrs Land informed the Parish Council that she had reported incidents to the police of vehicles over parking tactile paving areas in the village.

Cllr Jenkins (CDC) reported on an exchange of letters with Robin Rogers on his concerns over the selection of the Nominations Committee at the Cotswold Water Park Society Ltd. There was still no sign of the accounts being published which had been promised. Cllr Jenkins contended that the Society's finances were weak and in a hazardous condition. He added that there is still no transparency and certainly no justification for the people responsible remaining in post 11 months after the catastrophic events of last year. In his opinion the salary bill outstrips income and the situation is not sustainable. There was no further action on the status of footpaths application. Cllr Parsons (GCC) said that the personnel at the Public Rights of Way department handling such applications had been reduced to 0.75, that is less than 1. Cllr Parsons said that he had written to Mark Parker at GCC about the application and was awaiting a response. Heated exchanges ensued between the District Councillor and the County Councillor and the Chairman, Cllr Stuart added that people in the community were becoming increasingly angry at the inconclusive progress in sorting the mess. Cllr Jay enquired if the Society be made bankrupt? Cllr Parsons disagreed stating that it was providing a service but assembled councillors were sceptical as to what that service included. Cllr Nicholas asked Cllr Parsons (GCC) to report back to the Parish Council exactly what the Society is doing to extricate itself from its current hole.

Cllr Jay noted that the mobile library service to South Cerney was being withdrawn as part of the forthcoming cuts in the Gloucestershire County Council's budget.

Cllr Stuart reported on a Police Liaison meeting he had attended on Tuesday 11th January at the Village Hall. Inspector Brian Clifford was now in charge of Community Policing throughout the entire Cotswold division. PC Andy Burfoot will be spending more time in the village as his beat has been greatly reduced. Speed checks in the village had resulted in three motorists being stopped and warned about their driving with one other being issued with a fine for speeding. However, once again, the speed checks showed that very few motorists were seen to be exceeding the speed limit. One PCSO is being relocated leaving only PCSO Michael Owen. There was little to ask the police to check out in the village.

Cllr Stuart reported on a recent application he had submitted for the occasional sale of alcohol in the Village Hall. The procedure was very time consuming, taking up some 15 hours work, he estimated.

**CERNEY NEWS**

There were no contributions forthcoming for inclusion in the Cerney News. The Clerk and Chairman will meet to compose articles of interest for publication.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 9.42pm.