

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

Chairman: M. Stuart  
 Vice Chairman: P. Nicholas  
 Parish Councillors: J. Caunce  
                           Mrs F. Chapman  
                           Mrs E. Chubb  
                           P. Jay  
                           J. Harris  
                           Mrs C. Tunbridge  
                           R. Webb  
                           E. Jenkins (CDC)  
                           P. Messenger (CDC)  
                           S. Parsons (GCC)  
                           David Mellor (Thamesway Canoe Club)  
                           11 Members of the Youth Group  
                           Juliet Leyton (prospective election candidate)  
                           Mike Evey (prospective election candidate)

The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Stuart opened proceedings at 7.30 pm.

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs Land apologised for her absence as she was unwell.  
 Cllr Kimberley apologised for his absence as one of his children was not well.  
 Cllr Bennett (CDC) apologised for his absence as he was attending another meeting.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010**

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tunbridge that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Cllr Harris abstained as he had not attended the meeting. The remainder of the Parish Councillors were all in favour.

### **YOUTH REPORT**

Jasmin Tresadern and Emily Hallett reported on the activities of the Youth Group. Johnno Kimberley had hosted a field craft event which was well attended. A Valentine's Party was arranged. On 28th February a rock climbing course was organised at Northleach. A full complement of 15 would be going by mini bus. All were looking forward to the Willow Lantern Pageant which would be held on Friday 4th March. Emily Hallett informed the Parish Council that Mary Mychaleckyj had been funded as a worker until the end of June. In reply to a query from Jasmin Tresadern about the progress of the bid for lottery funds Emily confirmed that it was on track and that this was a pivotal year for the group. She also replied to a question from Cllr Stuart about the availability of the Scout Headquarters building in that it would be available on Monday evenings after the coming half term. The group then left the meeting.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Library availability**

Cllr Jay had applied for two laminated timetables for display on the notice boards which would inform residents when the service would be in South Cerney. At the moment it would be available until June.

## CLERK'S REPORT

On the evening of Tuesday 18th January I attended a meeting of Parish Councillors to create a "community wish list" if planning permission is granted to application 10/03916/OUT. Cllr Jay, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb also attended. All Councillors agreed that they had not changed their opinion in objecting to the application but with the knowledge of the confidential briefing it was prudent to think about planning gain if the applicant was successful with the application. A list of wishes had been passed to Philippa Lowe and a meeting was held on Monday 31st January at CDC to refine the list which would be passed to the developer and a meeting then arranged for Tuesday 8th February.

On Monday 24th January I attended a meeting of the Three Parishes in Somerford Keynes to discuss with representatives of the Cotswold Water Park Society Ltd its timetable for change, the implications thereof and the selection of trustees.

Present: South Cerney with Cerney Wick Parish Council – Peter Jay, Philip Nicholas, Mike Stuart, Roger Webb, Maurice McKee (Parish Clerk); Somerford Keynes Parish Council – Karen Mogridge, Sarah Powell and Roger Sleeman; Ashton Keynes Parish Council – Angela Stefanovic and Ian Woods; Cotswold Water Park Society Ltd – Tasha Flaherty, Matthew Millett and Robin Rogers

Parish Council representatives had a pre-meeting to decide an agenda and appoint a chairman for the meeting. Sarah Powell agreed with the unanimous decision of the group to act as chairman. Maurice McKee had an appointment and would have to leave the meeting at 8.10pm but agreed to record the discussion until his departure.

Topics for discussion were agreed:

1. Selection of trustees process
2. Waterpark lease
3. General membership criteria and authority

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm with Matthew Millett giving an update of how the changes to the structure of the various entities were to be assigned. On March 2nd the existing Trust would be wound up and a new Trust formed with the Society becoming a subsidiary. The various authorities will be contacted for their comments on the new constitution. The new organisation will be in place by 1st April.

Philip Nicholas stated that the credibility of the old organisation was fundamentally disfunctional and he was concerned that not enough opportunity for consultation had been given to the wider community to present alternative suggestions to the proposed structures. He believed that the present management had the best interests of the Water Park in their sights and his criticism was not directed at them.

Tasha Flaherty was not sure that the Water Park representatives had the authority under the present constitution to release information on the current debate of the new structures but will check with the legal advisors in the near future.

Matthew Millett said that he would welcome comment, however transmitted, and present it to the board of trustees for consideration.

Ian Woods asked which part of the Society controlled the leasehold and freehold land of the Water Park? Matthew Millett stated that ownership resided with the Society.

Sarah Powell queried how were the changes to be incorporated into the new constitution? Roger Sleeman agreed to be champion for the 3 Parishes' cause regarding modifications.

Tasha Flaherty confirmed that the management accounts had been audited up to date.

I had to leave the meeting at this point.

On February 8th I attended a meeting at CDC to discuss the proposed list of community enhancements with Tim Noden (Harrow Estates), Mervyn Dobson (Pegasus), Phillipa Lowe and Mike Napper both from CDC. Parish Councillors in attendance were Cllr Harris, Cllr Jay, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb. Although not a requirement if permission was to be granted, the developers were not against the idea of providing a community hall or a commuted sum to help build such a scheme. The positioning of the facility would be discussed further. The number of units remains contentious but not insurmountable. The Parish Council's ideas on mix of house design, layout and access were not disputed. The developers will refine their proposals and make another presentation to the public with a consultation to follow, probably on February 25th.

The meeting started at 6pm and finished around 8.10pm.

During January of the 20 available working days I averaged over 3 hours 50 minutes per day which is some 70 minutes per week in excess of what my contract allows. I am quite content with the situation.

### **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SOUTH CERNEY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE (SCOEC)**

The Chairman Cllr Stuart invited David Mellor Chairman of Thamesway Canoe Club to the meeting and asked him to update the Parish Council on what he knew of the present proposals to close SCOEC. Mr Mellor stated it was his information that Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) wanted to release itself from outdoor education activities. Redundancy notices had been served on part time staff to take effect from 31st March and permanent staff would leave on 31st August when commitments would cease and the site mothballed. There had been a consultation started on the last day of the previous school term and terminated on 31st January. Some 80 school establishments used the facility. The consultation had only included those schools and clubs which used the site. The Parish Council had not been consulted. Mr Mellor stated that redundancy notices had been issued within an hour of the end of the consultation. Cllr Nicholas said that GCC had profoundly over reacted by proposing to close SCOEC and wondered why the facility, including the lake and associated equipment, could not be offered to a self-funding trust. If the staff are lost then the expertise built up will also disappear and the chances of starting up again will be that much more difficult, if at all possible, to achieve. Cllr Nicholas was irritated that the Parish Council had not been consulted and GCC should have sent someone along to a public meeting to explain the decision. Parish Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would be prepared to host a public meeting to exert pressure on GCC to change its mind. Cllr Messenger (CDC) stated that he had written to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP and Dame Janet Trotter, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire had been approached for support to keep Lake 12 operational even as a charitable trust. Cllr Nicholas suggested that the Parish Council should make such a fuss that GCC would be afraid to sell the amenity. Cllr Jay wanted a letter to go to GCC and copied to the Wilts and Glos Standard asking what is going on and why we were not consulted? All we have heard so far are rumours that it is going to shut down and no information on its future use he continued. He wondered if consideration had been given to others who might wish to run the facility? The track record of the cavalier attitude of GCC to asset disposal in the Water Park was of concern. There must be a public reassurance that the asset will not be disposed of. Cllr Counce requested that the future of SCOEC should be an agenda item at next month's meeting.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

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

### **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. Cllr Caunce was confident that Mr Meredith would be in contact shortly.

#### **Parking on Grass Verges**

Cllr Mrs Chubb agreed with Cllr Harris who reported that a vehicle was parking on the eastern side of The Piece and tyre marks were disturbing the grass surface. The Clerk was asked to make a polite request to the occupants of both properties adjoining The Piece that if they know the person responsible would they ask him or her to cease the practice as the ground was owned and maintained by the Parish Council.

#### **Telephone Kiosk**

The telephone kiosk had been repaired.

#### **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. There was a continuing problem with accumulation of minor rubbish in the area. Cllr Caunce had inspected the area since the meeting and reported that it was spotless and informed Mr Williams accordingly.

#### **Sustrans Route 45 (Station Road to Spine Road)**

Cllr Harris noted that the hedge clearing had not been carried out on the old railway line between the Spine Road and Station Road. Cllr Stuart informed the committee that Mike Barton from Gloucestershire County Council PROW was on another assignment but was aware of the situation.

#### **Proposed Cycle Path from South Cerney to Siddington**

Cllr Stuart had a meeting with Mrs Aileen Calvert who represents the Siddington Village Plan Action Group to promote the project of a link between South Cerney and Siddington as part of its Village Plan. Mrs Calvert reported that she had been liaising with Richard Knight, land owner of the old railway, seeking to resolve objections. Mr Knight was adamant that he would allow its use by horses and walkers but not bicycles. Mrs Calvert and Cllr Stuart agreed to continue working with all relevant bodies to upgrade the canal path to form the cycle path required in both communities' Village Plans.

#### **Composting**

Cllr Stuart reported that 4.8 tonnes of compost had been weighed and the appropriate credit would be claimed from Gloucestershire County Council. As foreseen, Kelvin Wearing's labour had not been sufficient to warrant a claim this month but would be added, under the agreement, to the account. The shredder which had been hired was successful in chipping up the larger limbs but less so on lighter material. The manager at Ermin Plant will advise on which machine would be best suited in future.

#### **Village Hall Alcohol Licence**

Cllr Stuart reported that the application to sell alcohol on an occasional basis in the Village Hall had been successful. Michelle Gorton CDC had been particularly helpful with the application.

**Tree Root on path to Box Bush from Bow Wow**

Cllr Harris noted that the tree root had not been removed.

**Slapping Post on gate to allotment**

Cllr Harris noted that the slapping post on the eastern entrance gate to the allotments in Church Lane had not been replaced.

**INSPECTION REPORTS****Cerney Wick**

Cllr Counce reported that all was in order.

**Upper Up**

Cllr Stuart reported that the drainage experiment on the car park seemed to be working satisfactorily.

Joy riders were continuing to create problems with the surface, making doughnuts with speed turns. Cllr Stuart had informed the police. The mole catcher had been in action and caught some; trapping was continuing.

**Robert Franklin Way**

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. Cllr Mrs Chubb enquired from Cllr Kimberley when the train unit which had been removed would be replaced. Cllr Kimberley explained that he was awaiting a site survey from the suppliers after which installation could be confirmed. He was unable to give a time but expected that the new equipment would be in operation within a couple of months.

**SOLAR POWERED LIGHTING**

Cllr Stuart stated that his research on the cost of installing solar powered lighting was in the order of £500 and the cost of SEB put a supply underground alone would be at least £1,200 excluding consumer units. It cost the Parish Council just over £80 per year for the electric supply and replacing the present arrangement was not good value at present. Costs may reduce as this type of equipment becomes more popular. Cllr Counce stated that the Parish Council should keep an open mind and if it became economically viable installation could then be reassessed.

**PLAYGROUND OF THE YEAR RESULTS**

The Clerk was asked to enquire from Graham Ross, Secretary to the GPFA how South Cerney compared to other entrants in the competition. Feedback on performance was important if progress was to be achieved in future competitions.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Kimberley reported that there was a dead tree beyond Mike Mould's property in Bow Wow which, if it was to fall over, would most likely damage electric power lines nearby. The Clerk will report the incident and the nearest electric pole numbered SPFI 96 TQ to Southern Electric.

Cllr Harris reported on a meeting of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for improvements to the PROW network. The Committee was in favour of a letter which Cllr Harris had composed supporting the bid. Cllr Harris will email the Clerk with the content which will then be forwarded on behalf of the Parish Council to the Cotswold Water Park Trust.

**TASK LIST**

The Tree Wardens will make their report at next month's committee meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A quotation for £7,920 from Gloucestershire Highways to install a tarmac footpath from Atkyns Manor along Silver Street to join with existing tarmac path outside Silver Street House was discussed. It was agreed that the cost was prohibitive. The Clerk was to inform Mrs Finlayson of Ivy Cottage that other contractors would be sought but the specifications would be expensive to implement.

Cllr Caunce declared a prejudicial interest in the next item as one of the people who had quoted was a business client. Cllr Caunce left the room.

There had been two quotations to repair the damaged roof of the bus shelter outside the Limes. On reflection it was agreed that the specification was simply not comprehensive enough and the job was more complicated than at first thought. It would be necessary to retiling the rear of the roof and replace all ridge tiles. Materials to be used should be Sunnyside 2000 conservation tiles. It was agreed that the work should be carried out by a competent roofing specialist. Other suitable contractors will be sought.

Cllr Caunce returned to the room.

There being no further business Cllr Caunce had closed the meeting at 8.06pm.

The meetings were then adjourned at 8.10pm in order that Parish Councillors could discuss in confidence the meeting at CDC the following evening. Justification of items on the wish list were agreed.

## REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

Cllr Jay, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart, Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Mrs Chapman also attended.

Cllr Jay opened the meeting at 9.25pm.

### Spreadsheet Analysis

The tenth month of the spreadsheet showed expenditure as per budget. All expenditure was as expected.

### Recommendations for acceptance from the Playing Fields & Village Maintenance Committee

There were no recommendations.

### Payments Out

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (February)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (February)	£100.00
Petty Cash	Postage	£30.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (January)	£39.48
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (January)	£40.95
Raymond Fenton	Updating web pages 1-07-10 to 31-12-10	£300.00
F. T. Timbrell	Hedge flailing and verge trimming	£180.00
South Cerney Village Hall	Reimbursement for light bulb purchase	£9.01
Ermin Plant Hire	Hire of chipper for composting	£104.25
Mrs E. M. Hallett	South Cerney Youth Group (10 sessions)	£400.00
Cotswold Water Park Trust	Willow Lantern Pageant grant	£200.00
Terminator Pest Control	Mole control January/February	£75.00
		<u>£1,528.69</u>

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

It had been proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council is recommended to make the above payments. The Committee was all in favour.

At the Parish Council meeting it was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Caunce that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payments. The Parish Council was all in favour.

#### **Payments In**

South Cerney Cricket Club	Share of water supply	£12.70
Environment Agency	Lease of bore hole at Upper Up	£117.68
R. E. & J. M. Doble	Tree planting contribution	<u>£140.00</u>
		£270.38

#### **Payments Outstanding**

Thames Water	Outstanding fees (MAI) (ex VAT)	£4,894.90
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There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

### **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Webb attended the meeting.

Cllr Nicholas had opened the meeting at 9.50pm.

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

Cllr Nicholas declared a prejudicial interest in 10/04588/FUL as the applicant was a client. There was no necessity to leave the room as the "Further Details" of the application did not require that the Parish Council made a response and had already been determined.

#### **10/04588/FUL (Further Details)**

Applicant: South West Vauxhall Spares, 47 Thornhill Drive, Swindon, Wilts SN25 4GG  
 Proposal: Change of use from spray paint shop to car breakers and spares specialist at Unit 4, Broadway Lane Industrial Estate, South Cerney GL7 5UH

#### **10/05423/FUL**

##### **Agent's Correspondence to consider**

Applicant: Glenwood House Investments, 23 & 24 High Street, Marlborough, Wilts  
 Proposal: Construction of new warehouse unit at Plot B, Lakeside Business Park, Broadway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UH (R)  
 NO OBJECTION

#### **10/05440/FUL**

Applicant: Mr Chris Hill, 41 Jubilee Gardens, South Cerney GL7 5XW  
 Proposal: Conversion of single storey dwelling into two storey house at Sounion, Ham Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UF (R)  
 There was very little design to the house and it would look very ordinary in quite a prominent position in the village.  
 OBJECTION

#### **11/00058/FUL**

Applicant: Mr P. Hurrell, 10 The Lennards, South Cerney GL7 5UX  
 Proposal: Single storey extension to rear of property, the removal of redundant chimney stack to front elevation and a new porch added to the front at 10 The Lennards, South Cerney GL7 5UX (R)  
 NO OBJECTION

**11/00239/FUL**

Applicant: Ms Keri-Anne Bailey, Sawmills Barn, High Street, Meysey Hampton, Glos, GL7 5JP  
 Proposal: Erection of new dwelling at 5 The Leaze, South Cerney GL7 5UL

Further to our previous recommendation and after additional consideration the committee objects to this application. It had previously been agreed that it is an excessively cramped form of development which is likely to be oppressive to neighbouring properties. The curtilage provided will be disproportionately small in relation to other properties in the vicinity.

**OBJECTION**

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Parish Council accepts the recommendations of the Planning Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

**Planning Applications granted by Cotswold District Council****10/04342/FUL CT.3925/T**

Erection of a dwelling (amendment to design of Plot 4 approved under permission 03/02831/FUL) at Plot 4, Horse & Groom, Cricklade Road, South Cerney

**10/04801/FUL CT.3887/3/V**

Erection of first floor pitch roof side extension over garage and boundary wall at 61 The Lennards, South Cerney

**10/04588/FUL CT.2475/2/D**

Change of use from spray paint shop to car breakers and spares specialist at Unit 4, Broadway Lane Industrial Estate, South Cerney

**10/05155/FUL CT.3147/C**

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

**Planning Application Withdrawn****10/05119/FUL**

Erection of 2 detached dwellings at 22 School Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TY

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 10.07pm.

**COTSWOLD DISTRICT CORE STRATEGY SECOND ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

Cllr Nicholas took the chair and stated that the Core Strategy was the cornerstone of the local plan. The District Council had included some key issues, it had ignored others and added yet more. The flooding issue was one which was added whilst the CAMAS site had not been mentioned. Also, there was no mention of the future of the Scout Headquarters site in Berkeley Close. Cllr Nicholas added there is a policy that community consultation is a continual procedure. There is a need to respond formally to the consultation before the deadline of 31st March and restate with renewed emphasis that the District Council includes the CAMAS site. Parish Councillors were encouraged with the support given by Phillipa Lowe and Mike Napper in the on going dialogue with the developers, Harrow Estates. Cllr Harris noted that there was no mention of John Ford's land, to the west of Berkeley Close, on the strategic building plan. In conclusion Cllr Nicholas stated that if the Parish Council was content, he was happy to lead the response but would need help. Parish Councillors were only too content with his proposal to volunteer his services.



## **THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE**

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a grass roots program to mark the Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. The aim of the program is to protect 2012 outdoor recreational sites for communities across the country by 2012. The legacy project is being led by Prince William to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This network of fields will be a successor to the King George V Memorial Fields that continue to bring benefit to communities today more than 50 years after their creation. Outdoor spaces are hugely important to the health and well-being of our community and it is hoped that the District Council, owners of the Scout Headquarters site in Berkeley Close, can be persuaded to get involved in this high profile legacy program.

The Clerk was asked to write to CDC to enquire if it would be prepared to protect the Scout Headquarters area in Berkeley Close, under the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge initiative.

## **BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY NOMINATION**

Parish Councillors enquired if Cllr Stuart would agree to attend if selected? Cllr Stuart agreed to the nomination and the remainder of the Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that Cllr Stuart, Chairman of the Parish Council is put forward for the draw. The Clerk will inform Kim Bedford, Chief Officer at GAPTC accordingly.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Cotswold Centre for Voluntary Services – Donation request (to list)
2. CDC – Cotswold District Core Strategy 2nd Issues and Options Consultation (agenda item)
3. South Cerney Newsletter – Grateful acknowledgement of grant
4. DISC – Holy Trinity Church Christmas Day Lunch (rearranged)
5. Riding for the Disabled (Helen Dorling) – Grateful acknowledgement of grant
6. 10/05119/FUL (22 School Lane application) – Copy letter to CDC from Mr J. Hill objecting to proposal
7. Fields in Trust – The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge (emailed to all Parish Councillors) (agenda item)  
The Clerk will write to Mr Neudegg, Chief Executive Officer at CDC with copies to our District Councillors
8. Santander Business Banking – Interest rates  
Finance Committee was minded to cancel its current roll-over deposit bond. The Clerk will research if a better deal is available.
9. Gloucestershire Highways – Installation cost of footpath from Atkyns Manor to join existing tarmac path outside Silver Street House in Silver Street  
The Clerk will write to Mr & Mrs Finlayson at Ivy Cottage and let them know the estimated cost of the footpath upgrade
10. CDC – Temporary Road Closure request for Street Fair at South Cerney on 30th May (respond by 18th February)  
It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the Parish Council has no objection to the above request. The Clerk will reply that the Parish Council has no objection

11. Quotes (i) Repair to bus shelter roof; (ii) Remove and replace guttering on bus shelter
  - (a) R.O.W. Berry
  - (b) Mike Ackary
 The Clerk will ask other roofing specialists to quote.
12. GAPTC – Invitation to attend training in preparation for Audit
13. Gloucestershire Charter – Agenda for meeting on Thursday 3rd February; dates of future meetings in 2011  
The Clerk had sent an apology for absence as he had to attend a funeral that day
14. CDC – Publicity material for Cotswold District Core Strategy 2nd Issues and Options consultation. Posters to Cllr Stuart and Cllr Counce for noticeboards; leaflets to Parish Councillors
15. South Cerney Village Hall Management Committee – Quotation to repair electrical supply to the bus shelter at the Limes
16. GAPTC – Invitation to make a nomination for attendance at Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 12th July. Nominations by 7th March (agenda item)  
The Clerk will inform Kim Bedford at GAPTC that Cllr Stuart had accepted to be entered in the draw for selection
17. Cotswold Water Park Trust – Donation request for Willow Lantern Pageant (to list)  
Parish Councillors agreed to make a £200 grant to this project
18. South Cerney United Church – Donation request for elderly activities (to list)
19. Cutts Charity – Revenue account for year ended 31st December 2010
20. Environment Agency – Update Flood Risk Management project (emailed to Committee members)
21. CDC – Invitation to attend Spatial Planning Workshop (emailed to Parish Councillors)
22. Digger Uppers – Request for grant activation
23. Ian L. Kennedy – 10/03916/OUT copy letter to CDC of procedural complaint on notice promulgation
24. Adrian Gibbs – Ground maintenance contract acceptance
25. GAPTC – Financial update: Accounts and Audit Regulations
26. Green Communities – Links to solar powered lighting web sites (agenda item)
27. South Cerney Football Club – Request for a grant (to list)
28. GPFA – The Playing Field newsletter Winter 2010-11; Annual Report (on circulation)
29. Emily Hallett – Grateful thanks for financial support from South Cerney Parish Council
30. Thamesway Canoe Club – Gloucestershire County Council review of South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre (SCOEC)

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Stuart stated how encouraged the Parish Councillors who attended the meeting at Somerford Keynes Village Hall were with Matthew Millett and Tasha Flaherty from the Cotswold Water Park Society on the hard work and dedication they had given to the management of the CWPS and wished to express his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council. However, he also wished to express his reservations on the process of sourcing the new trustees as there was severe doubt on the public selection method.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) had two items of interest to report on. Firstly, he had launched a petition to pressure Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) to use its powers as landowners to designate all footpaths on land in its freehold ownership in Somerford Keynes, known as Keynes Country Park, Cokes Pit, Neigh Bridge Country Park as Public Rights Of Way and so mark them on the definitive footpath map of Gloucestershire. He also called on the County Council to do this in the spirit of localism as championed by the present Government as these paths have been walked by thousands of people over many decades.

Cllr Nicholas enquired if GCC has a free hand to offer PROW access as a lease has been granted?

Secondly, there had been a huge response to the consultation on the provision of activities at SCOEC. Cllr Parsons (GCC) stated that the facility was highly valued and there were people considering continuing the provision although he refrained from identifying them. Cllr Stuart stated that the Parish Council was critical of the communication now being offered by GCC. Cllr Nicholas asked that there would be a public reassurance that the asset will not be disposed of. GCC is undertaking a restructure at SCOEC. The council will no longer provide a service itself at SCOEC. Following the County Council meeting next Wednesday it will be looking for an arm's length social enterprise or similar organisation to take over the running of the SCOEC. Cllr Parsons (GCC) promised to secure confirmation that if the centre was not losing large amounts of money it was therefore nearly financially neutral to GCC.

Cllr Harris noted that there was an increasing number of SITA lorries using the village on their way to its depot in Broadway Lane. The Clerk will inform Scott Williams at CDC.

Cllr Jay gave a resumé of the meeting with Harrow Estate representatives at CDC on Tuesday 8th February. The Clerk was asked to inform Mike Napper at CDC of the opinion of the Parish Council on Gloucestershire Highways S.106 proposals.

Cllr Stuart informed the Parish Council of the excellent response he had experienced when he had cause to call an ambulance in a recent emergency. The emergency response team had arrived in less than five minutes.

### **CERNEY NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS**

Remind residents that the deadline for responding to the Core Strategy Second Issues and Options was 31st March.

Inform residents that the Parish Council is keen to work with all groups interested in campaigning for the continuing operation of the South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre (SCOEC) which was earmarked for closure by Gloucestershire County Council. The Parish Council agreed to host a public meeting if there was a demand for such.

Inform residents that Phoenix Charitable Trust had very generously granted £200 for the provision of a defibrillator in South Cerney.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10.28pm.