

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST 2011

Present: Chairman M. Stuart  
 Vice Chairman P. Nicholas  
 Parish Councillor Mrs F. Chapman  
 Mrs E. Chubb  
 J. Harris  
 D. Land  
 J. Kimberley  
 Mrs. C. Tunbridge  
 C. Wearing  
 R. Webb  
 C. Bennett (CDC)  
 Mrs J. Layton (CDC)

A group from the R-Way Committee also attended the meeting including Emily Hallett (Youth Group Co-ordinator). One member of the press was also present.

The Chairman, Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.33 pm.

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Jay had sent an apology for his absence as he was on a short break.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 2011**

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

### **R-WAY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr Wearing, Chairman of the R Way Committee reported that R-Way had been pretty busy on the compost job. He admitted that it was tough but enjoyable and benefitted from the supervision of his dad, Kelvin Wearing. Chris took some time explaining in detail the operation. A new advertisement for a youth worker was being designed and proofs should be available at the end of the week. There is one more session of wood craft with the Cotswold Forest School to complete with the possibility of a sleep over if conditions are favourable. The group is still enjoying the cable skiing on Isis lake and one session had approximately 15 youngsters taking part. Some boys in the group have set up a football team and are now in competition. Cllr Nicholas will liaise with the group on the provision of team shirts.

Cllr Wearing informed the Parish Council that Cllr Jay had given permission to store the litter picking equipment, currently with Mr Wrightson, in his garage. Chris would make arrangements with Mr Wrightson to collect the items.

Cllr Stuart thanked all the youth for what they have done for the community and insisted that the Parish Council should be very careful not to over-burden them with schemes. Saying that he then asked members of R-Way to come and clean up around the composting area before the opening event planned by the Digger Uppers on this coming Saturday. Cllr Stuart continued that the Parish Council should consider financially rewarding members of the youth group for their composting work.

Members of R-Way Committee then left the meeting.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no matters arising which had not been addressed at the Committee meetings.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

There was nothing of significance to report. During July of the 18 available working days I averaged 3 hours 20 minutes per day which is 1½ hours per week less than my contract.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2011**

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

### **Apology**

Cllr Nicholas had sent an apology for his absence as he was examining the draft S.106 conditions associated with 10/03916/OUT application for the Mallards.

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

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#### **Land at The Piece, Station Road**

The Clerk reported that there had not been any communication from the owner of Sunset Cottage regarding the use of part of The Piece as a car park. Cllr Stuart had advised that this item was carried forward to the August Committee meeting. The Clerk had nothing to report. Cllr Stuart asked that Valerie Hancock of Davey Franklin Jones confirms receipt of the hand delivered documents.

The Clerk reported Ms Hancock had emailed that she had sent the confirmation of receipt to Cllr Stuart. The Clerk forwarded her email to Cllr Stuart which had a series of complementary questions. Cllr Stuart will respond.

#### **Bus Shelter Roof**

The Clerk reported that a further instruction had been received dated 5th August, from Scottish and Southern Electric demanding a payment of £702.44 including VAT for each bus shelter making £1,404.88 in total which contradicted its previous decision. An email from SSE originated on 27th July stated that a job notice had been issued to disconnect the supply on the 19th July and if the Parish Council did not hear from the contractors by 3rd August to contact the Swindon Depot. Cllr Harris will inspect the bus shelter at the Limes and Cllr Mrs Chapman the shelter in Cerney Wick to ascertain if the work had been carried out and report their findings to the Parish Council on Wednesday 10th August.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Mrs Chapman and Cllr Harris both reported that the connecting cables on the shelters at Cerney Wick and the Limes were still in place. Information had been received that the other contractor which quoted for the work had gone out of business. It was agreed that Mike Smith, a qualified electrician, be contacted and asked to give a quotation.

#### **Train Unit at Robert Franklin Way play area**

Timberline Ltd had installed the train unit but on inspection it was found not suitable for purpose. R.O.W. Berry was contracted to secure the base of the units and Timberline Ltd agreed to strengthen the roofs. The Committee agreed that the final payment will only be made if the unit is considered worthy by both Cllr Harris and Kimberley after alterations have been carried out. The Committee agreed with Cllr Kimberley who suggested that a sign stating "Toddlers Play Area" is positioned to indicate that the enclosed area should have restricted access.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Mrs Tunbridge stated that on inspection she had found that a slat on the engine cowling was loose and could be moved backwards and forwards

when it should be fixed. The Clerk will email Timberline and request that the slat is properly secured when the repair team add the rib to the unit on Friday 12th August.

It was decided that the equipment should have a safety inspection when repairs have been carried out. The Clerk was asked to contact Kim Bedford, County Secretary of GAPTC for the names of suitable safety inspectors.

The Parish Council agreed with the Committee that payment should be withheld until the equipment was fit for use. Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley will inform the Clerk when it will be in order to release the cheque.

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### **Safety Inspections**

Cllr Stuart agreed with Cllr Harris who expressed further concern with the quality of the yearly safety inspection. There was corrosion noted of the slide and climbing frame in Cerney Wick which had not been reported by the inspector. Cllr Stuart will contact Graham Ross from Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association and ask him for contractor contact details who might be able to make repairs.

### **Public Footpaths**

Cllr Stuart had complained to Mike Barton of GCC PROW that the quality of the repair to the steps off Bow Wow was unacceptable. Mr Barton was most apologetic and will take appropriate action. Mr Barton was informed that a fallen Willow tree on the bridleway BSC48 (Gypsy Lane to the Shire Ditch) had restricted the use of the path and needed to be removed.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Webb was concerned that the fallen Willow tree was a dangerous hazard, especially if cyclists using the bridle path came across it at speed. The Parish Council agreed with his suggestion that Phil Cluley GCC PROW should be asked to close the path until the tree had been removed. The Clerk will email Mr Cluley.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Stuart informed members that Mike Barton GCC PROW had told him that the footpath from the Ashton Keynes road towards the bird hides in the neighbouring parish would be raised to form a causeway with pipes inserted to relieve it from future flooding.

### **Composting**

Cllr Stuart reported that the R-Way group were now involved in the composting scheme.

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Barry Greenaway Street Lighting Manager at Gloucestershire County Council had passed away. The Clerk was asked to express this Parish Council's condolences to his colleagues.

### **Water Meters**

Thames Water had demanded a non-refundable payment of £240 to look at the possibility and cost of installing separate water meters to the Football and Cricket Clubs. Perversely this demand had arrived some time after engineers had reported findings of its survey and recommendations had been received by the Clerk. Thames Water would not object if either or both clubs were to install their own meters and leave the original meter in place. The Committee agreed to a suggestion from Cllr Stuart that Grant Stratford from the Cricket Club, Clive Messenger from the Football Club, Steve Lamble from the Tennis Club and Cllr Juliet Layton be invited to a meeting to discuss a solution to this problem. Cllr Stuart agreed to liaise with the club chairmen on a suitable venue.

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Cllr Harris noted that his report had been misrepresented and it was the Elder trees located near the surgery not that the Elder trees needed surgery. For clarity he suggested that the work required was to cut off the trees at ground level.

At the Parish Council meeting it was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Parish Council accepts the quotation from R.O.W. Berry to tidy the area to the east of No.24 The Limes and to cut off at ground level the Elder trees near the Surgery in Clarks Hay. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that the fence in Cerney Wick Lane alongside Waters Edge had been repaired.

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Cllr Stuart reported that PC Bradley had issued five warning notices and one fixed penalty fine to motorists who ignored her warning of illegal parking.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

### **Cerney Wick**

Cllr Mrs Chapman had carried out the inspection and reiterated her concern with the state of the paintwork on the slide and activity area. Cllr Harris and Cllr Stuart had inspected the equipment and were alarmed with the amount of corrosion they found, especially on the slide and climbing frame. Cllr Stuart will contact Graham Ross from GPFA for advice on repairing the equipment. Cllr Stuart was also concerned with the accumulation of moss and lichen on the Fenplay surface and asked the Clerk to contact George Taylor and enquire if he had a remedy to prevent the occurrence and what action could be taken to remove existing debris from the surface.

### **Robert Franklin Way**

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. A quotation to repair the top of the Picnic Table on the Toddlers Play Area had been received and would be recommended to the Finance Committee for approval. The Train Unit had been installed but adjustments would be necessary before the final payment is made.

### **Upper Up**

Cllr Stuart carried out the inspections. All "D" shackles had been renewed on the senior swing. R.O.W. Berry had carried out a small repair on the slide. The weeds on the cycle mounds had been cut. There was some slight vandalism problems which had been reported to the police. CDC had promised to reinstall the CCTV camera very soon.

## **TASK LIST**

There were no outstanding items on the task list.

As Cllr Stuart had another commitment he had left the Committee meeting. Cllr Kimberley took over as chairman.

## **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that the wooden fingerpost at the corner opposite the Crown Inn in Cerney Wick was broken. The Clerk will report the damage to the Cotswold Water Park Trust.

At the Parish Council meeting the clerk had been asked to also report the damage to Phil Cluley at GCC PROW with a copy to Matthew Millett.

Cllr Harris requested that the Clerk asks Gloucestershire Highways to remove the hessian and plastic sandbags from the vicinity of the bridge parapet by the Fanshawe Weir and to enquire if there is a weight limit on the adjacent bridge.

There being no further business Cllr Kimberley had closed the meeting at 8.13 pm.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2011**

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

### **Apology**

Cllr Jay had sent an apology for his absence as he was taking a short break.

### **Spreadsheet Analysis**

The fourth spreadsheet showed expenditure as expected.

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

The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee had recommended that the Finance Committee agrees to accept the quotations from R.O.W. Berry for maintenance work at Robert Franklin Way playing field. The Finance Committee had no objection. The Finance Committee noted that the PF&VM Committee did not recommend any contractor for ground work at the Limes or the cutting down to ground level the Elder tree in Clarks Hay.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Stuart proposed and Cllr Nicholas seconded a motion that the Parish Council agrees to the recommendation above. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **Payments In**

Community First	Grant for fence on allotments at Upper Up	£4,073.40
Moore Allen & Innocent	Outstanding fees from Thames Water	£5,751.51
St James's Place Management Services Limited	Grant for cable ski course	<u>£600.00</u>
		£10,424.91

### **Payments Out**

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (August)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (August)	£100.00
Petty Cash	Postage	£30.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (July)	£39.35
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (July)	£24.70
Lake 12 Partnership	Grant for running expenses	£100.00
Mrs E. M. Hallett	South Cerney Youth Group	£265.20
WMSki Ltd	Glos Youth Programme	£750.00
R.O.W. Berry	Maintenance work at Upper Up and RFW	£170.00
R.O.W. Berry	Preparation work for train unit	£406.00
Moore Allen & Innocent	Professional fees for sewer flooding FWFAS	£600.00
Digger Uppers	Grant (match funding for well installation)	£602.00
M. Stuart	Reimbursement for chipper hire	£109.20
Adrian Gibbs	Ground Maintenance (July)	<u>£1,004.40</u>
	Sub total:	£4,250.85

The Finance Committee had recommended to the Parish Council that when Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley are satisfied with the necessary adjustments to the installation of the train units, the Clerk could release the following payment. The Parish Council was in full agreement.

Timberline Ltd	RFW Train Unit (final payment)	<u>£2,891.40</u>
		Total: £7,142.25

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

The Committee recommends that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payments. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Land and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tunbridge that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payments. The Parish Council was all in favour.

There being no further business Cllr Webb had closed the meeting at 9.02 pm.

## **REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2011**

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Nicholas had opened the meeting at 9.05 pm.

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

#### **11/02811/CLOPUD**

Applicant: Mrs Kim Bailey, 10 Meadow Way, South Cerney GL7 6HY

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a dormer window to the rear at 10 Meadow Way, South Cerney GL7 6HY

No comment was deemed necessary as permission had been granted.

Cllr Mrs Chapman and Cllr Stuart both declared that the applicant is an acquaintance but that this interest is not prejudicial.

#### **11/03144/FUL**

Applicant: Mr Keith Hatter, 44 Meadow Way, South Cerney GL7 6HY

Proposal: Erection of side extension to form ancillary disability accommodation at 44 Meadow Way, South Cerney GL7 6HY

NO OBJECTION

#### **11/03990/FUL**

Applicant: Major David MacPherson, Rainbows End, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UZ

Proposal: Removal of condition 2 of CT.3429/J to allow annexe to be used an independent dwelling and not as a respite care unit at Steam Cottage, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UZ

NO OBJECTION

#### **11/03391/FUL**

Applicant: Major David MacPherson, Rainbows End, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UZ

Proposal: Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (condition 'e' of planning application CT.1454/1/N) at Rainbows End, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UZ

NO OBJECTION

**11/03397/LBC**

Applicant: Mrs Susan Cooksley, 3 Edwards College, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR  
 Proposal: Re building of sub standard larder and small extension at 3 Edwards College, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR

The details of this application were not available for scrutiny on the web site. Consequently a response will be made through the delegated powers of the Committee before the deadline of 1st September.

**11/03433/FUL (Insufficient Fee)**

Applicant: Watermark Ltd, Isis Lakes, The Spine Road, South Cerney GL7 5TL  
 Proposal: Substitute of lodge type on Plot 22 and repositioning of Plot 23 of previously approved development at Lake 11, Spine Road East, South Cerney  
 NO OBJECTION

**11/03679/TPO**

Applicant: Mr A. Edwards, South Cerney House, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE  
 Proposal: Removal of 6 branches from Scot's Pine at South Cerney House, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE  
 NO OBJECTION

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman that the Parish Council agrees with the recommendations of the Planning Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

**Planning applications granted by Cotswold District Council****11/02675/CLEUD**

Cotswold District Council hereby certify that on 9th June 2011 the use or development described in the First Schedule hereto in respect of the Land specified in the Second Schedule hereto ("the Land") would be lawful within the meaning of Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for the following reason: The dwelling has been occupied continuously as an independent dwelling for a period in excess of 10 years.

FIRST SCHEDULE Certificate of Lawful existing use or development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the use of Steam Cottage as an independent dwelling

SECOND SCHEDULE Steam Cottage, Rainbows End, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney

**11/02676/CLEUD CT.1454/5/F**

Cotswold District Council hereby certify that on 9th June 2011 the use or development described in the First Schedule hereto in respect of the Land specified in the Second Schedule hereto ("the Land") would be lawful within the meaning of Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for the following reason: The dwelling has been occupied continuously for a period in excess of 10 years by person(s) not employed or last employed in agriculture.

FIRST SCHEDULE Certificate of Lawful existing use or development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the primary occupation of the owner/occupant in breach of agricultural occupancy condition for more than 10 years

SECOND SCHEDULE Rainbows End, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney

**11/02734/FUL CT.0144/5/H**

Variation of conditions 2 (drawing numbers) and 5 (bay window details to ensure protection of neighbours' privacy) of permission 11/01658/FUL at Butlers Court, Station Road, South Cerney

**11/02811/CLOPUD CT.0649/3/H**

Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a dormer window to the rear at 10 Meadow Way, South Cerney GL7 6HY

**11/03251/TCONR**

Tree location and description of works: 3 Maple Trees - Reduce the height by approx 1 metre to the old pruning points on all 3 trees, this reduction applies to all of the tree at Rotary House, Langet, Upper Up, South Cerney

**Planning application withdrawn****11/01738/FUL CT.2648/4/N**

Applicant: Watermark Ltd, Isis Lakes, Spine Road, South Cerney GL7 5TL

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 10/03961/FUL to substitute plans to allow for change of lodge type at plot 22 at Lake 11, Spine Road East, South Cerney

**Correspondence**

11. James Hill – 11/02761/FUL 22 School Lane, South Cerney: copy of objections to CDC Planning
14. CDC Planning – 11/01745/FUL CT.0807/X: Invitation to attend Planning Committee meeting on 10th August at CDC Offices, Trinity Road
17. Ian Kennedy – 07/02826/FUL Copy email to Kevin Field (CDC) (Ham Cottage)  
Revised scheme for proposed house and formation of hammerhead at Ham Lane, South Cerney
20. CDC Planning – 10/03916/OUT: Section 106 proposals  
Cllr Nicholas had reservations on the implications of the draft proposals in the Section 106 agreement for the new Community Hall on the Mallards. Primarily it should be agreed that the activities envisaged for the Community Hall should not compete with those of the Village Hall. There was also concern about where the Community Hall would be sited. These were just some of the items discussed and obviously other Parish Councillors would wish to contribute. If the Parish Council was in agreement, Cllr Nicholas volunteered to chair a sub-committee to explore the agreement and then report back to the Parish Council with its recommendations.

At the Parish Council it was decided that a meeting of Parish Councillors is held either on Wednesday 17th or Thursday 18th to prepare a considered response to the proposals in the draft S.106 document. The Clerk was asked to invite Mike Napper CDC Planning to attend.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. John Hicks – Response regarding the wear on supporting pins on play equipment (emailed to Parish Councillors)
2. Scheme News – Home Start newsletter Issue no. 17
3. Crawford & Co (Loss Adjusters) – No objection to works proceeding to repair roof of bus shelter at Limes
4. GCC – Plans for lease of SCOEC (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
5. CDC – SITA Waste Contract (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
6. CDC – Invitation to be a Parish Representative on the Standards Committee; deadline for applications Friday 5th August (emailed to all Parish Councillors 19th July)
7. SLCC – Confirmation of national conference booking
8. GO Shared Services Programme – Update request of supplier information (emailed response 25/7/2011)
9. R.O.W. Berry – 3 quotations for repair to play equipment
10. (a) Somerford Keynes Parish Council – Copy letter to GCC regarding footpaths into and around Keynes Country Park (emailed to all Parish Councillors)  
(b) Cllr Parsons (GCC) – Clarification
11. James Hill – Copy letter objecting to 11/02761/FUL 22 School Lane, South Cerney (emailed to committee members)
12. The Roses Theatre – Request for community groups to take part in a participatory arts project (emailed to Parish Councillors)
13. GPFA – The Playing Field magazine Summer 2011 (on circulation to committee members)
14. CDC – 11/01745/FUL CT.0807/X Full application for erection of 6 (six) dwellings, garages and associated works at The Carted Barn, High Street, South Cerney. Invitation to speak at the Planning Regulatory Committee meeting on 10th August. Emailed to all members of the Parish Council
15. Moore Allen & Innocent – Thames Water settlement (emailed to committee members)
16. Quotations for ground work at The Limes and Elder trees in Clarks Hay  
(a) R.O.W. Berry  
(b) Adrian Gibbs  
(c) Philip Dickenson
17. Ian Kennedy – 07/02826/FUL Copy email to Kevin Field (CDC) (Ham Cottage) Revised scheme for proposed house and formation of hammerhead at Ham Lane, South Cerney (emailed to committee members)
18. Peter Elphick – Estimate for refurbishment of Cerney Wick swings
19. South Cerney Digger Uppers Allotment Association – Request for match funding
20. Section 106: Former Aggregate Industries Site, South Cerney – Harrow Estates plc Planning Application Number 10/03916/OUT
21. Fieldwork magazine – Summer 2011 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
22. St James's Place Management Services Ltd – Grant for cable ski course (acknowledged)

23. Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind – Insight magazine Summer 2011 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
24. GCC – Bus services review: Information Pack (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
25. Cllr Jenkins (CDC) – Copy emails regarding Lake 31 infill and potential Public Inquiry into Cotswold Water Park Society (emailed to all Parish Councillors)  
Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) informed the Parish Council that the Planning Committee at CDC had agreed to make a site inspection to check on the infilling
26. Scottish and Southern Energy – Quotation for disconnection of electric supply to bus shelters at Cerney Wick and Limes, South Cerney
27. GAPTC – List of available courses for Parish Councillors and Clerks (emailed to all Parish Councillors)  
Parish Councillors complained that the venues were too far away and at the wrong time of the week. The Clerk was asked to enquire from Kim Bedford, GAPTC County Secretary if courses could be held more locally to cater for parishes in the South Cerney area. If courses could be held during the evening period or at weekends there may be a better chance of Parish Councillors considering attendance
28. Thames Water Developer Services – Water meter installation conditions and cost (emailed to Committee members)
29. CDC – Bob McNally: registering septic tanks or sewage treatment plants with the Environment Agency (emailed to Parish Councillors)

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) informed the Parish Council that the application for erection of 6 (six) dwellings, garages and associated works at The Carted Barn, High Street, South Cerney would be the subject of a site inspection.

Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) had emailed Cllr Parsons to enquire about progress on the application to create public footpaths around Keynes Country Park but had not received any reply.

Cllr Nicholas asked Parish Councillors how they felt about siting the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk. Only Cllr Mrs Chubb showed any enthusiasm for this idea. Other Parish Councillors preferred that the kit be installed near to the surgery or the chemist in Clarks Hay.

Cllr Harris enquired if there was a weight limit on the bridge between Clarks Hay and Silver Street. Cllr Stuart told him that if there was a weight limit then it would be signed to warn heavy vehicles and there were no such signs. Regardless, the Clerk was asked to enquire from Chris Franklin if there was any restriction.

Cllr Harris asked the Clerk to inform Adrian Gibbs to spray alongside the train unit at Robert Franklin Way play area instead of strimming. The Clerk will add the instruction to the Task List.

Similarly, Cllr Harris requested that Adrian Gibbs is also asked to spray the four trees alongside the boundary wall between the Limes and the Mallards to avoid strimming and consequent damage.

Cllr Harris reported that a tree had been severely damaged in the churchyard. Cllr Kimberley advised that the damage is treated with a poultice of herbs. He would liaise with Cllr Harris on the content of the poultice.

Cllr Harris suggested that contractors are asked to quote to remove the Ragwort which is growing on the Upper Up playing fields. Cllr Stuart agreed that it was particularly rampant in the “wet land” area and around the humps and bumps.

Cllr Kimberley reported that he had met with three agitated parents who reported that a stranger driving a dark BMW type car was behaving suspiciously in the Berkeley Close/ Beverstone Road/The Leaze/Broadway Lane area. He had obtained the car registration and a report would be made to the police.

Cllr Stuart reported on the delight of residents who saw the traction engines parade through the village. Cllr Stuart asked the Clerk to let the organiser, Mr Martyn Slater know how much everyone had enjoyed the spectacle.

It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that there would be no objection to R.O.W. Berry removing the redundant train unit stored at Berry Farm for use at a site in Chesterton. The Parish Council was in full agreement.

### **CERNEY NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS**

New septic tank reporting responsibilities.

R-Way Committee news.

### **Draft S.106 proposals for the Mallards**

Cllr Nicholas repeated his analysis of the content and explained some of the implications. He asked assembled Parish Councillors to think long and hard over the implications and perhaps inject new ideas which might be incorporated into the document. It was agreed that Parish Councillors meet on Wednesday or Thursday next week, that is the 17th or 18th August to discuss the draft proposals. It may be possible to use the investment on offer to access additional funds from other sources if the Parish Council was so minded. The Clerk was asked to invite Mike Napper to attend.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10.03 pm.