

Cllr Stuart welcomed members of the Parish Council and the three District Councillors representing the Water Park Ward to the meeting to discuss the Reserved Matters of the Mallards planning application. Cllr Jay had not attended as he was on vacation.

Cllr Stuart asked Cllr Nicholas to chair the meeting. Cllr Nicholas accepted.

Cllr Nicholas stated that the Parish Council did not have a hidden agenda and members were listening carefully to all who have anything to say on the planning application. Personally, he was making it his business to ask residents what they thought of the development. He had found of all those he spoke to were in favour of siting the Community Hall at the northern end of the development. The only professional advice given to the Parish Council had been from Inspector B. Clifford (Gloucestershire Constabulary) who had stated that the northern site will drastically reduce the incidents of anti social behaviour as adjacent properties will afford more security than at the southern end. Conversations Cllr Nicholas had with Redrow and Harrow representatives informed him that strong pressure was being applied by District Councillors for the hall to be sited at the southern end and pointedly asked the Ward Councillors if any of them had been in contact with the Planning Authority on this matter. All three Ward Councillors declared that they had not discussed the siting of the hall with the planners. Cllr Nicholas insisted that the object of this meeting was to inform the District Councillors of the views of the Parish Councillors on where they thought the most appropriate place was to site the hall. Residents of the Limes who were objecting to the hall at the northern end was disproportionate but understandable in their circumstances.

Cllr Harris stated that the positioning the facility at the northern end of the development afforded an unique opportunity to have the hall in a central part of the village.

Cllr Bennett (CDC) said that of those who had contacted him none had favoured the southern end. Cllr Nicholas enquired if he had names and addresses but Cllr Bennett (CDC) was unable to provide these. Cllr Nicholas asked Cllr Bennett (CDC) that if received any further responses could he please forward them to the Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) said that no one had contacted her on the subject.

Cllr Mrs Land stated that she was in favour of the northern end and those living close by would get used to any noise as she had done in the 23 years she had lived opposite the Scout Hut in Berkeley Close.

Cllr Stuart informed the meeting that he had received feedback on the presentation from Trevor Wright of Redrow who stated that the majority of those who responded to the questionnaire were in favour of the northern end with the breakdown 37 for the north site and 20 for the south. Overall there had been 200 visitors to the presentation.

Cllr Bennett (CDC) enquired if a Village Poll would help determine residents' opinions? Cllr Jenkins (CDC) backed the poll route and cited a similar poll carried out in Siddington over another contentious planning application. The result there had a great influence on the planning committee of the District Council. Parish Councillors were not convinced that such an exercise would help with the present discussion as the logistics were altogether different. This parish, for example had nearly five times as many houses to canvas as Siddington and organising such an exercise would be too difficult. If an independent poll was carried out by CDC it would cost at least £1,500 and was estimated that only about 20 per cent of residents would take part.

As the discussion had exceeded the allotted time by 12 minutes Cllr Stuart called a halt and thanked all for turning out, especially Cllr Bennett (CDC) who had made an exceptional journey to attend. Cllr Bennett (CDC) repeated he commitment to advise all future contacts on the subject to pass their concerns to the Parish Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2012

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

Jasmin Tresadern attended representing R-Way.

Ian Roberts South Cerney resident.

Ian Craig reporter from the Wilts and Glos Standard newspaper.

Chairman Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.40 pm.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Jay had given an apology for his absence as he was on vacation.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) had made an apology as he was on vacation.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2012

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replace with: not been formally progressed because instead it

It was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that the Minutes, after the alterations to page 2920, were a true and accurate record. The Parish Council was in favour. Cllr Mrs Land abstained as she had not attended the meeting in January.

R-WAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Wearing reported on the activities of R-Way. Members of R-Way who had attended the presentation by the developers of the Mallards had interesting discussions with representatives of Redrow and Harrow regarding the positioning of the Community Hall. Preparations for the Lantern project will take place in the Scout Hut. The boxing course, although interesting, had not been a success and is unlikely to be repeated. R-Way will try and use South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre (SCOEC) to support those now operating the facility. The group were discussing the redesign of the MUGA but had not yet any formal proposal to present.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Kimberley stated that a sign outside the SCOEC stated that the centre was open for bookings over the Easter and summer period.

CLERK'S REPORT

On Wednesday 18th January I attended a meeting with all Parish Councillors, Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC), Cllr Parsons (GCC), Inspector B. Clifford (Gloucestershire Constabulary) and Trevor Wright (Redrow) who presented plans, albeit incomplete, of the Mallards development. Although the plans are still at the design stage, Trevor did not anticipate any major changes. The plans for the Community Hall will be a separate application and only the footprint will be part of the major application. An arrangement was made for a pre-presentation meeting at 2 pm on Tuesday 24th January.

On Tuesday 24th January I attended the above mentioned meeting in the Village Hall.

On Monday 6th February I attended a meeting with Cllr Stuart, Mrs J. Scott and Ms V. Hancock of Davey Franklin Jones at the Village Hall to discuss the implications of the planning permission granted for two properties to the rear of the Village Hall on the fabric of the building.

The Village Hall Committee must protect its asset and has taken legal advice. Since the above meeting Ms V. Hancock has drafted a letter on how to proceed.

During January of the 21 available working days I averaged just over 4 hours per day which is some 20 hours per week. My contract allows for 18 hours per week. The extra meetings concerning the Mallards planning application have been mostly responsible for the extra time taken on my duties in January. I remain content with the situation.

REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

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

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Land at The Piece, Station Road

Cllr Harris will arrange a meeting with Gareth Harris Biodiversity Manager at Cotswold Water Park Trust to include Cllr Jay to discuss how to manage the northern bank of The Piece.

Corrosion of Slide and Climbing Frame at Cerney Wick play area

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Harris, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart have agreed to attend a meeting with Jon Adkins Chairman of Cerney Wick Village Committee at 11.30 am on Saturday 11th February.

Base of Youth Shelter at Upper Up playing field

Mick Smith from the Cottage, Langet will prepare a quotation to repair the base of the shelter.

Open Ditch Rubbish Accumulation

Action by the R-Way group to clear rubbish out of the ditch in Station Road which had accumulated after the recent rainfall is awaited.

At the Parish Council, Cllr Wearing said that he hoped to gather a team this weekend or if not, on Monday 13th which was half term, to clear the ditch.

New Seat at Upper Up playing field pond

Cllr Harris reported that he had marked out where the new seat is to be positioned. The Clerk will inform R. O. W. Berry that the seat should be installed when conditions for access allow. It was agreed to have a plaque on the seat noting that it is to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee by the Parish Council.

Hedges in Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that no action had been taken by Mr Paxton on cutting back the Leylandii hedge on the corner of his property, Manor Farm. The Clerk will ask Paul Swift at Gloucestershire Highways to take appropriate action as after two letters from the Parish Council there had been no response.

Hedges in Bow Wow

Cllr Harris was concerned that action was still required to cut back overgrowing hedges alongside Lady Fanshawe's property in Bow Wow although some of the hedge had been cut back. The bird nesting season was approaching and if work was not carried out in the very near future this would again delay the clearance. The Clerk will notify Paul Swift at Gloucestershire Highways.

Defibrillator Donations

Donations received so far amounted to £1,550. Previously the Parish Council had been minded to make up any shortfall which Cllr Nicholas believed was in the region of £1,750. The Committee recommends that the Finance Committee agrees to a contribution of £200 to £300. Cllr Nicholas will now press ahead and contact Great Western Ambulance Service and arrange for the equipment to be installed.

INSPECTION REPORTS**Cerney Wick**

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that moss was covering one corner of the base at the swing. The slide and activity area were awaiting refurbishment and a large area was covered in moss. Generally, moss needs to be cleared from all areas of the play ground.

Robert Franklin Way

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. Cllr Kimberley reported that a strut on the horizontal bar of the train engine unit was split and needed to be replaced. Cllr Kimberley will email a photograph of the damaged strut to the Clerk who will then inform Timberline Ltd who had installed the equipment.

After a subsequent inspection Cllr Kimberley and Cllr Harris had decided that it was not necessary to report the damage to Timberline Ltd.

Upper Up

Cllr Stuart reported that "D" shackles on the climbing net at the Activity Area had been replaced. Cllr Stuart confirmed that Mick Smith would give an estimate of the cost to refurbish the concrete/tarmac surface area below the shelter near to the MUGA when his work load permits. The loose fencing rail and one other near to the compost bins has been replaced. Paint is peeling off sections of the kick wall of the MUGA although no action is required at the moment.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAY AREAS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

After analysis of annual inspection costs from RoSPA and John Hicks Associates it was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the Parish Council contracts John Hicks Associates to carry out the annual inspection of the play areas and the associated equipment. The Committee was in favour although Cllr Kimberley abstained.

At the Parish Council meeting it was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Parish Council appoints John Hicks Associates to carry out the annual inspection. The Parish Council was in favour. Cllr Kimberley abstained. The Clerk will inform John Hicks.

ENLARGEMENT OF UPPER UP CAR PARK

The Committee was in favour of a specification prepared by Cllr Harris for the proposed extension to the car park at Upper Up. The Committee agreed on a list of contractors for the Clerk to contact for a quotation.

TASK LIST ITEMS

Cllr Kimberley will email the Clerk a photograph of the damaged strut on the horizontal bar of the engine unit at Robert Franklin Way play area. The Clerk will then forward this to Timberline Ltd for its action.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley agreed that after a further inspection it had been decided that the problem was not as severe as at first reported and no action was needed.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee recommends that the Finance Committee agrees to make up the short fall of £200 to £300 in order that the installation of the defibrillator can be arranged.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Kimberley reported that dog mess was becoming epidemic on the pavements of Berkeley Close, The Leaze and Beverstone Close. The Clerk will inform the dog warden at Cotswold District Council.

Cllr Kimberley reported that residents were not complying with recycling advice and putting cardboard into black bins instead of blue sacks. Also some were overfilling bins with the consequence that material was spilling out.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that there were holes in the road near to the entrance to the Sailing Club in Cerney Wick Lane and also on the corner near to The Barn. The Clerk will inform Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr Harris reported that along with Cllr Kimberley they had started work on the tree which was causing concern to Mr Lobley BEM in Robert Franklin Way play area.

At the Parish Council Cllr Kimberley informed the meeting that the tree work above had been completed.

Cllr Stuart reported that Mr Richard Knight had informed him that when he owned Dryleaze Farm he had given a piece of land in 1973 to Gloucestershire Highways or its predecessor to improve the sight lines to the north of the junction at Ruth Berry's farm. Paul Swift stated that the Records Office of Gloucestershire Highways had confirmed that this was true and would see what could be done to improve the visibility at this dangerous junction.

At the Parish Council Cllr Stuart asked that a letter is sent to Gloucestershire Highways to request that it expedites the removal of the growth which will improve the sight lines at this dangerous junction.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.12 pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012

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

Apology

Cllr Jay had apologised for his absence as he was on vacation.

Spreadsheet Analysis

The tenth month of the spreadsheet showed expenditure within budget.

Recommendation for acceptance from the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee

The Playing Field and Village Maintenance Committee requested that the Finance Committee accepts its recommendation that it makes up the shortfall in funds of between £200 and £300 to provide a defibrillator as it had been previously minded. The Finance Committee had no objection.

Parish Council Deposit Funds

The Clerk had been in contact with National Savings and Investments (NS&I) but that organisation could only process investments from individuals and not organisations. Cllr Nicholas will enquire from contacts if there is a secure investment that would cater for Parish Council's deposits.

Payments In

South Cerney Newsletter	Defibrillator donation	£100.00
Selena & Charles Kingsbury	Defibrillator donation	£100.00
Anonymous	Defibrillator donation (cash)	£500.00
Environment Agency	Lease of bore hole at Upper Up	£117.68
Gloucestershire VCS Assembly	Performance Reward Grant (Lantern project)	£2,000.00
Cotswold District Council	Grant for Youth Projects (Cllr Jenkins CDC & Cllr Mrs Layton CDC)	£2,272.00
Community First	Remainder of grant for Digger Uppers	£452.60
Mrs D. Land	Memorial tree	£75.00
P. Davies	Memorial tree	£140.00
		<u>£5,757.28</u>

Payments Out

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (February)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (February)	£100.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (January)	£43.63
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (January)	£35.75
Parochial Church Council	Grant to install lighting at All Hallow's Church	£650.00
Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd	Phoenix seat	£448.62
The Glow Company UK Ltd	Lantern project	£239.39
Musgrove Willow Growers Ltd	Lantern project	£512.03
Cllr Mrs D. Land	Councillor's allowance	£400.00
R.O.W. Berry	Various ground work maintenance	£91.00
Kelvin Wearing	Composting labour for January	£96.00
Mrs E. M. Hallett	South Cerney Youth Group	<u>£424.32</u>
		£3,090.74

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

It was proposed by Cllr Wearing and seconded by Cllr Kimberley 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 8.45 pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
6TH FEBRUARY 2012

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Nicholas had opened the meeting at 8.50 pm.

MATTERS ARISING

Mallards S.106 Agreement

Cllr Nicholas reported that negotiations were nearing completion but as these were commercially sensitive no written record was taken.

Parish Poll

Cllr Stuart reported on a request received for a Parish Poll to determine where a majority of residents would like to see the position of the Community Hall within the development. He had contacted Nigel Adams at CDC who had emailed that there was an agreed scale of fees and charges for a poll (applicable across the Gloucestershire District authorities). The cost of such a poll would likely be in the region of £1,500 (dependent on the final cost of polling stations, ballot paper printing and number of staff required). The District Council will recharge this cost to the Parish Council. In these circumstances Parish Councillors were not convinced that such an exercise would be worthwhile.

5 The Leaze

The Clerk was to ask the Enforcement Officer at CDC if a planning breach had taken place at this address.

Cllr Bennett (CDC) informed the Parish Council that Yvonne Poole CDC Enforcement Officer would inspect the building works on Thursday 9th February.

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council

11/05361/FUL (NEW DETAILS)

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wise, Silver Street House, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TP

Proposal: Conversion of garage block to annexe at Silver Street House, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TP (R)

NO COMMENT REQUIRED

11/05362/LBC (NEW DETAILS)

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wise, Silver Street House, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TP

Proposal: Conversion of garage block to annexe at Silver Street House, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TP (R)

NO COMMENT REQUIRED

11/05716/OUT

Applicant: ECV Cirencester Limited, c/o Agent, Mr Rob Duff, Pegasus Planning Group, First Floor, South Wing, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4QL

Proposal: Outline application for a Continuing Care Retirement Community (Use Class C2), including a core building with care bedrooms, close care units, linked assisted units and ancillary facilities, detached assisted living units, landscaped grounds, internal highway layout and car parking (access layout of all buildings, full details of the core building and 20 associated living units to be determined in detail) on land at Siddington Park, South Cerney GL7 6ET (R)

NO OBJECTION RATIFIED

11/05794/FUL

Applicant: Miss Mel Bristow, 18 Willow Grove, South Cerney GL7 5UU

Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to side elevation and single storey extension to rear elevation (to replace conservatory – to be demolished) at 18 Willow Grove, South Cerney GL7 5UU (R)

NO OBJECTION RATIFIED

11/05833/FUL (Flood Risk Assessment)

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

Proposal: Substitution of unit design at plots 31 and 32 with two pairs of semi-detached units (total of four units) and the omission of plots 45 and 46 (as approved under 07/03605/FUL) at Lake 11, Spine Road East, South Cerney (R)

NO COMMENT REQUIRED

12/00091/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bill Allen, 20 The Landings, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5LU

Proposal: Two storey and single storey extensions. New garage with room over at Glaramara, Cirencester Road, South Cerney GL7 5TS (R)

Cllr Nicholas stated the he needed to see much better details of the design. He queried exactly what natural grey slate, render and stained boarding and black window frames would look like, as that combination is alien to the vernacular. The Committee considered that the black window frames were very out of keeping with the surrounding properties.

OBJECTION RATIFIED

12/00138/FUL

Applicant: Miss A. Evans, c/o Agent: Simon Chambers, LPC (Trull) Ltd, Trull, Tetbury GL8 8SQ

Proposal: Conversion and alteration of existing kennel buildings to provide 2 detached single storey dwellings at Fosse Dogotel and Cattery, Cricklade Road, South Cerney GL7 5QB (R)

Cllr Stuart stated that the buildings look like WWII huts on airfields and he would object to these monstrosities. Cllr Nicholas said that the proposed buildings were simply dreadful. They had no design merit. They were completely alien to the vernacular and he did not see how the diminishing viability of the business is any justification for two new houses, in a remote location, of such dreadful design. Cllr Mrs Land objected to the design of the proposed dwellings even though they will most likely not be seen by passers-by. They were similar to those on the army camp during the war and she objected to the design.

OBJECTION RATIFIED

12/00228/FUL

Applicant: Mr Peter Burgess, Sunnyside, Church Lane, Cerney Wick GL7 5QJ

Proposal: Change of use of part of field to garden at Sunnyside, Cerney Wick GL7 5QJ

NO OBJECTION APPROVED

12/00230/FUL

Applicant: Mr A. Taylor, 7 Lakeside, South Cerney GL7 5XE

Proposal: First floor extension to front of property over existing single storey element at 7 Lakeside, South Cerney GL7 5XE

NO OBJECTION

12/00282/FUL

Applicant: Mr M. Thomas, Poulton Hill Farm, Poulton, Cirencester GL7 5JA

Proposal: Increase to height of ridge, insertion of dormer windows, erection of single storey extension, pitched roof over kitchen/hall, cladding with timber boarding. Erection of garage at Ashmoon, Wildmoorway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UZ

NO OBJECTION APPROVED

12/00283/FUL

Applicant: Mr Miller, 6 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney GL7 5TG

Proposal: Rear single storey extension at 6 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney GL7 5TG

NO OBJECTION

12/00292/FUL

Applicant: Mrs Yasmine Hunt, 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

Proposal: Internal alterations, single storey garage and rear single storey studio at 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

NO OBJECTION

12/00293/LBC

Applicant: Mrs Yasmine Hunt, 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

Proposal: Internal alterations, single storey garage and rear single storey studio at 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

NO OBJECTION

12/00406/FUL

Applicant: Mr M. Glover, 11 Isis Lakes, Spine Road , South Cerney GL7 5LT

Proposal: Rooflight and ground floor window to rear. Access ramp to front at 11 Isis Lakes, Spine Road , South Cerney GL7 5LT

Changes to the appearance of any of these lodges would interrupt the uniform pattern and set a precedent for further alterations by others. The Committee requested that much clearer drawings were provided.

OBJECTION APPROVED

12/00446/FUL

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

Proposal: Construction of a boat/cycle store for use with adjoining holiday lodge development at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney

NO OBJECTION

12/00454/NONMAT

Applicant: Dr Bryan Franklin, 12 Sudeley Drive, South Cerney GL7 5XN

Proposal: Non material amendment to increase the size of first floor bathroom window and the addition of window to ground floor store room at 12 Sudeley Drive, South Cerney

NO COMMENT REQUIRED

12/00489/FUL

Applicant: Mr R. Dickson, 9 Field Close, South Cerney GL7 5XQ

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension at 9 Field Close, South Cerney GL7 5XQ

NO OBJECTION APPROVED

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council agrees to the determinations of the above applications. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge declared a prejudicial interest in the next two applications as they were close friends of the applicants and left the room.

12/00122/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R. Fenton, Atkyns Manor, Church Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TT
 Proposal: Conversion of rear garage wing to two storey annexe comprising living/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, bedroom and shower room. Minor extensions to provide new link corridor to house & utility room at Atkyns Manor, Church Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TT
 NO OBJECTION APPROVED

12/00123/LBC

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R. Fenton, Atkyns Manor, Church Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TT
 Proposal: Conversion of rear garage wing to two storey annexe comprising living/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, bedroom and shower room. Minor extensions to provide new link corridor to house & utility room at Atkyns Manor, Church Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TT
 NO OBJECTION APPROVED

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Land and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council does not object to the above applications. The Parish Council was in favour.

Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge returned to the room.

Planning applications granted by Cotswold District Council

11/02761/FUL CT.2509/C

Erection of 2 dwellings at 22 School Lane, South Cerney, Cirencester

11/05361/FUL CT.6353/G

Conversion of garage block to annexe at Silver Street House, Silver Street, South Cerney

11/05362/LBC CT.6353/H

Conversion of garage block to annexe at Silver Street House, Silver Street, South Cerney

11/05794/FUL CT.3929/R

Erection of single storey extensions to side elevation and single storey extension to rear elevation (to replace conservatory – to be demolished) at 18 Willow Grove, South Cerney

12/00045/FUL CT.6182/B

Amendments to 11/04064/FUL to create a clear glazed and opening roof light on the south (side) roof of the extension at 2 Broadway Cottages, Broadway Lane, South Cerney

12/00397/TCONR

One Silver Birch – reduce height and spread to the old pruning points. Finished height 5m. Radial spread 1.5m at Box Cottage, High Street, South Cerney

12/00454/NONMAT

Non material amendment to increase the size of first floor bathroom window and the addition of window to ground floor store room for Dr Bryan Franklin at 12 Sudeley Drive, South Cerney

The Director of Customer Services on behalf of Cotswold District Council and, in accordance with powers vested in him by the District Council has determined that the revised scheme is

acceptable as a non-material amendment to the plans as approved by the Local Planning Authority under reference 11/04569/FUL (CT.4067/3/C). This decision relates to drawing no. 2970/01A.

CORRESPONDENCE

11. Mair Platt – Objections to Mallards development (emailed to Committee members)
14. Adrian Snow – Objection to location of Community Hall (emailed to Committee members)
17. CDC – Guidance Note and supporting documents as part of the Council’s wider approach to the Enforcement of Holiday Occupancy restrictions (emailed to Committee members)

Cllr Nicholas asked the Clerk to write to Ms Philippa Lowe at CDC to acknowledge how pleased the Parish Council was with the design of the information gathering exercise although there had not been a genuine consultation on its substance.

21. Peter Godwin Area Programme Manager (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswolds) – Consultation on proposal to close the Central Reservation on the A419 at Kingshill Lane/ South Cerney Road

South Cerney with Cerney Wick Parish Council has severe reservations about the proposals for access adjustments to the Preston Toll Bar junction.

This junction has been altered in the past inconveniencing those who live in South Cerney and Siddington and who ferry their children to Kingshill Secondary School.

Accepting that the changes were made to make the crossing safer it has diverted traffic to the Tesco, Colt and Kingshill South roundabout which is now chronically inadequate and evidenced by the traffic build up of those trying to use it.

By closing off the central reservation for traffic leaving Cirencester for South Cerney and Siddington will mean vehicles passing the natural pathway to continue to the new roundabout at the end of the dual carriageway and then coming back in the opposite direction. It seems obvious that there is absolutely no need for the new roundabout being positioned at the Dobbies end. The solution is to change the existing cross over to a roundabout which would cater for the vast majority of journeys. Access to the new development would have the same precedence as those using Dobbies which caters well with the current access demands. Relief would be afforded to the roundabout servicing the Cirencester bypass at Tesco/Colt/Kingshill South.

The Parish Council requests that Mr Godwin review the plan. It would welcome an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes and for a representative to explain the reasoning for the closure of the central reservation. The Clerk will respond accordingly.

Parish Councillors were urged to ask as many people as possible to write or email Gloucestershire Highways requesting that it reconsiders its plan for the junction.

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

THE OUTCOME OF THE STANDARDS BOARD HEARING INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF CLLR ESMOND JENKINS (CDC)

Cllr Nicholas stated that the whole Standards Board episode had been a disproportionate over-reaction. Cllr Stuart said it had brought Cotswold District Council into disrepute and ridicule. Cllr Webb suggested that the action was politically motivated, to cause Cllr Jenkins (CDC) harm and distress. He said the public had a right to know how much money the fiasco had cost the taxpayer, wasting money in these austere times and diverting funds from essential services. Cllr Jenkins said that the bundle of documents was in the order of 1,500 pages, having taken over 200 hours just to read, and that the 92 pages of summary had taken

a senior lawyer ten days to prepare. Cllr Nicholas said that CDC had spent a huge amount of energy on “shooting the messenger” instead of addressing the underlying issues. An absence of proper leadership had been shown by senior CDC officers, with no attempt having been made at mediation. Cllr Kimberley said it was wrong that no apology had been made to Cllr Jenkins, recognising the unnecessary distress to his wife and family.

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Stuart that this Parish Council has complete faith in Cllr Jenkins, and that it should write to Mr Nuedegg and Cllr Stowe saying the action taken by Cotswold District Council against Cllr Jenkins had been disproportionate and excessive, and gave the appearance of an arrogant complacency over the real issues that concerned local residents.

The Parish Council was all in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cllr S. Parsons (GCC) – Footpaths into and around Keynes Country Park (emailed to Parish Councillors)
2. Cotswold Water Park Trust – Update of arrangements with Watermark regarding the Keynes Country Park lease (emailed to Parish Councillors)
3. Remarkable (Matthew Turpin on behalf of Redrow) – Proposals for the former Aggregate Industries site, South Cerney (emailed to Parish Councillors)
4. Gloucestershire Highways – Planning maintenance works to Crane and Station bridges and requesting permission to use part of Robert Franklin Way play area for storage of construction kit (emailed to Parish Councillors)
5. Came & Company – Explanation of policy; Councillors’ Guide to Parish Council Insurance (emailed to Parish Councillors)
6. John Hicks & Associates – Play area inspections 2012 order form and schedule (emailed to Parish Councillors)
7. CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) – Booklet from NALC “A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning” (on circulation to Parish Councillors)
8. Cerney Wick Village Committee – Confirmation of date of meeting with Parish Councillors 11.30 am Saturday 11th February (emailed Committee members)
9. GPFA – The Playing Field Winter 2011/12 magazine; GPFA Annual Report 2010-2011 (on circulation to Committee members)
10. Mr & Mrs Kingsbury – Defibrillator donation (acknowledged)
11. Mair Platt – Objections to Mallards development (emailed to Committee members)
12. RoSPA – Inspection limits on equipment that can be safely accessed from ground level (emailed to Committee members)
13. GPFA – Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge invitation to enter project (emailed to Committee members)
14. Adrian Snow – Objection to location of Community Hall (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
15. NS&I (National Savings & Investments) – Investment information
16. South Cerney Newsletter Committee – Donation specifically earmarked for defibrillator
17. CDC – Guidance Note and supporting documents as part of the Council’s wider approach to the Enforcement of Holiday Occupancy restrictions (emailed to Committee members)

18. COSY Club – Defibrillator donation (acknowledged)
19. Play Gloucestershire – Consideration requested for the commissioning of some play activities and youth activities
20. Community First – Final tranche of grant for Diggers Upper allotment scheme
21. Peter Godwin Area Programme Manager (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswolds) – Consultation on proposal to close the Central Reservation on the A419 at Kingshill Lane/South Cerney Road (emailed to all Parish Councillors)

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Nicholas stated that he had attended the Westwood Centre in Northleach on 7th February to learn how the forthcoming Localism Bill and the new planning system will impact on our tier of local government. On planning, the bill may allow the Parish Council to influence where development will be allowed but not to reduce it. It will encourage other communities of similar size to come together to have more of a say in the decision making process.

Cllr Webb instead of making a report asked the question: “What comes next?” He was referring to the announcement by CDC that it was withdrawing from its role at the Water Park Joint Committee. Cllr Jenkins (CDC) informed the Parish Council that the Joint Committee meeting scheduled for March would be the last. In future one portfolio holder member at CDC would lead representatives from Parish and Town councils.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that she had attended the presentation on the Mallards by Redrow at the Village Hall.

Cllr Mrs Chubb noted that a photograph of the Upper Up humps and bumps cycle mounds had been published in the recent Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association newsletter.

Cllr Mrs Layton informed the Parish Council that the result of the inquest into the death of a girl on Lake 32 would be start on April 18th and should conclude four days later.

Cllr Stuart recalled attending the Standard Boards enquiry into the activities of Cllr Jenkins (CDC) for three days; meeting with Redrow representatives on two occasions and a meeting with Ms V. Hancock to discuss the implications of the planning consent given for two houses at the rear of the Village Hall. He will escort representatives from Mitcheldean Town Council when they come to visit the Upper Up playing fields to inspect the bike track.

CERNEY NEWS

The motion to support Cllr Jenkins (CDC).
Donations received for the installation of the defibrillator.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10.20 pm.