

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2012

Present: Chairman M. Stuart
Vice Chairman P. Nicholas
Parish Councillor Mrs F. Chapman
Mrs E. Chubb
J. Harris
P. Jay
J. Kimberley
Mrs D. Land
Mrs C. Tunbridge
R. Webb
District Councillor J. Layton

A member of the press attended.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Webb proposed and Cllr Nicholas seconded a proposal that Cllr Stuart continue as Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Stuart had no objection and the Parish Council was all in favour.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Webb proposed and Cllr Jay seconded a resolution that Cllr Nicholas be reappointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Nicholas accepted and the Parish Council was all in favour.

All Committees

Both the Chairman Cllr Stuart and Vice Chairman Cllr Nicholas are automatically members of the Planning, Finance and Playing Fields & Village Maintenance Committees. Cllr Stuart is also on the Personnel Committee but Cllr Nicholas declared a prejudicial interest as the Clerk is a client of his firm and therefore declined.

Playing Fields & Village Maintenance Committee

Parish Councillors Mrs Chapman, Mrs Chubb, Harris, Kimberley and Mrs Tunbridge agreed to serve on the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee.

Finance Committee

Parish Councillors Mrs Land, Jay and Webb agreed to continue serving on the Finance Committee.

Planning Committee

Parish Councillors Mrs Chapman, Mrs Land and Webb agreed to continue to serve on the Planning Committee.

Personnel Committee

Parish Councillors Jay, Mrs Land, Mrs Tunbridge and Webb offered to serve on the Personnel Committee.

En bloc it was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Webb to appoint Parish Councillors to the above posts. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Burial Authority

The Clerk will enquire from Revd D. Bowers, Mr G. James, Mr T. Squire, Cllr Webb and Mr R. Wrightson if they are willing to continue to serve on the Burial Authority.

Cutts Charity Trustee

Cllr Jay agreed to continue as a trustee.

Wardens

It was agreed to combine the posts of Flood, Snow and Tree wardens into Environment Wardens.

Environment Wardens

Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley agreed to serve as Environment Wardens.

Village Hall Representative

Parish Councillor Webb offered to continue to serve as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

En bloc it was proposed to appoint Parish Councillors to the above posts by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Harris. The Parish Council was all in favour.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Bennett (CDC) had sent his apology for absence as he had other commitments in his new appointment as Vice Chairman of Cotswold District Council.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) apologised for his absence as he was attending another meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL 2012

It was proposed by Cllr Kimberley and seconded by Cllr Webb that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Cllr Mrs Land abstained as she had not attended the meeting. The remainder of the Parish Council was all in favour.

R-WAY REPORT

No representative from the R-Way group was present at the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

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Cllr Nicholas stated that the cost of the enquiry into the alleged misconduct of Cllr Jenkins (CDC) did not include those of the Standards Board. He also said that Cllr Jenkins (CDC) considered the cost an underestimate.

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Cllr Nicholas had been in contact with agents of the landlord of the Laurels Pharmacy regarding permission to install the defibrillator on the outside of the premises. So far there has been no reply from the landlord and a plan "B" was maybe needed. As a failsafe precaution it was agreed that the South Cerney United Church be asked if it was prepared to house the equipment.

CLERK'S REPORT

On Friday 4th May I attended a meeting at CDC with Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge to discuss setting up a volunteer Community Warden scheme in South Cerney. If the Parish Council agrees, volunteers will be selected from residents and appointed by Cotswold District Council who will provide high visibility jackets, an identity card and various items of stationery to the Community Wardens who successfully volunteer. Training would be

given how to carry out the tasks which would mostly entail patrolling problem areas and reporting incidents to CDC for it to take further action, by either a letter warning the offender of what action might be taken or in more serious cases, action which will occur. Fines available are up to £1,000 for dog fouling offences and up to £250 for dropping litter. Community Wardens would also be encouraged to monitor other incidents such as speeding traffic and lorries breaking access restrictions. A promotional flyer to recruit volunteers is being designed by Hilary Beech (CDC) and hopefully it will be available on the Neighbourhood Watch stall at the Street Fair.

During April of the 19 available working days I averaged 5 hours per day which is some 25 hours per week. My contract allows for 18 hours per week. The extra time taken was involved in preparing the annual accounts and information for the Annual Parish Meeting later this month. I remain content with the situation.

REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7TH MAY

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.

Apology

Cllr Mrs Chapman had sent an apology for her absence as she had an emergency matter to deal with privately.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Community Wardens

Cllr Stuart reported on a meeting Cllr Mrs Tunbridge and the Clerk attended at Cotswold District Council in Trinity Road, Cirencester. Joseph Walker CDC Community Planning Officer, Jennifer Taylor and Hilary Beach (Environmental Quality Manager, CDC) were also present. Ms Beach was keen to establish a Community Warden scheme, primarily to report incidents of dog fouling. Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge were in favour but would like to see the scheme incorporated into the newly formed Neighbourhood Watch program. The scheme would be assessed after 6 months operation. The Clerk was asked to contact Came & Co, the Parish Council insurance company to determine who would be responsible for insuring volunteers.

Came & Co reduced the question simply to an insurance code: who is the master and who is the servant? In the case of Community Wardens it is the District Council who is the master and therefore its responsibility to provide public liability insurance for any volunteers (servants) whom the Parish Council may recommend. As the District Council will provide the outfit (high visibility jacket), stationery and identity card the volunteers will be deemed to be "working" for the District Council as any incident will be reported by the volunteer to it for further action.

Holm oak query

Cllr Harris confirmed that the Holm oak on The Piece was not in the Conservation Area and the Clerk had informed Vikki Ponting who had enquired.

Lane leading to Walnut Tree Farm House

Cllr Stuart had further discussions with occupants of the lane into a possible naming but no conclusion had been reached.

South Cerney Brownies

Cllr Harris confirmed that the trees had now been planted on the Upper Up playing field. Cllr Stuart thanked Cllr Harris for providing the protective sheaths for the plants.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Robert Franklin Way

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. Cllr Harris would “crochet” a repair to the chain link fence in the near future. Cllr Kimberley noted that the end of the metal slide was badly rusted and considered it a hazard. Cllr Harris will ask Pat Ward to check it to see if a repair can be made. Cllr Kimberley confirmed at the Parish Council meeting that Gloucestershire Highways will repair the slide.

Upper Up

Cllr Stuart reported that new seats and chains had been fitted. The Brownies had planted several small trees in the corner of the cricket site. The area around the cycle mounds was very wet.

Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman had carried out the inspections. The slide and activity area were awaiting refurbishment.

ITEMS ON THE TASK LIST RELEVANT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Clerk was to ask Catherine Stent (GCC Tree Officer) to reconsider her decision not to inspect the dangerous willow and poplar trees in Bow Wow.

Cllr Harris requested that monitoring the muddy ruts left by Gloucestershire Highways contractors at Robert Franklin Way play be added to the task list.

Cllr Jay reported that he had arranged a meeting on Friday 11th May with Mr Surman, GCC Lighting to discuss the illumination in the vicinity of the bridge in Bow Wow.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Nicholas recommended that the Committee considers the future of ground maintenance of public areas on the Mallards development. A plan needs to be formulated and dialogue with Trevor Wright and/or Barry Stiles should be arranged.

Cllr Harris reported that he had been in contact with Catherine Stent, GCC Tree Officer about a Thorn tree at Langet End which needed attention. Ownership was unknown although a small aluminium disc had been attached to the tree. He had also requested that she inspect a Cherry tree in Clarks Hay which he considered should be removed and its root ground out.

Cllr Nicholas asked Cllr Harris for his opinion on proposals for water levels on Lake 31, Somerford Keynes. Cllr Harris has a working knowledge of previous management schemes and will let the Clerk have a comprehensive explanation of his observations so that they can be presented to the District Council's Planning Committee when it meets on 9th May at Trinity Road to determine a retrospective application.

A request had been received from Jennie Caird for direction signs to Ann Edwards School. The Committee was prepared to support the erection of one sign at the entrance to Berkeley Close off Broadway Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Rob Bull at Cotswold District Council.

Dog Fouling Awareness Project

Sue Ponting Cotswold District Council Environment Warden had enquired if the Parish Council was willing to provide a prize for an advertising poster event she was organising with the children at Ann Edwards Church of England School. Cllr Kimberly very generously offered to provide a prize of a one day holiday workshop at Cotswold Forest School. The parents can choose any date advertised throughout the summer holiday – activities vary each day though include Bow and Arrows, Warrior Staffs, Fire Starting, Pizza Ovens, Woodland

Survival skills, to name a few! The activities/dates will be on the website by the end of June and parents are recommended to book in advance if possible - www.cotswoldforestschoo.co.uk

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7TH MAY

Cllr Jay, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting.

Cllr Jay had opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Apology

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology for her absence as she was not well.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Parish Council Deposit Funds

Cllr Jay had tried unsuccessfully to contact Santander prior to the Bank Holiday but would make a further effort before the Parish Council meets on Wednesday. Cllr Nicholas was hopeful of making progress in his quest for advice on how to invest the deposit fund. At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Jay had been able to obtain the necessary forms to regain the investment held by Santander. It was agreed that in order to lessen the risk of a bank defaulting the monies should be shared out between other banks. The Clerk was to start proceedings to open new accounts at Barclays and Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC).

Spreadsheet Analysis

The first month of the spreadsheet showed expenditure in line with expectations.

Grants as agreed in Precept in January 2012

South Cerney United Church	See Minutes page reference 2917	£800.00
South Cerney Youth Football Club	See Minutes page reference 2917	£250.00
South Cerney Football Club (Men)	See Minutes page reference 2917	£250.00
		<u>£1,300.00</u>

It had also been agreed that the Parish Council would make up to £1,000 available to the South Cerney Pre School Playgroup for projects. Tranches of this grant will be released to the Playgroup on production of relevant invoices.

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

Payments In

Cotswold District Council	First tranche of Precept	£51,267.00
HMRC	VAT refund	£4,942.66
Gloucestershire County Council	Compost rebate	£534.98
South Cerney Cricket Club	Insurance Renewal premium	£180.91
South Cerney Football Club	Insurance Renewal premium	£345.50
		<u>£57,271.05</u>

Payments Out

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (May)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (May)	£100.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (April)	£31.79
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (April)	£52.00

Wicksteed Playscapes	2 flat rubber safety seats	£95.40
Wicksteed Playscapes	2 straight link chain for cradle seats	£109.80
Raymond Fenton	Updating web pages 1/01/12 to 31/03/12	£150.00
Adrian Gibbs	Ground maintenance March/April	£1,358.40
Busy Fingers	Photocopying for annual parish meeting	£26.40
Mike Stuart	Mileage claim to attend meeting at Stow	£48.66
Mrs E. M. Hallett	South Cerney Youth Group	£424.32
R.O.W. Berry	Repair to swing seats at Upper Up	£120.00
Kelvin Wearing	Composting labour for April	£96.00
		<u>£2,662.77</u>

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council makes the above payments. The Parish Council was all in favour.

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7TH MAY 2012

Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting.
Cllr Nicholas opened the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Apologies

Cllr Mrs Chapman had sent an apology for her absence as she had an emergency matter to deal with privately.

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology for her absence as she was not well.

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council

12/00730/FUL

Applicant: Colmar Ltd, Grosvenor House, Market Place, Tetbury, Glos
Proposal: Construction of showroom office store and assembly works at Unit H, Lakeside Business Park, Broadway Lane, South Cerney
NO OBJECTION

12/00962/FUL

Applicant: Watermark Leisure Ltd, Isis Lakes, Spine Road, South Cerney
Proposal: Retrospective approval for works for amended bank profiles. Creation of open ditch in SE corner, works to weir, some reduction in land levels, additional landscaping and habitat creation planting at Cotswold Country Park and Beach, Lake 31, Spratsgate Lane, Somerford Keynes

The Committee recommends that South Cerney with Cerney Wick Parish Council totally supports Somerford Keynes Parish Council with its comments about the retrospective planning application for Lake 31.

The Committee also recommended that the Parish Council should emphasise the point that the water level on Lake 31 needs to be set at a level that is 150mm below that of the cill of the 'overflow weir' that is located in the south east corner of the lake. As described in previous correspondence and a telephone conversation with Helen Donnelly, by Cllr James Harris who managed this site for 20 years, there is good reason for the level and the outflow arrangement to be maintained.

“This weir was designed to take any excess water from the lake into the 2' concrete culvert/175mm plastic pipe to lake 32. There was a 150mm (6") metal pipe set lower down in the concrete of the weir structure which had a right angle elbow some 3 metres out into the lake, designed to skim water from the lake and thus set the level about 150mm below the cill of the weir. This out flow was positioned over deep water out into the lake away from any danger of it being blocked by vandals or by natural causes. (There was also a larger plastic pipe set in the concrete that was kept blocked off with an engineering bung, to facilitate the lowering of the level of the lake for maintenance.)

Presumably, this pipe is now buried in the backfill. If it is found that this metal pipe has been damaged or that it needs to be replaced for any other reason, then a larger pipe should be installed as the 150mm pipe struggled to cope at times of heavy rain (which necessitated Hill's Group to pump more water from their quarry). Waves would wash gravel and other debris over the cill and would introduce large amounts of material into the sump located before the connecting pipes to L32. Thus requiring this material to be cleared from the sump to prevent the pipe system from becoming blocked – an awkward and unpleasant job.”

This is the level that the lake has been at for the 40 or so years since it has been in existence. It is important to return the water level to the original level that pre-dated any recent work being done because, over time, erosion has profiled these original man-made banks and has created a sloping gravel shore line that the waves break onto which has the effect of protecting the bank above. This is particularly the case on the northern and north eastern banks where the original level of the land is much higher above the lake level and has a narrow strip of land between the hedge and the steep bank for the lakeside path. Waves at a new higher height will cause a new gravel shoreline to form at a higher level, from materials above the original shore line therefore eroding away the bank. Vegetation has established over the years to stabilise these steep banks and if waves are breaking against these banks at a new height they will wash away the soil and prevent regrowth of vegetation and this will cause the unsupported bank to collapse back to a new angle of repose. It is likely that this new bank profile would make the lakeside path dangerously narrow and therefore unusable.

Having a higher water level will also cause problems on the western shore line as species of vegetation that has established to be in shallow water will be inundated and plants that like to be near the water will be drowned. Leaving the water level high would have the effect of reducing the size of the reed bed and would also effect numerous other habitats and species of plants and invertebrates.

It is also noted by James Harris that having a ditch dug, however wide, will be more prone to problems caused both naturally and from human interference. This is a public site and children are bound to make dams in this flowing water channel or throw stones into water. The system of having the water level set by skimming off the excess into a pipe set out into the lake prevents these problems. The larger pipe which should be used, should have a cap set above the upturned end to stop stones being thrown into it. Having a water channel would be very problematic and would more than likely become choked with a dense stand of norfolk reed and eventually willows.

Finally, we would also like to stress the need for the excess fill material to be removed from under the trees and hedgerow plants and then levelled from the old lakeside path towards the lake. The final run down towards the lake should be graded out at an angle of 30 degrees. A 150mm layer of topsoil should be spread over this material and seeded with grass. Any other proposed scenario which may be presented by the temporary tenants would not be acceptable on this country park public facility.

The Parish Council supported Cllr Nicholas who congratulated Cllr Harris for this comprehensive report.

Cllr Ms Layton (CDC) had attended the CDC Planning Committee meeting earlier in the day where a decision to shelve the application until water levels could be inspected at a lower point was taken. Determination of the application would not now be considered until summer 2013.

There was concern expressed by the Parish Council over what action the report may generate with the Planning Authority. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Harris to pose a technical question to Helen Donnelly at CDC Planning on how the water level is to be lowered for inspection and that Watermark should be alerted to the fact that it must lower the level in the future interests of the landscape of Lake 31.

12/01556/REM

Applicant: Redrow Homes Limited, Redrow House, West Point, Great Park Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4QG

Proposal: Reserved Matters application for the erection of 140 dwellings and associated works, garaging/parking, including details of siting, design and external appearance of the buildings and landscaping of the site pursuant to Outline Permission (ref. 10/03916/OUT) on land at former Aggregate Industries Site, The Mallards, South Cerney, Cirencester GL7 5TQ

The Clerk was to ask Mike Napper for a hard copy set of plans as the electronic version is very difficult to determine when viewed on a computer screen.

The Clerk reported that Mr Napper had agreed to supply a hard copy set of plans which the Clerk will collect from Trinity Road.

Although not to be considered as a definitive list the Planning Committee agreed with Cllr Nicholas on the following observations:

1. The Committee was in full agreement with the site chosen for the Community Centre.
2. The hipped roofs of the Highgrove style houses nor the roofs of the bungalows follow the Cotswold Design Code.
3. Exposed rafter ends of some of the roofs are incongruous and out of keeping with the rest of the roofs.
4. It is not obvious from the plans what the exact type of reconstituted stone is to be used.
5. Why does the footpath through the wooded area carry on into the neighbouring Watermark land?
6. The northern cross-over path from the Mallards across Ham Lane into Sudeley Drive should be to the corner of Sudeley Drive and not as shown on the plan.
7. The concentration of “affordable” housing is not conducive to social integration and should be “peppered” throughout the development and not ghettoed.

Cllr Nicholas had proposed at the Committee meeting that the Parish Council considers having a public meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 24th May to hear what people think about The Mallards reserved matters application. The Committee was in full agreement and recommended that the Parish Council accepted this proposal. The Clerk will enquire from John Veitch if the hall is available as a venue for such a meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the hall was available. Cllr Nicholas had suggested to Trevor Wright architect for Redrow Homes that he might consider attending the public meeting but Mr Wright was non-committal. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal that a Public Meeting is held in the Village Hall on 24th May at 7.30 pm. Cllr Nicholas agreed to chair the meeting as Cllr Stuart had another commitment.

12/01696/FUL

Applicant: Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel, c/o Central Support Office, Olney House, Ducklington Lane, Witney, Oxon, OX28 4EX

Proposal: Extension at ground floor level to dining room and balcony at first floor level at Four Pillars Hotel, Spine Road East, South Cerney GL7 5FP

NO OBJECTION

Planning applications granted by Cotswold District Council**12/00656/FUL CT.8922**

Formation of dropped kerb and driveway at 32 High Street, South Cerney

12/00790/LBC CT.7847/F

Replacement windows and French doors on south elevation at Cornerstones Cottage, School Lane, South Cerney

Correspondence

Cllr Mrs Chapman asked the Clerk to inform Yvonne Poole, Enforcement Officer at CDC, of a means to contact a previous owner of Mill House, Cerney Wick.

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

Cllr Nicholas reported that he had been canvassing potential candidates to form a design group to manage the build of the Community Hall. One element of the construction should be if possible that the building is self sustaining in energy consumption. Cllr Nicholas would be happy to volunteer with the delivery of the project. It was necessary that the opinions of potential users are sought and to encourage their involvement in the management of the facility when it is built. It should be the object now to invite all the diverse groups of users to join as committee volunteers. Cllr Nicholas suggested that two committees should be formed: one to provide delivery of the project and the other composed of a representative of each individual user group. Generally the facility must not compete with the existing Village Hall. The Parish Council was in favour of this plan of action.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Stuart stated that any reference to the Mallards development at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May would be deferred to the Public Meeting to be held on Thursday 24th May.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. (a) Came & Company – Effect of loss of No Claims Bonus on renewal
 (b) Breakdown of insurance payments for Football, Cricket Clubs and Parish Council
 (c) Renewal schedule
 (d) Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance
2. Internal Audit & Compliance Ltd – Introduction of internal audit service
3. Gloucestershire Highways – Notification of minor maintenance work on Bow Wow bridge on 30th April (emailed to Parish Councillors)
4. South Cerney Neighbourhood Watch – Acknowledgement of payment to support set up costs

5. GPFA – The Playing Field magazine Spring 2012 (on circulation to Committee)
6. CDC – Breakdown of costs of the Standards Committee investigation and hearing into the conduct of Cllr Esmond Jenkins (emailed to Parish Councillors)
7. CDC – 12/00962/FUL CT.1202/1/W to be considered at the Planning Committee meeting on 9th May at Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester (emailed to Parish Councillors)
8. Gloucestershire County Council – Recycling credit rate for April 2012 to March 2013: £50.05 per tonne
9. CDC – Vegetation Survey and Woodland Management Plan for Mallards (requested by Cllr Webb)
10. CDC – Notification of temporary road closure for street party in Oak Way on 2nd June
11. Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2012 Issue 81 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
12. CPRE – Fieldwork magazine Spring 2012 (on circulation to all Parish Councillors)
13. Sue Black (Village & Community Agent) – Scheme update; willing to attend a meeting to explain more about her role in the community (emailed to all Parish councillors)
The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should invite Sue Black to a private meeting
14. CDC – Notification of an enforcement investigation underway in respect of Mill House, Cerney Wick (emailed to Committee members)
Cllr Mrs Chapman had provided contact of a previous owner
15. Cotswold Canals Trust – TROW magazine No. 157 Summer 2012 (on circulation)

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge asked the Clerk to inform Paul Swift at Gloucestershire Highways of the flooding which occurred opposite the entrance to Berry Farm, Silver Street.

Cllr Jay reported that he had arranged a session with Stephen Richardson Head Teacher at Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School to present jubilee mugs to the children at 9.10 am on Friday 25th May. If any Parish Councillor wished to accompany him they would be very welcome.

Cllr Jay although reluctant to be critical was concerned and frustrated with the R-Way organisation and concluded there was a need to have a closer supervision of the operation and a justification of the costs involved. Cllr Jay, Cllr Kimberley and Cllr Stuart would form a committee and invite Cllr Wearing to also join in order to monitor the group.

Cllr Mrs Chapman asked the Clerk to report a branch limb which had detached itself from its main growth and is being supported by other standing branches on Cerney Wick Lane at the rear of Lake 11, opposite Cerney Wick Sailing Club and near to Churn Pool (fishery).

Cllr Harris asked the Clerk to inform Catherine Stent GCC Arboriculturist that a Willow branch had detached itself from its main trunk in Bow Wow. Further, some time ago Ms Stent had stated that she would monitor the Willow and Poplar trees in the Bow Wow which she did not consider an immediate concern. The Parish Council now disagreed with this assessment and requests that the area is visited on a windy day to reappraise this opinion.

Cllr Ms Layton (CDC) reported that she had attended the inquest into the drowning incident at Keynes Park which resulted in the coroner pronouncing that the death was accidental. There is concern that Cotswold District Council does not intend to carry out an inquiry.

Cllr Kimberley reported that he had been assured by contractors using the playing field at Robert Franklin Way who were working for Gloucestershire Highways would make repairs to the damaged slide on the play area.

Cllr Harris suggested a change to the specification of the alterations to the car park at Upper Up. It was agreed that no action should be taken without first consulting with the Cricket and Football Club.

Cllr Stuart reported that he had accompanied four members of R-Way to Stow-on-the-Wold for a conversation event organised by Cotswold District Council. He was very proud to be associated with the youngsters.

Cllr Stuart complained to Cllr Ms Layton (CDC) that Iain Smith CDC Heritage refuses to communicate.

Cllr Mrs Land informed members of the Parish Council that Sport Aid is currently offering funds for events.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10:09 pm.