

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 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
 C. Wearing
 R. Webb
 Cllr Jenkins (CDC)
 Emily Hallett (R-Way)
 Jasmin Tresadern (R-Way)
 Chris Cowcher (GRCC)

A member of the press attended.

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr Bennett (CDC) had sent an apology as he was on holiday. Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) had sent an apology as she was otherwise committed this evening. Cllr Parsons (GCC) had sent an apology as he was on holiday.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST 2012

It was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Jay 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

Cllr Wearing gave a report on the activities and plans of the R-Way group. Chris remarked that the village had been fairly quiet. Perhaps it was the effect of the Olympics he surmised. Plans were now in hand for every week. Regulations state that there must be two adults in attendance at the Scout Hut to supervise the young people who take part in activities. This is a standby arrangement in case either Jai and Emily are unavailable. The next couple of months will be crucial for the recruitment drive for new members. The target age group is 12 to 19 year olds. There are about 35 young people on the books and of these between 11 and 15 attend on a semi regular basis. The football team is now in a mid-table position which Chris is happy about and have signed on for the winter league. Emily reported that along with Jai they had visited the village but found a distinct lack of any groups with which to liaise. Cllr Mrs Land reported that she had arranged a meeting with the Youth Leader and Welfare Officer at 29 Regt in the coming week.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising which were not dealt with through the Committees.

CLERK'S REPORT

On Thursday 16th August I attended a meeting with Cllr Jay, Cllr Stuart and Chris Cowcher (GRCC) to discuss how to progress the review of the Village Plan. Chris informed us that South Cerney will host a meeting in September for parish councils titled "Cotswold Conversation". Most of our Village Plan had been successfully completed excepting the cycle way from South Cerney to Siddington and beyond to Cirencester via the old railway line and/or redundant canal. The pre precept meeting in November would invite bids from groups for funds to develop village projects which in turn was a stymulus for Village Plan schemes.

During August of the 22 available working days I averaged 3 hours 40 minutes per day which is slightly in excess of what my contract allows for at 18 hours per week. I remain content with the situation.

CLLR JENKINS' (CDC) REPORT

Cllr Jenkins (CDC) updated Parish Councillors on the investigation by City of London police into the activities of the previous management of the Cotswold Water Park Society. He had been informed by this investigation team that a file would be presented to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) shortly and formal interviews, under caution, would begin from 18th September. He insisted that the current Board of Trustees must explain why they had hidden the secret agreements involving Dennis Grant but which had been referred to in the Garbutt Report. Despite all the assurances, he concluded, the rot continues. Members of the new Cotswold Water Park Society Trust must have an opportunity to vote on any new Trustee selections to join the Trust. If such permission is refused then it will be necessary to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to force the issue. Cllr Jenkins accepted that it would be necessary to collect 40 like minded signatories from the membership to enforce this situation.

TO REVIEW AND REFRESH THE VILLAGE PLAN, GOING FORWARD

The Chairman, Cllr Stuart welcomed Chris Cowcher (GRCC) who had been invited to the meeting to give his advice on how to revitalise the Village Plan. Chris told Parish Councillors that South Cerney was promoted to other parishes in Gloucestershire on how best to run a Village Plan. South Cerney had developed a bullet point set of plans as objectives after consultation with residents which continued to evolve through encouraging interested groups within the village to participate in the plan. At GRCC Parish Plans were collected and published with a traffic light type assessment. Green signified completion, amber was work in progress and red was for stop or no progress. South Cerney's plan was mostly green, hence the need now to revitalise the plan going forward.

Cllr Jay stated that the Parish Council was apolitical and took its mandate from village residents. The next big project is planning for the new Youth and Community Centre on the Mallards. There were "holes to plug", he continued, with the demise of the COSY club which needed to be replaced with a Lunch Club or some similar activity.

Cllr Stuart said that the 140 new houses being built will increase the population by 10 percent and this influx must be managed as near as possible, seamlessly. The integration will be a challenge and the people of South Cerney must be asked how they want the village to develop.

Cllr Nicholas stated that the village plan gives the Parish Council a mandate for its actions and creates a dialogue with interested parties.

In response to a query from Cllr Harris on how to integrate new residents, Cllr Webb and Cllr Jay mentioned the Welcome Pack, an initiative designed by the Parochial Church Council to inform new residents what sort of activities were available in the community.

Cllr Stuart stated that it was important to involve groups like the South Cerney Trust, the two churches, the Playgroup, the School and R-Way.

Chris advised that a team is formed to manage the development of a new village plan on the basis of what had been discussed. Cllr Stuart asked for volunteers to form a sub-group as he disliked the term sub-committee which he considered too formal a title. Cllr Harris, Cllr Jay, Mrs Land, Cllr Mrs Tunbridge and Cllr Wearing all agreed to take part. The Clerk will email Chris Cowcher with their contact details.

Chris reminded Parish Councillors of the forthcoming Cotswold Conversation, a CDC initiative headed by Cllr Joseph Walker which was an informal networking event. It would take place in the Village Hall on 20th September at 6 pm. The evening topic was "Community Spirit" which Chris thought was most appropriate for the venue. The primary object of GRCC, which was a charity, was to support communities.

As the discussion closed Cllr Stuart thanked Chris for his attendance and helpful advice. Chris then left the meeting

REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

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

Apologies

The Committee accepted apologies made by Cllr Mrs Chapman and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge for their absence. Cllr Nicholas had emailed that he would probably arrive late.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

CCTV

Cllr Kimberley was progressing with his enquiries to his colleague and would continue with his task. It had been reported that Cirencester Town Council will or is taking over the control of the CCTV surveillance operation in Cirencester and the Clerk was asked to enquire from Andrew Tubb, Chief Executive if it would be possible to link the system to South Cerney, maybe wirelessly.

Damage to Public Phone Box

The Clerk had contacted the BT public kiosk repair team who had reacted very promptly and carried out the repair within a couple of days of the request. Unfortunately vandals struck again the following weekend and back came the repair team who replaced four further panes of glass. The Clerk enquired if it was an option to remove the kiosk but was informed that because of the distance to another kiosk was too far it could not be done. Cllr Stuart stated that some two years ago BT offered to sell the kiosk for a "peppercorn" price and remove the apparatus therein. In the circumstances would it now reconsider its removal? The Clerk will enquire. BT had repeated its reply that under current rules it could not have agreed to the sale and it was not an option to remove it.

Overgrowing hedge in Bow Wow

Cllr Harris reported that the hedge belonging to Mr G. C. Franklin in Bow Wow had not been cut back. The Clerk reported that no response to his letter had been received. The Committee instructed that no further reminder be sent until next month, if nothing had been done. As no action had been taken the Clerk was asked to write to Paul Swift and request that he take appropriate action. Cllr Harris reported to the Parish Council that as the hedge had been cut back, albeit not significantly, in the circumstances there was no need now to inform Paul Swift.

Overgrowing hedge at Andy's Lake, Station Road

The Clerk was asked to write to Paul Swift with regard to the mixed species hedge, beyond the Leylandii eastwards along Station Road, and before the entrance to the public car park which was growing out over the carriageway and needed to be cut back.

Fly tipping and Footpath to rear of Sewerage Works

While reporting an instance of fly tipping in the vicinity of the sewerage works the Clerk had spoken to Denise Kinsella (Customer Insight and Resolutions) at Thames Water on the flooding of the PROW to the south of the sewerage works. She stated that she would make enquiries from the manager of the sewerage works about the problem. Cllr Jay reported to the Parish Council that the fly tipping had been removed.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Robert Franklin Way

Cllr Mrs Chubb said that Cllr Mrs Tunbridge would make the report at the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Kimberley had stated that a team from Gloucestershire Highways had completed the work it had agreed to when the Parish Council gave its permission for the storage of equipment to repair the bridge. He had also noted that the cross seat timber of the picnic table near the large slide was rotting and needed to be replaced. Cllr Mrs Tunbridge also noted in her report the damage to the picnic table. The Clerk was to ask R.O.W. Berry to give a quotation to fix the seat.

Upper Up

Cllr Stuart reported on the Upper Up play area. The play areas and equipment were in good order. Over the weekends, and especially on Monday mornings, considerable amounts of litter were being left but Eddie Curtis had usually cleared it up by mid-morning. The signs discussed at last month's meeting were to be erected.

Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that as usual the slide and activity was awaiting refurbishment. There was moss on the base of the swing. Hedges were in need of trimming but this was a job for the Village Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

That the Finance Committee agrees provisionally to accept that James Harris be contracted to turn the compost with his mini tractor at Upper Up; that Adrian Gibbs is contracted to chip and shred material for the compost bins; that R.O.W. Berry is contracted to affix HGV signs at Upper Up and repair the cross seat timbers on the picnic table near the large slide at Robert Franklin Way play area.

GRASS CUTTING AT GRAVEYARD

Cllr Jay had forwarded an email which complained about grass cuttings being left uncollected on gravestones and paths within the churchyard. The Committee was aware and sympathised that the cuttings were a problem but commented that the grass cutter was not contracted to collect the cuttings and during this year especially with the excessive extra growth it was inevitable that some material would be left throughout the graveyard.

TASK LIST

1. To add that on 28th August Mike Barton GCC PROW had sent out work instructions to cut back the overgrowing hedges along Sustrans Route 45 Station Road to Spine Road; 2. To add that Mr Surnam, GCC Lighting had responded to Cllr Parsons (GCC) on 3rd September

that certain procedures must be followed before issuing orders for work where excavation is involved and this has had a severe effect on the amount of work we are able to do. This has meant, he continued, that until very recently I have not been able to process this request, however the job is now in hand and should be completed within the next few weeks.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Kimberley informed the Committee that Natasha Flaherty and Gareth Harris of the Cotswold Water Park Society Trust had resigned. The Committee agreed to a suggestion from Cllr Harris that a letter of appreciation be sent to Gareth for the help and advice he had given to the Parish Council during his employment at the Water Park.

Cllr Harris reported that the verge on the permissive path to the rear of Huxley Court to Station Road was overgrowing. The Clerk will ask Redrow Homes Limited to cut it back.

Cllr Mrs Chubb noted that a plastic covering had been affixed to the metal grille in the ditch on Station Road causing a blockage and the water to back up which restricted the grass contractor from cutting away the season's growth from the bottom of the ditch. Cllr Harris will investigate and report to the Parish Council. The Clerk was to ask Scott Macaulay-Lowe at Gloucestershire Highways to remove the plastic mesh as it was forming a dam and the ditch was becoming blocked with détritrus.

Cllr Webb noted that roadside hedges and verges were mostly in need of being cut back. In some instances road signs were concealed. The Clerk was to ask Scott Macaulay-Lowe at Gloucestershire Highways to look at all overgrowing hedges and cut back where necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jenny Pegler from Cerney Wick Village Hall Trust had enquired if the Parish Council would act as the responsible body to finance the purchase of play equipment for Cerney Wick playing field as it had set aside precept funds for the project and what information would it like at this stage. The Clerk reminded the Committee that the Parish Council, in setting its budget, was minded to grant £2,000 to the project as a first tranche. The Committee agreed with Cllr Stuart who stated that before any decision could be taken the Parish Council would need to see plans and specification of the scheme.

The Clerk had asked Jenny Pegler for three dates on which a delegation from Cerney Wick might meet with Parish Councillors. Jenny had been unable to confirm a date before the Parish Council met but would be in contact. Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Harris, Cllr Jay and Cllr Kimberley agreed to represent the Parish Council at any meeting with Cerney Wick representatives.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

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

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Parish Council Deposit Funds

Arrangements to open deposit accounts at Barclays and HSBC in order to spread the risk to Parish Council funds were nearing completion.

Spreadsheet Analysis

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

Project Recommendations from the Playing Field and Village Maintenance Committee

The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee recommended that the Finance Committee agrees provisionally to accept that James Harris be contracted to turn the compost with his mini tractor at Upper Up; that Adrian Gibbs is contracted to chip and shred material for the compost bins; that R.O.W. Berry is contracted to affix HGV signs at Upper Up and repair the cross seat timbers on the picnic table near the large slide at Robert Franklin Way play area. The Finance Committee had unanimously accepted these proposals.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest as the contractor concerned in this next item and left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that James Harris be contracted to turn the compost with his mini tractor at Upper Up. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Harris returned to the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that Adrian Gibbs is contracted to chip and shred material for the compost bins at Upper Up and that R.O.W. Berry who had provided two quotations for the work agreed, namely £48 to repair the picnic bench at Robert Franklin Way play area and £50 to mount the HGV signs at Upper Up be also contracted for this work. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Payments In

Football Club	Water supply share	£14.51
Cricket Club	Water supply share	<u>£14.51</u>
		£29.02

Payments Out

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing & litter picking (September)	£150.00
Petty Cash	Postage	£30.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (August)	£31.74
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (August)	£38.35
M. McKee	O ₂ broadband dongle	£10.83
M. McKee	Reimbursement for HGV sign purchase	£44.82
Thames Water Utilities Ltd	Water supply to Upper Up playing field (E)	£29.02
R.O.W. Berry	Ground maintenance	£565.00
Adrian Gibbs	Ground maintenance (August)	£874.80
Absolute Thatch	1st stage payment for re-thatching Village Hall roof	£9,660.00
Absolute Thatch	2nd stage payment for re-thatching Village Hall roof	£4,830.00
Mrs E. M. Hallett	2 weeks @ 8 hours per week @ £13.26ph	£212.16
Julia Cunningham	South Cerney Youth Group (August)	£96.00
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Annual Conference fee	<u>£438.00</u>
		£17,010.72

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

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

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

The Clerk had been asked by the Committee to include a letter to Absolute Thatch with its payment making it clear that the payment made by the Parish Council would confer total ownership of the materials, especially the thatching straw.

Cllr Webb queries how the community charge on holiday homes is distributed

The Clerk will ask Cllr Parsons (GCC) how much is the amount of Business Rate and/or Holiday Home Rates collected by Gloucestershire County Council within the Parish of South Cerney with Cerney Wick and how is it distributed.

Correspondence

Jenny Pegler (Cerney Wick Village Hall Trust) had enquired if the Parish Council would act as the responsible body to finance the purchase of play equipment for Cerney Wick playing field as it had set aside precept funds for the project and what information would it like at this stage. Cllr Jay stated that he was still minded to grant £2,000 to the project as a first tranche but full details of the specification, plan, ownership and maintenance responsibility would have to be agreed. The Committee agreed with Cllr Jay that representatives from Cerney Wick Village Hall Trust be invited to a meeting of Parish Councillors to discuss its plans.

Councillors' Reports

The Committee agreed with a suggestion from Cllr Jay that he holds a Precept Planning Meeting, similar to that of last year. Interested clubs and societies in the village will be invited and it should be made perfectly clear that if parties wished to be considered for a grant then they must send a representative to the meeting otherwise they will not be taken into account. Cllr Jay had provisionally booked the Village Hall for the evening of 7th November starting at 7.30 pm. The Parish Council agreed unanimously with the idea to hold a Precept Planning meeting. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Jay in preparing an invitation.

Cllr Stuart informed the Parish Council of the efforts made by Cllr Jay, Gill Scott and her husband Roger in securing the large grants for the work on the infrastructure of the village hall. £6,500 had been secured for the boiler replacement and £13,832 for the re-thatching of the hall roof. He proposed a vote of thanks to them all which was unanimously endorsed by the rest of the Parish Council members.

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Stuart, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Nicholas had opened the meeting at 9.20 pm.

Apology

The Committee accepted an apology from Cllr Mrs Chapman for her absence.

Matter Arising

War Memorial junction

The Committee was frustrated that its preferred plan for the alterations to the junction of Broadway Lane and High Street was seemingly being ignored. The Committee agreed that Cllr Nicholas should engage with Barry Stiles, Regional Director of Redrow Homes Limited to see if the alterations could be modified.

Cllr Nicholas reported that he had spoken to Barry Stiles who was immensely keen to meet and give proper consideration to the Parish Council's plan and widen the dialogue to include other matters to do with the Mallards development. In response to a request from Barry for three dates it was proposed that Friday 14th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st all at 9 am were favoured. Cllr Nicholas will liaise with Mr Stiles.

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council**11/00759/FUL (New Details)**

Applicant: Watermark Fisheries Ltd, Isis Lakes, The Spine Road, South Cerney GL7 5TL
Proposal: Construction of a fishing clubhouse at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney
NO OBJECTION

12/03108/LBC

Applicant: Mrs Yasmine Hunt, 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE
Proposal: Internal alterations, single storey garage and rear single storey studio (amendment to 12/00293/LBC) at 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE (R)
NO OBJECTION

12/03109/FUL

Applicant: Mrs Yasmine Hunt, 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE
Proposal: Erection of single storey garage and single storey rear studio (amendment to 12/00292/FUL) at 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE (R)
NO OBJECTION

12/03246/LBC

Applicant: Mrs Sheila Fitton, Butchers Cottage, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UG
Proposal: Replace first floor window to front elevation at Butchers Cottage, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UG (R)
NO OBJECTION

12/03246/LBC (New Details)

Applicant: Mrs Sheila Fitton, Butchers Cottage, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UG
Proposal: Replacement windows at Butchers Cottage, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UG (R)
NO OBJECTION

12/03389/FUL

Applicant: Watermark Ltd, Isis Lakes, Spine Road, South Cerney GL7 5TL
Proposal: Change of unit type at plot 33 at Lake 11, Spine Road East, South Cerney
NO OBJECTION

12/03474/FUL

Applicant: Watermark Ltd, Isis Lakes, Spine Road, South Cerney GL7 5TL
Proposal: Change of unit type at plot 43 and use of square turret at plot 46 at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney (R)
NO OBJECTION

12/03480/FUL

Applicant: Redrow Homes Limited, c/o agent Mrs Lucy White RPS, 2420 The Quadrant, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4AQ
Proposal: Removal of condition 11 (garage doors to be of vertically boarded timber) of Reserved Matters approval (ref:12/01556/REM) for the erection of 140 dwellings at land at former Aggregate Industries Site, The Mallards, South Cerney GL7 5TQ (R)
NO OBJECTION

12/03548/TCONR (Comments not invited)

Applicant: Gloucestershire Highways c/o agent Paul Ponting, Cordal Lodge, School Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TZ

Proposal: 5 Willow trees – pollard these trees down to a finished height of between 4-5 metres at Street Record, Bow Wow, South Cerney

12/03577/FUL

Applicant: Mr Atherton-Ham, 2 Hambledon Close, South Cerney GL7 6JA

Proposal: First floor side extension and single storey side extension at 2 Hambledon Close, South Cerney GL7 6JA

NO OBJECTION

12/03648/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Turner, 6 Lakeside, South Cerney GL7 5XE

Proposal: Proposed removal of conservatory and erection of rear extension at 6 Lakeside, South Cerney GL7 5XE

NO OBJECTION

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Land and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council accepts the deliberations of its Finance Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Nicholas had declared a prejudicial interest in this application as the applicant was a client of his firm. Cllr Nicholas left the room. Cllr Webb carried on with the report.

12/03825/FUL

Applicant: Mr Robert Brewin, 34 The Lennards, South Cerney GL7 5UX

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear of property at 34 The Lennards, South Cerney GL7 5UX

NO OBJECTION

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Land and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that the Parish Council accepts the decision of its Planning Committee not to object to this application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the room.

Planning applications granted by Cotswold District Council**12/02276/COMPLY CT.0006/5/G (10/03916/OUT PP-01985583) 12/02789/NONMAT CT.0006/5/G**

Compliance with condition 16 (Arboricultural Statement) of 10/03916/OUT – Outline application for residential development (up to 150 dwellings), including associated infrastructure, access details, landscaping and the creation of new areas of public open space, together with a community hall facility (Use Class D1) on land at former Aggregate Industries Site, The Mallards, Broadway Lane, South Cerney

Non-material amendment to condition 19 of outline planning permission 10/03916/OUT for residential development of up to 150 dwellings – comprising a reduction in size of water butts from a minimum capacity of 500 litres per dwelling to a minimum capacity of 200 litres for Redrow Homes Limited at land at former Aggregate Industries Site, The Mallards, South Cerney

12/02643/FUL CT.8936

Formation of vehicular access at 31 High Street, South Cerney

12/02928/LBC CT.7847/H

Re-roofing and new rooflight to rear lean-to at Cornerstones Cottage, School Lane, South Cerney

12/03064/LBC CT.7847/J

Replacement windows to front elevation at Cornerstones Cottage, School Lane, South Cerney

12/03328/COMPLY CT.43131/1/L & CT.43131/K

Internal alterations to Ivy Cottage including removal of staircase, replacement of tallet steps to stable building, internal and external alterations to store/barn to form ancillary accommodation, including extension, and replacement of roof – Compliance of conditions 4, 5 and 9 of 11/05856/FUL and 11/05857/LBC at Ivy Cottage, The Street, Cerney Wick

12/03548/TCONR (Comments not invited)

5 Willow trees – pollard these trees down to a finished height of between 4-5 metres at Street Record, Bow Wow, South Cerney

Correspondence

19. CDC – Ref: 12/02730/FUL CT.1454/5/N Invitation to attend Planning Committee on 12th September (emailed to Parish Councillors)
22. CDC – Ref: 12/02716/FUL CT.5115/C Invitation to attend Planning Committee on 12th September (emailed to Parish Councillors)

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

CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Jay gave a brief explanation why the Parish Councillors should adopt the new Code of Conduct as prepared by Cotswold District Council. On the advice of many agencies including GAPTC and NALC it was considered appropriate that Parishes and Town Councils should adopt its local District Council's Code of Conduct. Cllr Jay mentioned that with certain minor alterations, which included removing reference to Cabinet decision making that did not apply to the Parish Council, the code should be adopted.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council adopts the Code of Conduct. The Parish Council was all in favour.

All Parish Councillors, with the exception of Cllr Kimberley who had independently returned his directly to CDC, had given their Register of Interests forms to the Clerk who would deliver them to the Monitoring Officer at Cotswold District Council where they will be scanned and prepared for promulgation on the District Council's web site with links to the Parish Council's web site.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Gloucestershire Highways – Parish Resilience: winter maintenance and adverse weather plans. Update contact and provision list (emailed to Cllr Harris)
2. Sue Ryder (Leckhampton Court Hospice) – Donation appeal (to list)

3. R.O.W. Berry – Quotation to cut back hedge and grass along path behind bench at junction of Broadway Lane and Berkeley Close
4. CPRE – Offer to visit Chedworth Roman Villa on Wednesday 5th September (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
5. GAPTC – NALC’s template Code of Conduct for Parish Councils (final version) (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
6. GAPTC – NALC: The relevant authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
7. GAPTC – Explanatory notes on Pecuniary Interests Lais 1341 August 2012 (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
8. Lloyds TSB Bank – Signatories required to sign authorisation for cashing Petty Cash cheque
9. R.O.W. Berry – Quotations to remove Ragwort at Upper Up playing field and concrete in post by compost area
10. IAC (Internal Audit & Compliance) – offer of audit service
11. Cotswold Canals Trust – The Trow magazine Autumn 2012 (on circulation)
12. Jenny Pegler (Cerney Wick Village Hall Trust) – Consideration of funding request for play equipment (emailed to Finance Committee)
13. Maxwell Thomas (Watermark) – Acknowledgement of correspondence to cut back over growing hedges; non-response allegation (emailed to Chairman Cllr Stuart)
14. Cllr Bennett (CDC)/Mark Berry Tree Officer (CDC) – Willow tree at corner of Meadow Way and Clarks Hay (emailed to Committee members)
15. Gloucestershire Highways (Jenny Allport Senior Technician: Structures) – Confirmation of repair to play equipment at Robert Franklin Way (emailed to Committee members)
16. Cllr Jay – Grass cutting in Church Lane and graveyard (emailed to Committee members)
17. GCC – Notification of temporary closure of part of public bridleway BSC 51/3 (emailed to Committee members)
18. Gloucestershire Highways (Scott Macaulay-Lowe) – Reinstatement of river Churn bank in Bow Wow (emailed to Committee members)
19. CDC – Ref: 12/02730/FUL CT.1454/5/N Invitation to attend Planning Committee on 12th September (emailed to Parish Councillors)
20. Audit Commission – Appointment of external auditor and fee scale (emailed to Committee members)
21. Absolute Thatch – Payment schedule for the re-thatching the Village Hall roof
22. CDC – Ref: 12/02716/FUL CT.5115/C Invitation to attend Planning Committee on 12th September (emailed to Parish Councillors)
23. BT (Customer Service Advisor) – Removal of telephone kiosk (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
24. CDC (Jennifer Taylor Community Partnerships Manager, Sustainable Communities & Housing) – Small Grants Application Form for community safety activity. Deadline for applications 5pm Friday 19th October (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
25. CDC – Cotswold News Autumn 2012 (on circulation)

26. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust report 2012 (on circulation)
27. CPRE Gloucestershire – Application to join coach tour of the Cotswold Canals sites on Wednesday 3rd October £12 per person (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
28. Clerks & Councils Direct – Magazine September 2012 (on circulation)
29. GCC (Will Windsor-Clive, Cabinet Member for Communities) – Plan to deal with highway issues (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
30. GAPTC – Members’ survey 2012
31. NALC – Consultation on Council Tax Base and funding for local precepting authorities (response by 5th October) (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
32. SLCC Enterprises Ltd – Invoice for Society of Local Council Clerks annual conference fee (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
33. Preston Parish Council – Implications of the closure of the crossing at Preston Toll Bar (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
The Clerk will inform Mrs Braidwood, Clerk to Preston Parish Council that the Parish Council supports Preston in its endeavours to reduce the speed limit on the Cirencester inner bypass to 50 mph
34. R.O.W. Berry – Quotations (a) to repair picnic bench at Robert Franklin Way play area (b) affix HGV notices at Upper Up play area entrance (emailed to Parish Councillors)

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Nicholas informed the Parish Council that steady progress was being made in preparation for the selection of an architect from a list of specialists to design the new Youth and Community Centre. The order of the priorities will have to be decided. For example would the most important objective be low running costs or maybe flexible operation and what length of time would be envisaged for pay-back, possibly over the design life of the building or some other criteria? Cllr Nicholas asked that every Parish Councillor ponder these questions and let him know at the next meeting in October.

Cllr Mrs Chubb enquired what progress was being made with the installation of the defibrillator? Cllr Nicholas had been in contact with John Thomson agent for the owner and a reply was expected shortly.

Cllr Kimberley informed the Parish Council that the Cotswold Water Park Trust did not want a willow lantern pageant this year. Cllr Jay advised that new plans to include R-Way should now be started to decide on what action to take.

Cllr Jay stated that ideas on how to manage the new facility on the Mallards had been offered by one of the Limes’ residents who had experience of a similar project in Swindon.

Cllr Stuart reminded Parish Councillors of a Safer, Stronger Cotswolds event at the Westwoods Centre, Northleach on Wednesday 19th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cllr Stuart also asked Parish Councillors not to forget the Cotswold Conversation meeting in the Village Hall at 6 pm on Thursday 20th September.

CERNEY NEWS

Speeding through the village; the forthcoming precept planning meeting and the grants for the re-thatching of the Village Hall.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10.04 pm.