

At 6.30 pm Cllr Stuart, Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed Sarah Powell and Alexandra Dupree to the private meeting with Parish Councillors. Sarah explained the purpose and composition of the Cotswold Water Park Parish Panel. The main objectives so far were: 1. determine causes of flooding; 2. monitor infilling; 3. improvement of access throughout the park. The western section of the panel comprised four parishes in Gloucestershire and four in Wiltshire and were collectively known as Water Park West. One clearly determined objective agreed was through an information gathering exercise combined with a wish list of a map or written descriptions which could be developed to include all paths in the Cotswold Water Park, and not just those on the definitive map. The meeting closed at 7.27 pm and Cllr Stuart thanked both ladies for attending the meeting.

#### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013

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  
 C. Wearing  
 Cllr C. Bennett (CDC)  
 Cllr E. Jenkins (CDC)  
 Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC)  
 Jasmine Tresadern (R-Way)  
 12 members of the public attended.

The Chairman Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.30 pm wishing all a happy new year.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr S. Parsons (GCC) had sent an apology for his absence as he had a family engagement to attend.

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

It was proposed by Cllr Kimberley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Chubb that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Cllr Harris and Cllr Wearing abstained as they were not present at the meeting. The remaining members of the Parish Council were all in favour.

In view of the public attendance the Chairman promoted the following three items on the agenda.

#### **WAR MEMORIAL AT JUNCTION OF BROADWAY LANE AND HIGH STREET**

Cllr Stuart proposed and Cllr Jay had seconded a motion that the Parish Council's preferred option for the alteration of the junction at Broadway Lane and High Street would be to create a T-junction by moving the War Memorial to the west of its present position. Cllr Jay had originally objected to the scheme to ensure as wide a debate as possible. He was now of the opinion that a very large majority of residents were in favour of the move.

Cllr Nicholas proposed an amendment to the motion which would remove the words “to create a T-junction” as this was an indicative plan only to create a T-junction or other traffic management system. Cllr Jay seconded this change and the Parish Council was all in favour.

Two members of the public both of whom live close to the junction spoke regarding their concerns on how the proposed alterations could affect both traffic and pedestrian movement together with the risk of vehicles parking in that area. Cllr Stuart reminded one of the two Mr A. Carter of the meeting they had at the site a few weeks ago when Cllr Stuart made notes of all Mr Carter’s concerns promising that those would be passed on to the design engineer. He also explained to the other complainant that the preliminary plans had been on public display in the covered noticeboard in Clarks Hay for several weeks and that fact had been publicised in both the Cerney News and the Wilts and Glos Standard

The amended motion that the Parish Council’s preferred option for the alteration of the junction at Broadway Lane and High Street would be by moving the War Memorial to the west of its present position was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Jay. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **ADOPTION OF HAM LANE TO BE ADDED TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PROWS**

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that the Parish Council agrees to create a Public Right of Way along part of Ham Lane, from its entrance off High Street to beyond its junction with the Mallards. Cllr Stuart argued that with the development of the Mallards giving access to Ham Lane and areas beyond it was logical that persons who wished to use Ham Lane were given the right to use the pathway. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### **ACTION TO RESOLVE FLOODING ISSUES**

A meeting had been held on 9th January, the morning of this meeting, with Peter Collins and his colleague from the Environment Agency, Cllr S. Parsons plus three colleagues from Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold District Council (Cllr Mrs Layton), Cotswold Water Park Trust (Ben Welbourne), Cllr Harris, Cllr Jay, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart and local residents to discuss the action of the Parish Council in mitigating the potential flooding disaster at Box Bush/Mill Close and Robert Franklin Way.

Cllr Jay recorded that action decided on was: 1. Enquire from Bromford Housing to produce a report on events which took place; 2. gather as much data as possible cataloguing actual events to affected households; 3. organise a drop in session on Saturday 19th January; 4. all data to be passed on to the Environment Agency and Gloucestershire County Council.

The Environment Agency will analyse all the information with its computer model of the Upper Thames Catchment Area to ascertain the best possible solution to the problem.

Gloucestershire County Council will supply and fit a temporary pedestrian bridge across the spill way. GCC will email Cllr Jay informative notices for publication and will also liaise with the Environment Agency to assess options and explore funding sources.

Cllr Stuart praised the sterling work of Cllr Harris and other members of the public who had averted the disaster. The situation was critical but the actions taken kept the flooding of nearby properties to a minimum.

Cllr Stuart stated that it was now time to find out what happened and who was affected. He suggested that a drop-in session be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th January from 10 am–4.30 pm. A questionnaire asking how the floods had affected them would be distributed to those properties suspected of being involved. Parish Councillors were requested to help provide a presence at the Village Hall over the day to engage with attendees. The

information collected will be forwarded to the Environment Agency and Thames Water. Thames Water and Cotswold District Council will be told about the failure of the sewerage system to cope. Finally the emergency plan now has a relevant focal point and the absolute need to plan what the community can do for itself in the event of any future emergency.

Cllr Jay insisted that it was important to get a list of houses which had flooded and enquire from Bromford Housing about its contingency plans for helping those residents on the assisted living program. The drop in session will be an excellent opportunity to collect this information. All evidence will help promote and influence any help from the Environment Agency especially with a record available of those houses which will benefit from its action. Cllr Jay emphasised that the Parish Council must be totally committed to this cause. Gloucestershire County Council will provide a temporary footbridge over the sluice at the railway line in the coming days. Cllr S. Parsons (GCC) had stated that he would monitor and motivate the action of the relevant agencies.

Cllr Harris thanked Cllr Mrs J. Layton (CDC) for her helpful contribution over the emergency, especially on Christmas morning. Cllr Mrs J. Layton (CDC) complained that there was no joined up communication during the event which made it difficult to coordinate action. Cllr Harris added that residents must be prepared to help themselves and not to rely totally on the agencies.

It was agreed that Parish Councillors would meet tomorrow, 10th January, under the guidance of Cllr Jay and prepare a letter of invitation to the drop in session for distribution to all affected residents. Cllr Mrs Layton volunteered to assist in the preparation and delivery of the questionnaire.

Cllr Stuart thanked all those for their input during the emergency and also those who will now carry on with the plan to collect as much evidence as possible to hopefully be better prepared for the next event.

All members of the public left the meeting and Cllr Stuart reverted to the agenda.

## **R-WAY REPORT**

Jasmine Tresadern stated that Emily Hallett had sent her apologies for her absence. Cllr Wearing continued that he and Jasmine had attended the first session of the Youth Training course at Greyfriars House in Gloucester. On Monday new sessions will start for younger children from 4–6 pm whilst those older would have a session from 7–9 pm. The Christmas shopping trip had been cancelled but it is hoped to rearrange another for Saturday 19th January.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising which had not been dealt with at Committee stage.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

On Friday 4th January I attended a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss budget proposals for the coming year. Cllr Jay, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb were also present. The meeting started at 7.30 pm and Councillors spent the next two hours formulating what will be proposed during the report of the committee meeting held on Monday.

During December of the 19 available working days I averaged 4 hours 15 minutes per day which is some 21¼ hours a week and that is ¾ hours in excess of what my current contract allows for, of 18 hours per week.

## **REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2013**

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Harris, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge attended the meeting. Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7 pm and wished everyone present a Happy New Year. He also suggested that it should be a New Year's resolution that meetings should adhere to the agenda. The Committee agreed.

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

#### **Village Plan (Page 3051)**

Cllr Harris had provided the Clerk with four available dates for a meeting to forward to Christopher Cowcher (GRCC).

#### **CCTV (Page 3051)**

Cllr Kimberley reported that he was awaiting confirmation of a meeting with PFS (Swindon).

#### **Station Road Carriageway (Pages 3051 & 3053)**

Reinstatement was awaited.

#### **Broadway Lane and Station Road Footpaths (Page 3053)**

Cllr Stuart confirmed that Scott Macauley-Lowe (Gloucestershire Highways) had acknowledged receipt of local maps.

#### **Cricket Club debris removal (Page 3053)**

Cllr Stuart advised that it was inappropriate at this time, due to weather conditions and other factors, to pursue the Cricket Club to tidy up its surrounds. If no action had been taken by the next meeting then it will be necessary to write a letter to the Chairman of the Cricket Club. Cllr Stuart had since communicated with Grant Stratford, Chairman of the Cricket Club who hoped to get a member to remove the rubbish in the near future.

#### **Parking Restrictions on The Piece**

Cllr Kimberley will research the cost of large local stones approximately 5 cwt in weight to be used to prevent unauthorised parking on The Piece.

## **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. The damage to the foot bridge at the entrance had not been repaired.

### **Upper Up**

Cllr Stuart reported that there was an excessive growth of moss on the soft play surface which needed attention. As was to be expected after the recent heavy rainfall the entire area is extremely wet.

### **Robert Franklin Way**

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. Replacement parts for the 360° swing were awaited.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Nicholas declared a prejudicial interest as one of the contractors was a client of his firm and left the room.

Cllr Jay, Chairman of the Finance Committee attended the meeting primarily to explain the analysis of the quotes received from competing contractors for the grass cutting contract. He

had produced a spreadsheet to compare the quotations on a yearly basis of 12 and 14 cuts as some parts of the contract were for 3 operations only while others were on a fortnightly basis. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Kimberley and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Committee recommends to the Finance Committee that A.W. Services should be the preferred contractor. The Committee was unanimous in its agreement. If the Parish Council accepts with this recommendation then the Clerk was asked to inform all contractors of the outcome and to thank them for sending in a quotation. The Clerk was also asked to thank Adrian Gibbs for the valuable service he had given to the village over the preceding two years.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the room.

### **TASK LIST ITEMS**

Sustrans Route 45 task had been completed and the item removed from the list. Cllr Harris will provide the Clerk with a list of trees for a professional arboriculturists to inspect. Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley will carry out an inspection of trees on behalf of the Parish Council and note any which are of concern but not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk will enquire from Scott Macauley-Lowe Gloucestershire Highways if it will accept responsibility for the large Willow tree at the corner of Meadow Way and Clarks Hay. The Clerk was asked to inform Mike Barton PROW officer that a resident of Spring Lakes was using the adjacent bridleway as a vehicle entrance to the site.

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Nicholas reported on a meeting he and Cllr Harris had with Michelle Gorton and Louise Siddell, CDC officers at 10 am on New Year's Eve regarding flooding issues in the village. The meeting lasted for about two hours. The two ladies were part of the District Council's Public Protection Team and were joined by Nicky Goddard from Bromford Living and Cllr S. Parsons (GCC). After the meeting both Parish Councillors toured the rest of the Parish including Cerney Wick.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that a large hole had appeared in Cerney Wick Lane at the corner near Lake 10. The Clerk will report the damage to Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that the footpath which starts at the stile outside the Crown Inn in Cerney Wick going west to the Sailing Lake and old railway line beyond is nearly impassable for walkers between the two stiles. Grazing horses, which previously had been fenced off, are now able to use the path and consequently the surface has become badly rutted. The recent wet weather has added to the problem. The Clerk will inform Mike Barton, PROW at Gloucestershire County Council.

Cllr Harris alerted Parish Councillors to excavations in the vicinity of the gated entrance to Ash Moon from the old railway line alongside the Robert Franklin Way play area. The Clerk was asked to notify Matthew Millett at Cotswold Water Park Trust of the work being carried out next to the bridleway and the closed gate at Ash Moon.

Cllr Harris stated that besides the flooding problems, a meeting with representatives of Thames Water must be arranged to determine the failure of the sewerage system and its inability to cope with the recent event. Cllr Jay criticised the lack of coordination between District Councillors which led to duplication of effort and enhanced delays. He continued, if it was proven that it was local politics which led to the non-cooperation then it was a very sad outcome for the affected residents who depended on its representatives for support in such emergencies and not petty one-upmanship. Cllr Stuart reported that Cllr Bennett (CDC) was trying to arrange a meeting with Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP and representatives from Thames Water for Friday 11th January.

Cllr Stuart informed Parish Councillors that a site meeting will be held at the bridge on the old railway line and the recently dug sluice at 11 am on Wednesday. Attending would be: Peter Collins (Environment Agency), Dave Graham (GCC), Cllr S. Parsons (GCC), Mike Barton and Dave Tyrell (PROW GCC), Cllr Jay, Cllr Harris, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Stuart. Alan Fisher would represent affected village residents. Cllr Stuart praised Cllr Harris for his work in managing the digging of the sluice to relieve the flood threat at the bridge. He said that the village owed James a big debt of gratitude for his efforts in avoiding a disaster.

The Committee unanimously agreed with Cllr Stuart who suggested that a Drop In session in the Village Hall, probably on Saturday 19th January from 10 am–4.30pm, is organised. It is hoped that as many people as possible would come along and give the Parish Council the actual facts as to how they were affected by the recent flooding.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ian Kennedy had reported a fallen tree in Ham Lane and if it proved that the Parish Council or Gloucestershire Council were not responsible then he offered to arrange for its clearance. The Clerk was asked to inform him that as Ham Lane was not a Public Right of Way neither organisation was responsible. The tree had since been removed.

Cllr Webb, who was patiently waiting for the Finance Committee to start, stated that two more gaps had been established in the hedge to the south of the originals, giving unrestricted access to the building site. These gaps will be a particular enticement for youngsters craving mischief and excitement in the dangerous environment of a building site and the Clerk was to request that the site is kept as secure as possible. Of interest, wheel tracks had been noticed on Ham Lane leading to one of the illegal gaps. This may or may not be for the removal of items from the site but it is very suspicious behaviour.

A request for a public seat on the Swindon-Cirencester side of the Kingfisher bus stop had been received from Joe McCall, 44 Robert Franklin Way. Mr McCall emailed that a lot of elderly people use it going into Cirencester (myself included at 92). The Parish Council may be minded to install a seat to commemorate the forthcoming Coronation anniversary and this will be discussed at the February Playing Fields and Village Maintenance committee meeting.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.48 pm.

## **REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2013**

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

### **Spreadsheet Analysis**

The ninth month of the spreadsheet showed expenditure on target. This has been taken into account in preparing the budget proposals.

### **Recommendation for acceptance from the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee**

The Playing Field and Village Maintenance Committee requested that the Finance Committee accepts the following recommendation that A.W. Services are appointed as ground maintenance contractors for the next two years, that is from the start of the cutting season in 2013 until end of season in 2015. The Finance Committee had no objection.

Cllr Nicholas declared a prejudicial interest as one of the potential contractors was a client of his firm and left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that A.W. Services should be awarded the ground maintenance contract for the next two years. The Parish Council was all in favour. The Clerk will thank all contractors who submitted a return.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the room.

### Payments In

Canute Haulage Group Ltd	Reimbursement for War Memorial repair	£135.00
Mrs C. D. M. Tipper	Memorial tree contribution	£140.00
Gloucestershire Environmental Trust Company	Village Hall Grant	<u>£12,000.00</u>
		£12,275.00

### Payments Out

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (January)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (January)	£100.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (December)	£31.94
M. McKee	O <sup>2</sup> contract (December)	£11.19
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (December)	£64.80
M. McKee	Reimbursement for inkjet cartridges	£104.88
Milton Architects Ltd	Architectural consultancy	£1,556.28
Kelvin Wearing	Composting labour for December	£96.00
Raymond Fenton	Updating web pages 1st July to 31st December	£300.00
Dream Team Television Ltd	Rent of space on server	£180.00
D. W. Dunn Ltd	Village Hall boiler	£3,950.40
James Harris Contracting	Flood control expenses	<u>£1,341.98</u>
		£7,787.47

Cllr Jay had inspected the invoices and agreed the Clerk's expenses for December.

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

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Jay insisted that Cllr Harris remained at the meeting as he wished to commend him on behalf of the Parish Council for the unselfish way he had given of his time and the very reasonable charge he had made for the work. Cllr Stuart also thanked him as without his experience and knowledge a disaster had been sure to happen. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that the Parish Council makes the above payments. The Parish council was all in favour.

### Budget deliberations

The Committee decided to recommend to the Parish Council its budget agreed when it met at Cllr Jay's home on Friday 4th January. The Committee had agreed a budget with a small annual reduction of 14p from the previous year of £45.32 for a band D household contribution.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Jay proposed and Cllr Mrs Land second a motion that the Parish Council accepts the recommendations of its Finance Committee on the budget proposals. The Parish Council was all in favour.

### Percept Tax Base

Cllr Jay was intrigued with the figures sent by Jenny Poole, Go Shared Services, Head of Finance, Cotswold District Council on the management of the tax base for the District. At first sight it would appear that South Cerney is the settlement with the third highest tax base in the

District. On the other hand in the table of Allocated Grant Pro rata to Benefit league, South Cerney is tenth. Cllr Jay wondered if there are anecdotal comments to make on this disparity? Are we the “wealthy of CDC” or perhaps is it something to do with the number of holiday homes in the village as opposed to the Water Park? The Clerk was to inform Ms Poole that the Parish Council would be interested to hear the statisticians interpretation of this data.

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

Cllr Nicholas had cancelled the Planning Committee as there was only one retrospective application to discuss.

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

Cllr Nicholas had declared a prejudicial interest to the committee as the applicant was a friend and abstained from the email discourse.

#### **12/05467/FUL**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P. Lawford, 9 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney GL7 5TG

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension at 9 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney GL7 5TG (R)

No objection subject to ratification by the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Land and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council ratifies the decision of the Planning Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

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

#### **12/05133/CLEUD CT.4065/N**

Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the use of the property as a single dwelling house

#### **12/05202/FUL CT.0649/3/N**

Two storey extension to side at 3 Churn Close, South Cerney

#### **12/05467/FUL CT.0006/5/T**

Erection of single storey side extension at 9 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney

#### **12/05605/NONMAT**

Repositioning of alpaca shelter and fleece store for Mrs Helen Kendall Smith at land parcel Clay Meadow, Cirencester Road, South Cerney

#### **12/05640/NONMAT**

Use of land as a site for a log cabin as a temporary farm dwelling and the permanent construction of farm buildings and related development to include a hardcore access track and turning head – Non material amendment to permission 12/04205/FUL involving addition of boarding to open sides of both barns and addition of one set of doors to hay and machinery barn for Mrs H. Kendall Smith at land at Clay Meadow Field, Cirencester Road, South Cerney



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

### **11/00759/FUL CT.0006/5/H**

Construction of a fishing clubhouse at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney

Reason for refusal: The application site lies within open countryside and within Zone A (Quiet Zones) of the Cotswold Water Park Supplementary Planning Guidance, wherein development is expected to be low-key in order to protect residential amenity and enhance of the quiet enjoyment of the countryside. The facilities for which permission is sought would be harmful to the rural tranquillity of the area and the character and appearance of the rural landscape. Consequently, the facilities would fail to accord with paragraphs 17, 28, 109 and 123 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Cotswold District Local Plan policies 19 and UT.1 and the Cotswold Water Park Supplementary Planning Guidance 1999.

Note: Statement in respect of the positive and proactive approach undertaken by the Local Planning Authority. In accordance with the requirements of paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF, the Local Planning Authority has worked with the applicant(s) in a positive and proactive manner that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area and in order to seek to seek solutions to overcome the planning objections and the conflict with Development Plan Policy. Negotiations have, however, been unsuccessful in this case to achieve sustainable development.

### **12/04734/FUL CT.0109/C**

Conversion of The Mill and Barn B into domestic accommodation ancillary to the Mill House, including new natural stone slate roof over the Mill with replacement rooflights, demolition of modern extensions to the Mill House and erection of a new single storey extension, new roof over the garage and office, and replacement natural stone slate roofs over barns A and B and outbuildings 1 and 2 at Mill House, Cerney Wick Lane, Cerney Wick

### **12/04735/LBC CT.0109/B**

Conversion of The Mill and Barn B into domestic accommodation ancillary to the Mill House, including new natural stone slate roof over the Mill with replacement rooflights, demolition of modern extensions to the Mill House and erection of a new single storey extension, new roof over the garage and office, and replacement natural stone slate roofs over barns A and B and outbuildings 1 and 2 at Mill House, Cerney Wick Lane, Cerney Wick

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. South Cerney Street Fair Committee – Precept proposal (emailed to Committee)
2. Gloucestershire County Council (PROW Definitive Map) – Creation of a new public path under Section 26 of the 1980 Highways Act on Ham Lane, South Cerney (emailed to Parish Councillors) Agenda item.
3. Cerney Wick Village Hall Trust – Precept request for playground funds (emailed to Committee)
4. GPFA – Judging reports for playground competition 2012 (passed to Cllr Stuart)
5. Cotswold Tree Warden Group – Donation request (to list)
6. South Cerney Brownies – Precept request for trip subsidy (emailed to Committee)
7. Cotswold Volunteers – Donation request (to list)
8. Emily Hallett (Youth Group Leader) – South Cerney Youth Group Costings 2013/14 (emailed to Committee)

9. Ground maintenance contract returns:
  - (a) Bibury Landscapes
  - (b) A.W. Services
  - (c) Cottage Garden Services
  - (d) Glebe Contractors
10. (a) CDC – Parish Precepts and Council Tax 2013-2014 (emailed to Committee)  
(b) Precept return
11. Ian Kennedy – Ham Lane report (emailed to Committee)
12. Joe McCall – Suggestion that a public seat be installed near to the bus stop at Kingfisher Place on the southern side of the carriageway (email)
13. Cllr C. Bennett (CDC) – Report on flooding and sewage issues in South Cerney during Christmas period
14. CDC – Conditions imposed by CDC on mileage rate for associated transport costs to attend training course at Gloucester for R-Way Group  
A grant for £900 had been promised by CDC for Jasmine Tresadern and Chris Wearing to finance expenditure of their attendance at the Youth Training course in Gloucester through the good offices of Cllr Esmond Jenkins (CDC) and Cllr Mrs Julia Layton (CDC). Various conditions had been imposed and resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council accepts the grant and conditions attached. The Parish Council was all in favour.
15. Cllr P. Jay's report on meeting on 9th January regarding flooding issues

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Jay reported that he had attended a budget setting meeting on 4th January. On 9th January he attended a meeting at Robert Franklin Way with others to discuss, as previously reported in these Minutes, flooding issues. He repeated that the issues were the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Environment Agency, Thames Water and Gloucestershire County Council and had nothing to do with Cotswold District Council.

Cllr Webb alerted Parish Councillors to the application of the New Homes Bonus which he felt had been forgotten about. The Clerk was asked to make it an agenda item for the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Mrs Land had complaints about obstructive parking on kerbs in the Leaze and Berkeley Close. Cllr Mrs Land will inform PC Neil Lightfoot.

Cllr Mrs Layton reported that she had attended a flood meeting at CDC also there were representatives from the Environment Agency and Gloucestershire County Council.

At 9.20 pm Cllr Bennett arrived and apologised as he had been delayed by foggy conditions on his journey from Bournemouth.

Cllr Harris minimized his contribution to the relief of the flooding problem over the period. He also had attended the meeting at Robert Franklin Way this morning.

Cllr Stuart reported that he had attended the meeting at Robert Franklin Way and was upset with the total negativity expressed by officers of the Environment Agency. On the positive side, the community had learnt many lessons from the near disaster which will be very helpful in formulating the emergency plan.

Cllr Bennett (CDC) explained his actions on the weekend prior to Christmas when Thames Water was contacted regarding its responsibility for the proper operation of household toilets in the village. Cllr Harris and Cllr Jay sternly criticised the version of events as described in

his report. Cllr Nicholas was particularly upset with Cllr Bennett's explanations. Cllr Bennett strenuously defended his actions and those of the District Council but will communicate the displeasure of the Parish Council to his colleagues at CDC. Cllr Mrs Land forcibly expressed her annoyance at the lack of action and bitterly resented the continual arguments over the same old issues which were just a repetition of what had occurred 12 years earlier.

### **CERNEY NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS**

The new budget decisions.

Flood prevention work with thanks recorded for the work carried out by James Harris and also Bisons for their prompt action in supplying the necessary equipment.

Ask for volunteers to join the emergency planning team.

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