

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013

Present: Chairman M. Stuart
 Parish Councillor Mrs F. Chapman
 Mrs E. Chubb
 J. Harris
 P. Jay
 J. Kimberley
 Mrs D. Land
 Mrs C. Tunbridge
 R. Webb
 C. Wearing
 J. Layton (CDC)
 E. Jenkins (CDC)
 S. Parsons (GCC)
 Jasmine Tresadern (R-Way)
 Daisy Ranger (R-Way)

The Chairman Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

APOLOGIES

Cllr Nicholas had sent his apology as he was engaged in domestic duties.
 Cllr Bennett (CDC) had he was attending another meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th MARCH 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tunbridge that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Members of the Parish Council were all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

Moles, rabbits and Roe deer infestation (Page 3085)

Cllr Stuart reported Roe deer in the vicinity of the allotments in School Lane. Cllr Stuart had emailed PC Jon Palfrey to enquire how to lawfully control the animals.

The breach in the fence separating Walnut Tree farmhouse from the allotments was enabling a neighbour's dog and chickens to access the tilled area and needed to be repaired. James Harris Contracting will give a price for the work at the Wednesday meeting of the Parish Council.

Willow Tree at junction of Meadow Way and Clarks Hay (Page 3085)

Scott Macaulay-Lowe Gloucestershire Highways had emailed that he will ask his GCC Tree Inspector to assess the willow. If any limbs require work, he will ask his tree surgeon for a cost. If, as expected, the cost of any work is minimal, he will agree to pay for the work. The timing of any work would be dependant on the outcome of our inspection. It is important to make clear that any work done by GH on the tree in question is done without prejudice as a gesture of goodwill. It does not in any way imply that GH will take responsibility for any future works. Responsibility for which rests with the riparian owner of the land on which the tree sits.

Horizontal Swing at Robert Franklin Way play area (Page 3085)

The swing had been erected using the replacement chains which proved to be too short. Playground Supplies Ltd had threatened to take the Parish Council to the Small Claims Court if payment was delayed. The Clerk had informed the company that a reply would be

made after the Parish Council meets in April. The Committee agreed that the chains were not fit for purpose and should be returned to Playground Supplies Ltd with a letter explaining the circumstances. The Clerk was requested to ask R.O.W. Berry for a price to supply and fit replacement chains to the apparatus.

Public Seat at Kingfisher Place (Page 3085)

Quotations had been received from Glasdon for the supply of a new seat with plaque, CDC for the supply of a new litter bin and R.O.W. Berry for the installation of a Queen's Coronation commemorative seat. The net cost of the work would be £941.76. The Committee recommend that the Finance Committee agree to the scheme.

Ivy laden Hawthorn trees on Mill Race (Page 3087)

Cllr Stuart had emailed Cllr Mrs Chubb to thank her for her influence in getting the ivy covered trees removed.

Rubbish on Broadway Lane in the vicinity of Lafarge complex (Page 3087)

Cllr Kimberley requested that the Clerk write to Monier Redland to complain that rubbish from their factory was littering the hedgerows of Broadway Lane and it would be appreciated if it was cleared away. Paul Power, Site Manager at Redland has told me that he will make arrangements for the rubbish to be cleared this coming weekend.

Drainage report and flooding survey (Page 3088)

Cllr Stuart reported that he hoped to complete the drainage report and flooding survey shortly.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman noted that the frame and chains of the swing were rusting badly, and there was moss on the base. The slide and activity area awaited refurbishment. The hedge cuttings had not been removed.

Upper Up

Cllr Stuart reported that the grass cutting had commenced and the area was looking good.

Robert Franklin Way

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. There was a screw missing from the latch on the gate entrance to the children's play area. The horizontal swing was still out of action.

QUOTATIONS

1. Supply and fit flat stone as a seat on Upper Up playing field in the vicinity of the Sycamore tree – £125 (verbal). The Committee decided that as the stone James Harris Contracting had offered was not high enough it declined his offer. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Kimberley would enquire if a stone at a previous employer was available.
 2. Glasdon to supply Phoenix Seat (black) complete with fixings £373.85, provide stainless steel plaque with up to 5 lines of text fitted to back rest of seat – £62.91, all including carriage for a total of £436.76 (not including VAT) (verbal). The Committee accepted this quotation.
 3. Put in concrete base, fit bench and litter bin at Kingfisher Place (site to be decided) – £355.00. The Committee accepted this quotation.
 4. Cotswold District Council to supply a regular metal green litter bin with plastic inner container – £150 (verbal). The Committee accepted this quotation.
- Total cost of installing a commemorative seat £941.76.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONTRACTS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Kimberley that the Finance Committee agrees to install a commemorative Coronation seat with litter bin alongside at Kingfisher Place – £941.76. The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee was all in favour.

James Harris Contracting to repair the breach in the fence dividing Walnut Tree Farmhouse from the allotments on the Upper Up playing field. James Harris will provide a quotation on Wednesday.

The Clerk will ask R.O.W. Berry to quote to replace the chains on the horizontal swing and fit a seat into the tyre in time for the Parish Council to consider it at its meeting on Wednesday.

ITEMS ON TASK LIST RELEVANT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Clerk was asked to remove the following from the Task List: Annual Tree Inspection and the item regarding the Willow tree at the eastern end of Meadow Way near to the junction with Clarks Hay.

Following the tree inspection the Clerk was to ask contractors to tender for the work as specified by J. L. Chamberlain in her tree report but instruct the firms that the work would not be carried out until after the nesting season of 2013 ends.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Kimberley asked the Clerk to report to Cotswold District Council waste department that the recycling bins in the vicinity of Peyman's Terrace were full and the contents needed to be removed.

Cllr Nicholas asked the Clerk to inform BT that the windows in the telephone kiosk had been broken and needed to be replaced. Cllr Stuart remarked that the previous repair had only lasted a week.

Cllr Nicholas reported that the highway verges opposite the entrance to Claymeadow Farm were badly gouged through contractors' vehicles egressing the site.

Cllr Stuart reported that Eddie Curtis had informed him that he no longer wished to pick litter or clean the bus shelter. It was agreed that although it would be necessary to keep the bus shelter clean, asking someone to collect litter could wait so that the situation could be assessed over time. A specification to define the duties required on keeping the bus shelters tidy would be drawn up and applications invited from interested residents.

At the Parish Council meeting the Clerk was asked to write to Eddie Curtis and thank him for the work he had carried out for the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that £50 of the Chairman's allowance should be used to reward Mr Curtis for his contribution to keeping the village clean and tidy over the years. The Parish Council was all in favour.

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

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2013

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

Spreadsheet Analysis

The final spreadsheet provided an analysis of the year's expenditure. There was an anomaly

in the total attributed to the Village Hall Running Costs as the figure did not include grants that had been received to offset the expenses. The underspend on the Youth Group Fund would be carried over to this year's total. The underspend on Village Plan Projects was accounted for by the fact that money for the refurbishment of play equipment in Cerney Wick had not been requested but would be carried over. The Parish Council agreed to a suggestion from Cllr Jay that if the Cerney Wick group wished to have all of its request in this financial year it would be looked at favourably. Cllr Mrs Chapman will inform Jenny Pegler of this new development. Cllr Nicholas had requested that the Community Fund s.106 expenses are promulgated through the Dropbox facility.

Project recommendations from the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee

The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee requested that the Finance Committee agree to its plan to install a commemorative Coronation seat with litter bin alongside at Kingfisher Place – £941.76. The Committee was all in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council agrees to install a commemorative seat at Kingfisher Place. The Parish Council was all in favour.

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

James Harris Contracting had sent two quotations for the repair the breach in the fence dividing Walnut Tree Farmhouse from the allotments on the Upper Up playing field. a) using chicken mesh £70; b) using galvanised weldmesh £128.80. It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Jay that quotation (b) is accepted. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Harris returned to the room

Payments In

South Cerney Cricket Club	Water charges for 20-11-12 to 3-3-13	£10.82
Scottish & Southern Electricity	Wayleave consents	£34.31
Gloucestershire County Council	Footpath upkeep contribution	£600.00
HMRC	VAT Refund	<u>£4,207.39</u>
		£4,252.52

Payments Out

Petty Cash	Postage	£30.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (March)	£24.01
M. McKee	O ² contract (March)	£9.33
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (March)	£38.35
M. McKee	Reimbursement for return of chains to Playground	
	Supplies Ltd via Parcel Monkey courier service	£24.58
Milton Architects Ltd	Architectural consultation	£1,526.28
Cirencester Town Council	Planning Training event	£20.00
Adrian Gibbs	Compost chipping	£144.00
CPRE	Membership renewal	£29.00
Patrick Mills	Reimbursement of travel costs to visit Youth & Community architects (total 4 passengers)	£67.87
Kelvin Wearing	Work on compost (March)	£96.00
Kelvin Wearing	Transport for youth training (March)	£67.50
Emily Hallett	3 weeks youth work (March)	£318.24
R.O.W. Berry	Horizontal swing work	£200.00
Millar+Howard Workshop	Architectural consultation	£600.00
J. Chamberlain	Tree inspection (as quotation)	<u>£150.00</u>
		£3,345.16

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

Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest in this next item as a recipient and left the Parish Council meeting.

James Harris Contracting	Stones on The Piece; Tree Survey work	<u>£277.00</u>
		£3,622.16

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

Cllr Harris returned to the room

Village Plan Projects (April 2013–March 2014)

South Cerney Football Club (Adult)	£355.00
South Cerney Football Club (Youth)	£770.00
United Church (boiler replacement/other activities)	£300.00
All Hallows (handrail at entrance to church)	£500.00
Brownies (subsidise trip to commemorate 60th anniversary)	£240.00
Cotswold Water Park Trust (notice board with PC sponsorship acknowledgement)	£750.00
Neighbourhood Watch (administration)	<u>£100.00</u>
	£3,015.00

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

Village Plan Projects (Payments on hold)

Cycle Race (subsidised with grant from Martyn Slater)	£400.00
Cerney Wick (part of £9,000.00 total over 3 years)	£2,000.00
Parish Neighbours (await invoice from Busy Fingers)	£725.00
Street Fair (specifically nominated projects)	<u>£2,000.00</u>
	£5,125.00

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2013

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Jay, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Nicholas had opened the meeting at 9pm.

Cllr Webb reported on the deliberations of the Planning Committee as Cllr Nicholas was not at the Parish Council meeting.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Alterations to Broadway Lane/High Street (Page 3091)

Copies of the final design of the repositioning of the War Memorial and the changes to the junction of Broadway Lane and High Street had been received. These drawings were prepared following previous consultation with various village organisations and neighbours of the War Memorial. The design complies to the strict regulations governing aspects of Highway planning and no further modifications can be made. It was decided to inform residents that following this extensive consultation with village organisations the plans being presented would be available to view either on the notice board in Clarks Hay, opposite the Post Office or in the United Church Hall as the Village Hall was not available.

Cllr Stuart had emailed David Burton Senior Project Manager at Redrow Homes Limited to discuss the next stage of the scheme.

Planning Applications received by Cotswold District Council

Cllr Nicholas had maintained his personal interest and did not vote on this proposal as the neighbours of the applicants were friends.

13/00546/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nash, Kingfisher, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling, formation of shared access. Increase in height of boundary wall to 1.8m high at Kingfisher, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE (R)

The Committee continued to object, on the same grounds as previously, that the site/plot is too small for a new dwelling. If CDC is minded to grant consent, it is urged to require – through a Section 106 Agreement – that the new dwelling only be used as accommodation ancillary to the main house and that it not be occupied, sold or let as a separate dwelling. OBJECTION ratified

13/00592/FUL

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

Proposal: Extension of time of extant permission 06/00540/FUL (Construction of a motel with car park) at land at Lake 7 (Windrush), Cotswold Water Park, South Cerney

NO OBJECTION approved

13/00830/FUL

Applicants: Mr & Mrs Hinder, c/o Agent: Mr Iles I.B.A., Units E & F, The Old Brickyard, Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire SN6 6QZ

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension and single storey garage to side at 25 Meadow Way, South Cerney GL7 6HY (R)

NO OBJECTION ratified

13/00910/FUL

Applicant: Redacted, Greatmoor Lake, Lake 17, Spine Road, South Cerney GL7 5TL

Proposal: Resurfacing of a gravel road within site boundary with a tarmac road with french drainage at Cotswold Water Ski Club, Greatmoor Lake, Spine Road East, South Cerney GL7 5TL (R)

NO OBJECTION ratified

13/01003/FUL

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

Proposal: Garden store/summer house (existing re-sited) at 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

NO OBJECTION approved

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

Planning Applications granted by Cotswold District Council

13/00264/LBC CT.8959

Replacement of two windows at 4 Highnam Cottages, School Lane, South Cerney

13/00867/ADV CT.4498/1/F

Two replacement externally illuminated signs at entrance to gateway centre at Gateway Visitor Centre, Spine Road East, South Cerney

13/01180/TCONR

Large approximately 6 metres high Laburnum tree located mid front boundary in front garden. Prune and tidy crown, reducing by approximately 15% overall at Berkeley House, School Lane, South Cerney

Correspondence

8. CDC – Yvonne Poole (Planning Enforcement): Condition 6 had not been revoked (emailed to Planning Committee and Cllr Harris)
21. CDC – 13/00546/FUL CT.2790/L Full application for erection of a dwelling, formation of shared access, increase in height of boundary wall to 1.8m high at Kingfisher, Station Road, South Cerney to be considered on 10th April at Cirencester Council Offices starting at 9.30am (emailed to Committee)
22. CDC – Briefing note from Nigel Adams on Local Plan for the Cotswolds (emailed to Parish Councillors)

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.22pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. DISC (Mrs Doris Land and Mrs Dee Daniels) – Grateful acknowledgement for donation
2. Quotations for Queen's Coronation seat:
 - (a) R.O.W. Berry (fit bench, litter bin, install concrete base)
 - (b) Glasdon (supply bench and stainless steel plaque)
 - (c) Cotswold District Council (supply litter bin)
3. CDC – Notification of an application to renew a Street Trading Consent to sell ice cream by Anthony Williamson (emailed to Parish Councillors)
4. CDC (Philippa Lowe) – Copy email to Sarah Powell, Chair Somerford Keynes Parish Council regarding the high water levels at Lake 31 Keynes Country Park (emailed to Parish Councillors)
5. James Harris Contracting – Quotation for supply and fit flat stone as a seat on Upper Up playing field in the vicinity of the Sycamore tree (verbal). *See Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee agenda*
6. Philip Dickenson – Quotation to carry out work as specified in PC Tree Inspection report
7. GAPTC – Acknowledgement of receipt for subscription renewal (emailed to Parish Councillors)
8. CDC – Yvonne Poole (Planning Enforcement): Condition 6 had not been revoked (emailed to Planning Committee and Cllr Harris)

9. Cotswold Water Park Trust – Arrangements for meeting with Sir David John
Parish Councillors suggested the following dates for a meeting: Monday 6th May 8 pm, Monday 10th June 8 pm or Monday 8th July 8 pm. Any other Monday at 7 pm (except Public Holidays) would also suffice
10. Cricklade Town Council – Publication of the development of its Neighbourhood Plan (emailed to Parish Councillors)
11. GPFA – Advice on horizontal swing (emailed to Committee members)
12. GPFA – Acknowledgement of receipt for subscription renewal (emailed to Parish Councillors)
13. H. J. Mould – Copy letter to Gloucestershire Highways regarding flood damage in Bow Wow (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
14. Cotswold Water Park Parish Panel report (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
In response to the three questions Parish Councillors were unanimously positive. The Clerk will inform Alison Ward, Cotswold Water Park Parish Panel Chairperson
15. Cheltenham, Cirencester and Tewkesbury Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd – Grateful acknowledgement for donation
16. Cerney Newsletter Committee – Grateful acknowledgement for donation to help with the production of the Village Directory
17. Grant Thornton – Notice of annual audit for year ending 31 March 2013. Approval deadline for Annual Return is 30 June 2013
18. CPRE – Gloucestershire Views Spring 2013 (on circulation)
19. Gloucestershire Property Information Officer – Willow tree at junction of Clark's Hay and Meadow Way (emailed to Committee)
20. CHYP (Cirencester Housing for Young People) – Grateful acknowledgement for donation
21. CDC – 13/00546/FUL CT.2790/L Full application for erection of a dwelling, formation of shared access, increase in height of boundary wall to 1.8m high at Kingfisher Place, Station Road, South Cerney to be considered on 10th April at Cirencester Council Offices starting at 9.30 am (emailed to Committee)
22. CDC – Briefing note from Nigel Adams on Local Plan for the Cotswolds (emailed to Parish Councillors)
23. GCC – Contribution for upkeep of Public Rights of Way in South Cerney
24. Riding for the Disabled – Grateful acknowledgement for donation
25. Cotswold Volunteers – Grateful acknowledgement for donation
26. Gloucestershire Highways – Willow tree at junction of Clark's Hay and Meadow Way
27. Gloucestershire PROW – Mike Barton: Vehicular use of bridleway by the Landings (emailed to Parish Councillors)
28. CPRE – Membership renewal application; membership card entitling discounted entry to properties and attractions listed in CPRE Members Guide
29. CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine Spring 2013 (on circulation)
30. South Cerney Brownies – Change of venue for Brownie trip to London (emailed to Finance Committee)
31. Gloucestershire Highways – Notification of halt to works at Crane & Station bridges in South Cerney (emailed to Committee)

32. Gloucestershire PROW – Copy email from Mike Barton to Adrian Davey, Watermark Club: Vehicular use of bridleway by the Landings (emailed to Parish Councillors)
33. Gloucestershire Highways – Overgrowing hedge at Manor Farm House, Cerney Wick (emailed to Committee)
34. R.O.W. Berry – Quotation: supply and fit chains for horizontal swing at Robert Franklin Way playing field as discussed £480; supply and fit base section to tyre attached to horizontal swing £195
35. James Hill – Copy letter to Andrew Houldey re application for a definitive map Modification Order under the Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981
36. Arbor Tree Care – Tree inspection report by J. L. Chamberlain (emailed to Committee)
37. James Harris Contracting – Quotation for repair of boundary fence at Walnut Tree Farmhouse/allotments: a) using chicken mesh £70; b) using galvanised weldmesh £128.80. At the Parish Council meeting Cllr James Harris had declared a prejudicial interest and left the room while this item was debated. It had been proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Jay that quotation (b) is selected. The Parish Council was all in favour. Cllr Harris had returned to the room.

CLLR STUART'S FLOODING AND DRAINAGE REPORT TO SOUTH CERNEY WITH CERNEY WICK PARISH COUNCIL – 10th April 2013

Since last month's Parish Council meeting we have had the Public Flooding Resilience meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 14th March chaired by our MP Geoffrey Clifton-Brown. Representatives from Thames Water, the Environment Agency and several local authorities and agencies were present as were a good number of local people mainly from the parish of South Cerney but also from other villages. The meeting was allocated to last only 90 minutes and did over run slightly.

The general reaction from members of the public to the answers given by Thames Water and by EA was that it appeared that none of the representatives had prepared for the meeting by studying the situation. Either that or there was a deliberate attempt to delay answering questions until approval had been obtained from higher levels of management. Our MP did demand that TW carried out inspections of the drainage problems in both The Limes and at Box Bush reporting back to Parish Council within two weeks of the meeting. Other tasks were agreed to be carried out and at the meeting it was suggested that the next meeting previously planned for six months time should be brought forward to June. This was eventually decided against as TW in particular had by that time carried out sufficient work to justify that decision. The next public meeting is planned for 18th October at 9.30am at the Village Hall.

On Friday 22nd March three representatives of TW attended a meeting at 18 The Limes the home of Mr and Mrs Robin Mosedale. I also was present as were Cllrs Clive Bennett and Juliet Layton. This appeared to be a fact finding mission by TW despite Mr M having already kept other members of TW fully aware of the problems. At the meeting the history of the problems with backed up sewerage was recounted. It was apparently not known by TW representative present that the pipes had been jetted clean since the problems at Christmas (possibly when Redrow attempted to connect their new service pipe and found that the existing pipes were blocked?) The TW team lifted the cover to the inspection chamber outside No 18 into which the sewerage from the 150 new dwellings on the Mallards will be pumped. It seems that the effluent will be discharged under pressure into that chamber but from there it is expected to flow by gravity down the existing drains to the RFW pumping station. As the existing drains cannot deal with the foul water from less than 30 dwellings, the question was asked as to how can they cope with an extra 150?

We were informed that TW had their CCTV inspection team at Box Bush that same day and I insisted that they should move onto The Limes immediately they had finished at Box Bush. This was promised but as the unit broke down it did not arrive at The Limes until the following week.

According to information phoned (late 22nd March) and e-mailed to me (on 28th March) by Karen Nelson, Field services Manager – Western Region of TW, the CCTV inspections found no actual defects in the pipes at either area. However at The Limes TW had placed a stopper into the reception pipe from the Mallards into the chamber outside No 18. No reason given!

On 22nd March in her phone call to me, Ms Nelson informed me that the drains at Box Bush were found to be clear of blockages but were still full of water at the “top end” of the pipeline despite the river levels being almost back to normal and the fact that we had no rain for some time. I was told that Glos Highways were about to be informed that they needed to take action to prevent excessive surface water from the roadways from entering the system. So far I have heard nothing more on that aspect.

At the time of the Friday 22nd March meeting I had no details of how the Mallards drainage was designed except that TW had advised Redrow in their Sewer Impact Study (SMG 1108 E 4002 dated 13-16/03/12) that the best connection was into The Limes. According to the first map in that report, Redrow seems to have requested connection into the mains at Broadway Lane but were advised to connect into the pipeline at The Limes. No mention was made in that document of the relatively new rising mains and a marked omission was that of the new pumping station in Broadway Lane/The Lease. By good fortune Parish Council has access to the original plans showing the sewer system on the Mallards. The system was designed to flow by gravity from north to south into the reception tank near to the far end of the site close to the road entrance from Broadway Lane. From there it is designed to be pumped all the way back to The Limes connection, some 350M whereas the Broadway Lane/The Lease pumping station with its own 250mm rising main to Shorncote is probably only half that distance away.

Those of us involved over the last few weeks have an increasing feeling of unease over whether the pipelines in both Boxbush and The Limes are fit for purpose. They should not be causing the problems they have done and it is too much to expect Thames Water to give an unbiased report as if the systems are wrong it is they who will have to pay for the re-laying, etc.

Cllr Shaun Parsons and his colleagues at Shire Hall, working with our MP and also with members of CDC, favourably reacted to my suggestion that an independent survey of the pipelines in Boxbush and The Limes should be carried out. However, there is concern as to who would pay for such as expensive inspection.

Cllr Jay commended Cllr Stuart on the effort he had made in composing this thorough examination and providing the report. The Parish Council fully supported the efforts of Cllr Stuart.

Cllr Jay asked for support from his colleagues in agreeing to a resolution for the May Parish Council meeting to assess all responses received to this report and to consider a way forward. There was no objection to this appeal.

Since preparing the report to this point and presenting it to Parish Council last evening, I have been in conversation with Cllr Parsons and the following notes record developments.

On Thursday 12th April Cllr Parsons informed me that he has spoken with Mr David Graham at GCC and it has been suggested that rather than attempts be made by local authorities to have an independent survey of the faulty drains carried out, perhaps it is preferable to have OFWAT take action to achieve the same results. It is also suggested that such a request to OFWAT should come from our MP as he probably has more influence in

such matters. Cllr Parsons is about to speak with Mr Clifton-Brown and will report back later. However, we all agree that we should consult Mr Mosedale as it seems he has already taken steps along the same route.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Land reported that she and Cllr Webb had attended a Members Training event organised by Cirencester Town Council.

Cllr Mrs Land reported inconsiderate parking on roads and pavements especially near to the junction of the Leaze and Berkeley Close.

Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) reported that an emergency reaction exercise would take place in the local area on April 27th.

Cllr Jay reported that he had been part of a group who visited the offices of White Design Associates Ltd in Bristol. This company has been appointed as lead consultants and project architects for the Youth and Community building.

Cllr Jay reported that Chris Cowcher would visit him on Wednesday 17th April to discuss the Village Plan and how it might be displayed at the South Cerney Festival Weekend on 24th to 27th May.

Cllr Jenkins (CDC) gave his opinion of the recent investigation by the City of London police team into the allegations surrounding the fraudulent dealings at the Cotswold Water Park. He was convinced that the incident had more revelations to provide and did not believe that Dennis Grant was alone in being responsible for the fraud. Cllr Jenkins stated that although he would not be standing as a candidate in the forthcoming election for Gloucestershire County Council he would campaign for the electorate to vote only for those representatives that they could trust.

Cllr Stuart suggested that the Parish Council should consider engaging a professional firm to provide a specification for the refurbishment of the Upper Up car park. There was general agreement for this suggestion.

CERNEY NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Annual Parish Meeting
 Village Plan at Street Fair
 Eddie Curtis' notice to stop
 Availability to inspect War Memorial plans
 Community Speed Watch volunteers.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 10.25pm.