

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2013

Present: Chairman M. Stuart
 Vice Chairman P. Nicholas
 Parish Councillor Mrs F. Chapman
 Mrs E. Chubb
 J. Harris
 P. Jay
 Mrs C. Tunbridge
 R. Webb
 J. Layton (CDC)
 S. Parsons (GCC)
 Jai Cunningham (R-Way)
 Emily Hallett (R-Way)
 Jasmine Tresadern (R-Way)
 Megan Archer (Wilts & Glos Standard)

The Chairman Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed Megan Archer newly appointed press reporter for the Wilts and Glos Standard.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology as she was on vacation. Cllr Kimberley had sent an apology as he had domestic responsibilities to attend. Cllr Wearing had sent an apology for his absence as he was at work. Cllr Bennett (CDC) had sent his apology for absence.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MAY 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Harris that the minutes were a true and accurate record. The Parish Council was all in favour.

R-WAY REPORT

Jasmine Tresadern reported on the group's activities which had started back after the break on Monday 10th with a junior group session. There were many new members. The older group went off to Upper Up playing fields to play rounders. Chris Wearing and Jasmine had attended the second week of the last module of their course in Gloucester. A summer play scheme to be held on four mornings for a week in August is planned as a pilot. The whole group had a wide spread of ages from the youngest at 8 to the oldest at 20 years old. Cllr Jay and Cllr Stuart had met up with the group on 10th and had a very friendly welcome which both thoroughly appreciated. Cllr Jay stated that both Jasmine and Chris had 100% attendance record at their course which was extremely encouraging and he thanked CDC for providing the funding. He informed Emily Hallett that the events of the summer plan could go ahead as the projected costs were well within the Parish Council's budget.

MATTERS ARISING

Meeting with Mr Neudegg (3109)

Cllr Webb supported his criticism of a statement from Mr Neudegg who had stated that New Homes Bonus funding will be absorbed into the general fund at Cotswold District Council with a document which plainly stated that the funds should be applied to local communities. Cllr Nicholas asked Cllr Webb to write to Mr Neudegg with his evidence.

Street Fair (3118)

Cllr Stuart gave a big thanks to all those who had been on the stand at the Street Fair. There is a meeting planned for Tuesday 18th with Chris Cowcher (GRCC) to analyse the results.

Village Plan stand at Street Fair

Cllr Stuart reported that a good steady flow of people made useful suggestions for the new Village plan.

GCC Political Organisation (3118)

Cllr Nicholas was disappointed that the recent election of County Councillors had resulted in a minority administration as the political parties had been unable to agree.

Street Fair (3118)

Cllr Stuart wished to thank those Parish Councillors who had attended the stand at the Street Fair. A meeting with Chris Cowcher GRCC had been arranged for Tuesday 18th June.

CLERK'S REPORT

On Wednesday 15th May I attended the annual meeting of the Parish Council in the United Church.

On Wednesday 29th May along with Cllr Mrs Tunbridge we attended the annual briefing on the RIAT at Bader House, RAF Fairford. The briefing followed the pattern of previous years with minor changes, mostly to introduce new technology and the use of hard standing areas for parking and displays instead of using grassed areas. One new introduction was to follow the success of the meet and greet arrangements which had been used at the Olympics. The organisers are recruiting 36 for this year's show. A notable exception at the event will be the participation of USAF aircraft because of Pentagon cut backs. World wide the USAF will not participate in any shows although they will continue to allow the use of the facilities at RAF Fairford. Ex US military aircraft in private ownership may display. At the briefing it was announced that 18 nations have so far said that they will participate and nations include the different branches of any countries' military aircraft capabilities.

On Sunday 2nd June I attended a Thanksgiving Service at Gloucester Cathedral through invitation from Dame Janet Trotter, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire.

On Monday 3rd June I attended the meeting with Sir David John and Matthew Millett at the Village Hall. Nine members of the Parish Council were also there. A frank exchange of views ensued on the current performance of the Cotswold Water Park Trust and how its future is envisaged. The lease on Keynes Park expires on 10th December 2016 or earlier if the incumbent so desires. The CWPT will support any application for PROWs across Keynes Park. Water level issues remain unresolved between Lakes 31 and 32 and the CWPT as landlords has instructed the tenant to comply with the lease terms. It has also ordered that rubble on show should be removed from the banks. Regardless of these instructions the tenant has applied for planning permission to increase the water levels to enhance leisure activities at Keynes Park (CWPT had responded to Watermark's previous request to refuse their consent). Despite public perception, the CWPT does not have a lease with Thames Water on the Shorncote Reed beds although it continues to manage the site for public access/wildlife. Sir David John encouraged members of the public to complain directly to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 if they were inconvenienced by effluent or other obstructions on the PROW. Matthew Millett stated that £14,000 was available through the S.106 agreement of Lower Mill and this was intended for work on cycle routes. Cllr Nicholas asked Matthew if the flooded area in and around the railway bridge at Cerney Wick could be reduced as it was blocking the cycle route from the Spine Road to Cricklade, development of a circular cycle route was also mentioned. Refurbishment of the Riverside Park at Lechlade had been completed and hopefully this would give a boost to the Trust's income in the coming months. Improvements were needed at Neighbridge Country Park and CWPT has secured some initial funding from Hills Group but further funds would be required. The bird hide at Cleveland lake had been closed through vandalism. Progress was

continuing with the recovery of the money fraudulently taken by Dennis Grant although the return would be petty in comparison to that which had been stolen. Sir David John wished to see the Parish Panel survive as it provided a means of communication for the Trust with the local parishes. If six to eight major parishes in the Water Park could be enticed to support some sort of Neighbourhood Plan through input on decisions of Development and Mineral extraction control this could be a way forward and the CWPT would be happy to work with whatever structure works best for CWP parishes. Cllr Nicholas will liaise with Matthew Millett and David Neudegg, Chief Executive at CDC to see if there is genuine support for such a scheme. Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 9.10 pm thanking Sir David John, Matthew Millett and Parish Councillors for their attendance. It was agreed that another meeting in 6 months is arranged to continue the dialogue.

Cllr Nicholas requested that permission is sought from Matthew Millett to use the report in these Minutes on the meeting with CWPT.

During May of the 21 available working days I averaged 4 hours 30 minutes per day which is some 2½ hours a week in excess of my increased contract of 20 hours per week. I am content with the situation.

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE

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

Election of Chairman

As no nominations had been received the Clerk asked Cllr Stuart if he was willing to continue as Chairman. Cllr Stuart agreed to this request on the understanding that it was for one year only. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Chubb and seconded by Cllr Harris that Cllr Stuart continues as Chairman of the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee. The Committee voted all in favour.

Election of Vice Chairman

As no nominations had been received the Chairman asked Cllr Kimberley if he was willing to continue as Vice Chairman. Cllr Kimberley agreed to this request. It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tunbridge that Cllr Kimberley continues as Vice Chairman of the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee. The Committee voted all in favour.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Public Seat at Kingfisher Place (Pages 3111)

The public seat to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Coronation had been installed at Kingfisher Place. The seat at the junction of Broadway Lane and High Street had been replaced. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that payments be made to Glasdon UK Ltd as suppliers and R.O.W. Berry who installed the seat.

Rubbish on Broadway Lane in the vicinity of Lafarge complex (Page 3111)

Cllr Kimberley will report to the Parish Council on Wednesday if the rubbish had been removed from the hedgerows of Broadway Lane in the vicinity of the Redland plant.

Damage to telephone kiosk (Page 3111)

Recent repairs to the telephone kiosk had been in vain as vandals had again broken the glass. The Clerk will inform the BT authorities.

Upper Up car park refurbishment (Page 3111)

Cllr Stuart reported that he had spoken to Paul Swift Gloucestershire Highways (GH) regarding the responsibility for the maintenance of the apron entrance to the Upper Up playing fields. Paul Swift confirmed that GH were responsible up to the speed hump at the entrance. Cllr Harris was persuaded to take over sourcing a specification for the refurbishment of the car park surface.

Disguised gully in bank of river Churn in Bow Wow (Page 3112)

Scott Macaulay-Lowe replied by email that Cllr Parsons (GCC) had also reported the damage. Paul Swift had been asked to inspect the problem and arrange any repair work. Cllr Harris suggested that some form of warning marker is installed so that vehicle drivers were made aware of the gully that has been formed in the verge running into the river. It is at a point where the road is slightly wider and therefore used if cars need to pass. The verge gets driven on when vehicles are passing and the void could easily be driven into in such a situation.

Overgrowing hedge on north side of Northmoor Lane (Page 3112)

The Clerk was asked to contact Scott Macaulay-Lowe for definitive information on who is responsible for the maintenance of the overgrowing hedge on the north of Northmoor Lane in the vicinity of the entrance to the Golf Club.

Tree adjacent to Lime Tree Cottage (Page 3112)

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge remained unconvinced about the work carried out to the tree adjacent to Lime Tree Cottage and requested the Clerk to ask Paul Swift to speak to her about her concerns.

Broken Latch on gate to children's play area at Robert Franklin Way (Page 3112)

Cllr Harris confirmed that he had repaired the latch on the gate.

Drainage report and flooding survey (Page 3111)

Cllr Stuart reported that he was still working on the drainage report and flooding survey. Thames Water had carried out a survey from the inspection chamber outside the Old Police Station in Station Road to 18 The Limes. A meeting has been arranged with representatives of Thames Water, Cllr Parsons (GCC), Cllr Stuart among others for 17th June to discuss the outcome.

INSPECTION REPORTS**Robert Franklin Way**

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. Grass was noticed growing up through the mesh under the equipment. The Clerk will inform the ground maintenance contractor. A branch had broken off a tree on right towards Lake Side. The Clerk will ask suitable contractors for a quotation to remove it.

Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that the chains on the swings were now rusting badly and paint was flaking on the frame. The slide and activity area were awaiting refurbishment. All the bases were covered in moss. Generally the area can be described as "poor"; hedges and bushes need to be cut back. A Damson tree on the eastern boundary should be removed. The Clerk will ask suitable contractors for a quotation to remove it.

Upper Up

The Cricket Club had made good progress towards dealing with the waste soil but this needs to be tidied up. Cllr Stuart will speak with Grant Stratford on the subject. Weed growth around the tarmac area needs to be sprayed. The Clerk will inform the ground maintenance contractor. The paint on the seats in the Youth Shelter was chipped.

INTERIOR MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTER

The Clerk was to ask R.O.W. Berry and Peter Elphick to quote to paint the interior of the bus shelter in magnolia with white roof in a graffiti resistant paint if possible.

TENDER SPECIFICATION FOR ROLE OF LITTER PICKER

Cllr Stuart stated that Andy West was still very interested in the post as village litter picker. Various criteria were discussed for the Parish Council to amend or supplement as it sees fit at the meeting on Wednesday. 1. keep the village clear of litter as and when it appears; 2. respond to emergency calls and if appropriate charge a fixed fee; 3. wash out bus shelter every two weeks; 4. successful applicant to wear a high visibility jacket; 5. must have third party liability insurance; 6. job would be as a contractor to the Parish Council; 7. payment would be £100 per calendar month.

At the Parish Council meeting it was agreed that a delegation comprising Cllr Harris, Cllr Jay and Cllr Stuart would meet Andy West to discuss the details of this arrangement.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee recommended that the Finance Committee agrees the payments to Glasdon U.K. Ltd as suppliers and R.O.W. Berry as installer of the public seats at Kingfisher Place and the junction of High Street and Broadway Lane. The Committee also recommended that the Finance Committee agrees to the purchase of two signs for the entrance to the Upper Up car park displaying ownership and availability of attractions on the playing field.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge reported that she had been informed by Tony Squire that there was a hole in the pavement of the church path at Cerney Wick. Cllr Harris stated that he had been asked to fill it in.

Cllr Nicholas reported that there was a spillage of concrete on the highway in Clarks Hay at its junction with Meadow Way. The Clerk will inform Paul Swift.

Cllr Harris reported that there was a dead Cherry tree on the western side of Clarks Hay in the vicinity of Dave Hughes' house. The Clerk will ask suitable contractors for a quote to remove.

Cllr Stuart reported that there was a dying Thorn tree outside Langet End. The Clerk will ask Gloucestershire Highways who is the owner and if necessary ask suitable contractors for a quote to remove.

Cllr Kimberley reported that the rubbish bin outside the flats in Berkeley Close is full to overflowing and nappies are on the ground. The Clerk will inform Scott Williams at CDC.

Cllr Kimberley reported that the junction of Broadway Lane and Spine Road is very overgrown reducing the visibility to a dangerous condition.

As 9 out of the 11 Parish Councillors were present the Clerk asked for a sponsor and seconder to propose a change to the dates of the meetings in November. Instead of the scheduled events of the Committee meetings on 11th and Parish Council on 13th, the dates are brought forward a week to the 4th and 6th November. This would be four weeks after the meetings in October. Cllr Kimberley agreed to propose this change at the Wednesday meeting and Cllr Nicholas seconded the change.

Maj (Retd) R H D Martin, Station Staff Officer at Duke of Gloucester Barracks had emailed that unfortunately Lt.Col. Nanovo was unable to attend the private meeting arranged for Wednesday evening as he has to attend an exercise taking place on the Isle of Wight. Mr Martin offered to come in his stead but the assembled Parish Councillors decided that this was not necessary as another meeting had been arranged to discuss the provision of a footpath from the Barracks to South Cerney which would suffice. Another meeting with Lt Col Nanovo could be arranged when it was convenient. The Clerk will inform Mr Martin.

CORRESPONDENCE

Four quotations had been received for tree work as specified in the annual report. After analysis it was decided that the Committee would recommend to the Parish Council to use Arbor Tree Services as contractor.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.33 pm.

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2013

Cllr Jay, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting. Cllr Jay had opened the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Election of Chairman

As no nominations had been received the Clerk asked Cllr Jay if he was willing to continue as Chairman. Cllr Jay agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that Cllr Jay continues as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Committee voted all in favour.

Election of Vice Chairman

As no nominations had been received the Chairman asked Cllr Webb if he was willing to continue as Vice Chairman. Cllr Webb agreed to this request. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Stuart that Cllr Webb continues as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Committee voted all in favour.

Apology

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology for her absence as she was on vacation.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Cllr Jay as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Cllr Nicholas Vice Chairman signed letters to Barclays, HSBC and Santander informing each to send all communications to the Clerk.

Spreadsheet Analysis

The second spreadsheet was on target as expected.

Projects recommended by the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee

The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee had recommended that the Finance Committee agrees the payments to Glasdon U.K. Ltd as suppliers and R.O.W. Berry as installer of the public seats at Kingfisher Place and the junction of High Street and Broadway Lane. The Committee also recommended that the Finance Committee agrees to the purchase of two signs for the entrance to the Upper Up car park displaying ownership and availability of attractions on the playing field. The Finance Committee had no objection to either.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Harris proposed and Cllr Mrs Chubb seconded a motion that the Parish Council agrees to these schemes. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Payments Out

Petty Cash	Postage	£30.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (May)	£38.80
M. McKee	O ² contract (May)	£10.83
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (May)	£53.95
M. McKee	SLCC Branch Meeting (Highnam)	£5.00
Peter Jay	Members expenses for architects visit	£7.18
Thames Water Utilities Ltd	Upper Up playing fields water supply	£21.04
Mudway Workman Ltd	Marquee hire (Street Fair)	£1,734.00
White Design Associates Ltd	Design services Stages ABC (1 of 3)	£4,305.60
PATA Payroll Services	April/May/June	£27.00
Julia Cunningham	Youth work (May)	£131.75
Emily Hallett	Youth work (April/May)	£424.32
Kelvin Wearing	Work on compost (May)	£120.00
Kelvin Wearing	Transport for youth training (May)	£67.50
Glasdon UK Ltd	2 Phoenix seats	£875.45
R.O.W. Berry	Fit two benches as per quotation	£435.00
John Hicks	Annual play grounds and equipment inspection	£190.08
A.W. Services	Groundwork/grass cutting (May)	<u>£1,867.00</u>
		£10,344.50

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

At the Parish Council meeting it was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Parish Council makes the above payments. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Payments In

South Cerney Football Club	Water supply (share)	£10.52
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Payments Outstanding

South Cerney Cricket Club	Water supply (share)	£10.52
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Internal Audit of Parish Council accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Committee approves the annual return of the accounts for year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 and recommends to the Parish Council that the internally audited accounts are passed to the external auditor for inspection. The Committee was all in favour.

At the Parish Council meeting it was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Parish Council agrees to pass the accounts to Grant Thornton LLP for audit. The Parish Council was all in favour.

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 9 pm.

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2013

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

Election of Chairman

As no nominations had been received the Clerk asked Cllr Nicholas if he was willing to continue as Chairman. Cllr Nicholas agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman that Cllr Nicholas continues as Chairman of the Planning Committee. The Committee voted all in favour.

Election of Vice Chairman

As no nominations had been received the Chairman asked Cllr Webb if he was willing to continue as Vice Chairman. Cllr Webb agreed to this request. It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that Cllr Webb continues as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. The Committee voted all in favour.

Apology

Cllr Mrs Land had sent an apology for her absence as she was on vacation.

Planning Applications received by Cotswold District Council

13/00546/FUL (NEW DETAILS)

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

MAINTAIN OBJECTION – application refused permission

13/01003/FUL

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

Proposal: Retrospective permission for rear fence and re-sited garden store/summer house at 3 Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE (R)

NO OBJECTION ratified

13/01455/LBC

Applicant: Mr Patrick Fryer, 21 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney GL7 5TG

Proposal: Alterations to rear lean-to including replacement doors, flue, extract and changes to internal layout at 4 Highnam Cottages, School Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TU

NO OBJECTION agreed

13/01667/OUT

Applicant: Kate McClean, c/o Agent Mr Jamie Lewis, Hunter Page Planning, 18 High Street, Cheltenham GL50 1DZ

Proposal: Demolition of barns and erection of up to 22 residential units (of which up to 50% would be affordable) on land at Broadway Farm, Down Ampney

NO OBJECTION agreed

13/01685/FUL

Applicant: Watermark Leisure Ltd, Isis Lakes, Spine Road, South Cerney

Proposal: Full application for Amendment to previously approved scheme of bank improvement works and habitat creation (planning application 12/00962/FUL) to include works to increase the height of the existing weir at Cotswold Country Park and Beach, Lake 31, Spratsgate Lane, Somerford Keynes

Decision postponed until Wednesday. Clerk to ask Matthew Millett for his objections.

The Parish Council at its meeting agreed to support and echo the objections of the Cotswold Water Park Trust and emphasised that the proposed channel arrangement between Lake 31 and Lake 32 is woeful and should instead be properly piped. Further, rather than the water level being increased it should be reduced by 50cms. The Parish Council had met with Sir David John Chairman of CWPT and Matthew Millett on 3rd June and strongly endorsed the objection.

1. Damage to an existing Great Crested Newt population

The current high water levels within the lake have caused the Lake (Lake 31) to overtop its banks and flood into a nearby pond located on the Lake's western bank. The pond was created by the Cotswold Water Park Trust several years ago for educational sessions.

Following construction this pond was colonised by a population of Great Crested Newts, which is a legally protected species. Newts are particularly vulnerable to predation by fish (which prevent breeding success by eating newt eggs) and therefore rarely flourish in ponds that contain fish. The Lake is known to contain fish which, because of the high water levels, can now gain access to the pond and its newts. It is therefore quite likely that the increased water levels are having a damaging effect to the existing newt population and is why that, in our view, the lake should be allowed to return to its historical level removing the connection between it and the pond.

2. Bank erosion on the northern shore of Lake 31

In March 2013, the Trust became aware that the Northern bank of Lake 31 had become badly eroded in two places. We believe that this erosion was caused by wave action acting in combination with the current high water levels. These two factors resulted in waves hitting the bank at vulnerable points that had not been subject to wave action in the past. We are therefore concerned that if the high water levels were to continue then further bank erosion will occur. Lake 31 forms part of the Cotswold Country Park & Beach which is a public attraction. Visitors to the Park can currently walk around the Lake on a perimeter path which sits on top of the bank subject to erosion. It is our view that further bank erosion would cause damage to, and potentially closure of, the path with subsequent loss of amenity value to Park users.

3. Long-term drop in water levels

In the longer term we know that the dewatering of the adjacent quarry into Lake 31 will cease. When this happens it is inevitable that the level of Lake 31 will drop significantly. If the Lake was to be retained at its current higher water level then it would be logical to assume that its level will drop further once pumping stops. The Trust's concern is that this increased drop in future water levels will not only harm the appearance of the lake but also leave areas to be restored as bankside wildlife habitat high and dry.

The Cotswold Water Park Trust has written to the applicant to express these concerns and has requested that the applicant rethinks this application.

OBJECTION agreed

13/01848/FUL

Applicant: Mr Derek Harrison, Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5TH

Proposal: Erection of new garage at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney (R)

NO OBJECTION subject to Parish Council ratification

13/01909/PPROW (No COMMENTS)

Applicant: Public Rights Of Way, Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester

Proposal: Proposed creation of a restricted byway at Ham Lane in the Parish of South Cerney

NO COMMENT required

13/01961/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Faulkner, Merlins, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling at Laburnum, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR

NO OBJECTION agreed

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman that the Parish Council agrees with the above decisions. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Mrs Chubb declared a prejudicial interest in this next proposal as she was one of the applicants and left the room. Cllr Mrs Tunbridge also declared a prejudicial interest as a relative of Mrs Chubb and both left the room.

13/01937/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Chubb, Box Bush Farm, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UB
 Proposal: Erection of pitched roof over single storey flat roof at Box Bush Farm, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UB

The Committee was intrigued as to how the applicant was going to match the stone tiles with reconstituted tiles.

Mrs Chubb had explained that after consultation with Mr Bendall (CDC Planning Officer), he had informed her that it was possible to source suitable reconstituted tiles.

NO OBJECTION agreed

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council does not object to this application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge returned to the room.

Planning Applications granted by Cotswold District Council**12/03409/COMPLY**

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

Proposal: Compliance with conditions 17 (waste and recycling), 20 (external materials) and 21 (fire hydrants) and 37 (lighting) – 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, South Cerney GL7 5TQ

12/04239/FUL CT.6216/F

First floor extension and internal alterations to create a 13 bedroom hotel and single storey extension to the existing public house including provision of entrance lobby and new toilets at Crown Inn, The Street, Cerney Wick

13/00980/FUL CT.2648/4/X

Amendments to a previously approved development of holiday lodges and leisure facilities (05/02501/FUL). (Variation to condition 3 of permission 10/03961/FUL for the alteration to the siting of plots 16, 26 and 50 including the omission of peninsular) at Summer Lake, Lake 11, Spine Road East, South Cerney

13/01715/TPO TPO REF: TPO.394

Sycamore tree in rear garden: Reduce height by 3 metres and radial crown spread by 1–1.5m at 5 Meadow Way, South Cerney

13/01951/TCONR

T.1 – Willow tree – remove four branches back to the main trunk on land parcel E404887 N197071 Meadow Way, South Cerney

Planning Application refused by Cotswold District Council**13/00546/FUL CT.2790/L**

Erection of a dwelling, formation of shared access. Increase in height of boundary wall to 1.8m high at Kingfisher, Station Road, South Cerney

1. The proposed development for the erection of the dwelling would result in overdevelopment of an existing residential plot. The development would have a poor layout

resulting in an unacceptable and disproportionately small amenity area to the rear of the proposed dwelling and an area to the front of the dwelling which would be dominated by car parking. The development would have a cramped appearance and would be out of keeping with the character the existing dwelling and appearance of the street scene. The proposal would fail to accord with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 42 and 46 and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework including paragraphs 17, 56 & 64.

2. The proposal fails to provide a safe and suitable access for all by virtue of the relocation of the access to the west which reduces the available emerging vehicular visibility below that recommended in local guidance without supporting justification to demonstrate that the available visibility is commensurate with the speed of the road. In addition the proposal seeks to intensify the use of the access exacerbating the highway safety problem raised above. As such the proposal is contrary to Local Plan Policy 38 and paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Local Plan Consultation Paper: Preferred Development Strategy

Cllr Nicholas gave a comprehensive explanation of the strategy. There were various inconsistencies and references to the discredited Water Park Master Plan. Some of the terminology used was incomprehensible. There were inaccurate statements throughout which would be needed to be corrected. Overall it was decided that an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be required to compose an inclusive response. The Parish Council was encouraged to create its own Neighbourhood Plan to protect itself from imposed decisions from the higher authority. The deadline for responses to the strategy was 19th July.

The Housing Land Assessment will need to be critically assessed and alternatives proposed. Parking of cars at the industrial estate and adjacent roads will also have to be addressed.

At the Parish Council meeting it was agreed that an extraordinary meeting to discuss the detail of the strategy be held on Wednesday 26th June at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Correspondence

Mrs Joy King had copied a query to CDC about a neighbour who had created an enlarged entrance. CDC was not concerned as a previous query for the change did not require permission.

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

LOCALISM AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING CONFERENCE, ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Cllr Nicholas volunteered to attend this conference on 24th October at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester at a cost of £60. The Parish Council was minded to agree.

ALTERATION TO DATES OF NOVEMBER MEETINGS

It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the dates of the November meetings are brought forward by one week. The Committees will meet on Monday 4th and the Parish Council on Wednesday 6th November. The Parish Council was all in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Agreement to serve on Burial Authority acceptance received from: Canon Rev D. Bowers, Graham James, Tony Squire, Roger Webb and Richard Wrightson

2. Agreement to serve on Youth and Community Centre sub committee acceptance received from: David Coope, Peter Jay, Patrick Mills, Philip Nicholas and David Smith
3. Quotations to carry out tree maintenance as per the inspection report had been received from: A. W. Services, Arbor Tree Care, Paul Ponting and Josef Rose
The Parish Council agreed that Arbor Tree Care is selected as the preferred contractor
4. Royal Names (Cabinet Office) – No objection to the proposed wording on the commemorative seat at Kingfisher Place (emailed to Committee)
5. Cotswold Water Park Trust – Grateful acknowledgement for grant to assist with erection and installation of a new notice board at Bridge car park
6. Gloucestershire Highways – John Kay details of personnel involved in winter maintenance and/or adverse weather (emailed to Committee members). Information to be returned to originator
7. Cotswold Water Park Parish Panel – Recommendations and conclusions; Parish Panel report; Terms of Reference; Summary of parish responses (emailed to Parish Councillors)
8. Cotswold Sign Co. Ltd. – Quotation for composite signs for Upper Up entrance
The Clerk will inform Cotswold Sign Co. Ltd to make the signs
9. Thames Water Utilities – The proposed Thames Tideway Tunnel and how it could affect your wastewater bill
10. GPFA – Available grants from Protecting Playing Fields Fund: Application timetable and relevant criteria (emailed to Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee)
11. Joy King – Copy email to CDC Planning regarding groundwork to an area to rear of 30 Broadway Lane, South Cerney
12. PATA – Revised terms and conditions to account for extra work required to comply with new RTI regulations from HMRC. Signatures required
Cllr Jay Chairman of Finance Committee and Cllr Nicholas Vice Chairman of Finance Committee had signed the terms and conditions which the Clerk will return to PATA
13. Cotswold District Council – Comments required on Preferred Development Strategy. Public consultation will last until 5pm Friday 19th July 2013. Planning Committee agenda item. Documents on circulation to all Parish Council members
14. Harry Dyer – Young Leader development sponsorship request
15. Ian Nelson – Street Fair report on Cycle Skills
16. Cotswold Water Park Trust – Objection to 13/01685/FUL: Amendment to previously approved scheme of bank improvement works and habitat creation to include works to increase the height of the existing weir

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge reported that she had attended the RIAT briefing at RAF Fairford, attended at the stand during the Street Fair and the meeting with Sir David John and Matthew Millett. Cllr Mrs Tunbridge reported that many fly posting advertisements were on display throughout the village. The Clerk will remind the Red Onion Catering Company that it is contrary to planning law and should be removed.

Cllr Jay reported that he had attended a Street Fair committee meeting on 9th May. He had voluntarily cleaned and washed out the bus shelter on 13th and 29th May and again on 5th June. On 28th May he had attended a WILD project water meeting at Siddington. Cllr Jay

stated that he had adopted the status response for the defibrillator. Cllr Kimberley had volunteered to stand in for him when he was unavailable. He had made his first report on Thursday 30th May and will continue on a weekly basis on Friday starting on 7th June. Cllr Mrs Tunbridge will ask Charles Oakey if he would be prepared to volunteer.

Cllr Jay then asked Cllr Mrs Layton (CDC) and Cllr Parsons if they had any information on the forthcoming Electoral Review of the Cotswolds. Cllr Parsons said that it would be possible to make a submission to the Boundary Commission when the consultation was announced.

Cllr Harris reported that he had attended the meeting with Sir David John and Matthew Millett to discuss events at the Cotswold Water Park.

Cllr Harris then gave an account of what he had been able to achieve from suppliers of plastic modules suitable for car park surfaces. His research was incomplete and it was agreed to make it an agenda item for the next Committee meeting of the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance. Cllr Stuart said that it was important that a detailed specification was drawn up before contractors could be contacted for a quotation.

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that she had attended the meeting with Sir David John and Matthew Millett to discuss events at the Cotswold Water Park.

Cllr Mrs Chubb reported that she had attended the meeting with Sir David John and Matthew Millett to discuss events at the Cotswold Water Park.

Cllr Stuart congratulated all those who were involved in the Street Fair. It was a marvellous event. The Cycle Race was a great success and hopefully will become a regular event. The Sunday morning cycle event for youngsters at Upper Up was attended by 45 children and well organised by Ian Nelson. This event is one that could be enlarged to include more cycling matters.

Cllr Stuart continued: on Monday 13th May, he attended a meeting at 18 The Limes with Mr and Mrs Mosedale, Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC), Dave Graham (GCC) plus representatives of Thames Water (TW) to discuss the ongoing drainage problems in the Limes. It was a long and complicated meeting but achieved agreement from TW that a detailed survey of the drains in The Limes would be carried out in the very near future. That survey was carried out the following week and another meeting arranged for next Monday to hear the “official” results. If the results are as we understand them to be the group will be insisting on TW giving details of how it intends to rectify any faults and a set timescale of when those works will be completed. If the results are as expected, it will be insisted that a similar detailed survey is carried out on the sewers from Box Bush to Robert Franklin Way pumping station.

On Tuesday 4th June Cllr Stuart met Paul Swift of Gloucestershire Highways (GH) to discuss several on-going problems regarding highways and flooding risks especially in the Upper Up area. As well as dealing with the responsibility for the repair of the tarmac at the entrance to the Upper Up car park, he discussed the responsibility for the repair to the broken drain at the entrance to the field to the west of River Way. This causes considerable amounts of storm water to discharge onto the highway adding to the problems such as were experienced last Christmas. Paul informed Cllr Stuart that it is the landowner’s responsibility to keep such drains repaired. Cllr Stuart found out that one of the owners now lives in Driffield and he will write to him requesting a meeting on site to see how we can deal with this problem. Paul also wishes to work with Gloucestershire Constabulary in dealing with on-road parking in Broadway Lane.

On Wednesday 5th June Cllr Stuart met PC Neil Lightfoot and Mike Barton GCC PROW at Neil’s request to discuss a tricky situation that had developed at Clay Meadow fields. The new owner has reported several incidents of “criminal damage” to her recently erected

fencing and to various notices she had put up along the roadside warning of mud. The police are taking these complaints very seriously and assured Cllr Stuart that action will definitely be taken against anyone caught doing such damage but catching the culprits will be difficult.

It seems that the roadside signs were there for the duration of the building works and have since been removed ending the risk of further problems. The criminal damage to fences and barriers has seemingly continued especially at the end of the narrow PROW where it abuts onto the old railway embankment. For some reason the landowner insists on attempting to stop people going from her land onto the neighbours rail track which has been walked for decades by folk from both Cerney and Siddington and beyond. It is probably a favoured circular route for walkers especially from Siddington. Cllr Stuart could not ascertain if damage is being caused to other structures on her property.

Cllr Stuart suggested to Neil and Mike that perhaps the new owner might consider stopping her attempts to block the route onto the railway embankment leaving it to the neighbouring landowners to take whatever action they considered to be appropriate. Of course the land where the footpath abuts onto the railway is actually owned by Bathurst Estates and rented to Mrs Kendal-Smyth.

The police asked if Cllr Stuart could use his local knowledge to persuade representatives of the group which is leading the application, to have various one time Permitted Pathways adopted as PROWS, to meet with Neil to give their point of view on the situation. Cllr Stuart explained that it would be a very difficult task as feelings were running extremely high and both sides are deeply entrenched. This view was confirmed as later the same day as Cllr Stuart reported that he did meet one of the people concerned and was told in no uncertain words that there was no way in which they would meet the police. Their attitude is that they will continue with the application. This is a very complicated and worrying situation but one in which Cllr Stuart suggests that this Parish Council has little influence.

Cllr Stuart continued that the Annual Parish Meeting on the 15th May was probably one of the best we have had with a good amount of involvement from members of the public.

Finally, Cllr Stuart asked the Parish Council to consider congratulating everyone involved in the organisation and the running of the excellent Festival Weekend which was a resounding success. The Parish Council was all in favour.

CERNEY NEW ITEMS

Members of committees
 Congratulations to Street Fair Committee
 R-Way's progress
 Jasmine and Chris course project progress.

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