

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Chairman M. Stuart
 Vice Chairman P. Nicholas
 Parish Councillor Mrs F. Chapman
 Mrs E. Chubb
 J. Harris
 P. Jay
 Mrs D. Land
 Mrs C. Tunbridge
 R. Webb
 Ms J. Layton (CDC)
 S. Parsons (GCC)
 J. Tresadern (R Way)
 R. Cowley
 Two members of the public

Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Kimberley had sent an apology for his absence as he was not well.

Cllr Wearing had sent an apology for his absence.

Cllr Bennett (CDC) had sent an apology as he was otherwise engaged

The Chairman Cllr Stuart agreed to a suggestion from Cllr Jay that the report of the Personnel Committee is promoted in the agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Appointment of Clerk to the Parish Council of South Cerney and Cerney Wick.

Following the closing date of Friday 23rd January, the Personnel Committee Cllrs Land, Jay, Stuart, Tunbridge and Webb met on Wednesday 28th to draw up a shortlist of candidates. It was decided to interview three candidates on Thursday 5th February in the Village Hall. Questions to be asked were discussed and a grid drawn up with each councillor taking responsibility for one question area with the understanding that each candidate would be asked the same questions such that the grid could be used as a simple score chart. The three candidates were invited to interview by telephone with a following confirmatory email. Telephone references had been taken up on Monday 2nd February.

On Thursday 5th February councillors met at the Village Hall at 09:00 hours and interviews were conducted at 09:30, 10:30 and 11:30. The current clerk attended as an observer and he answered any questions that the candidates directed at him. Candidates were given adequate time to ask their own questions and in each case the salary structure was explained.

Councillors adjourned to the Eliot Arms for lunch and spent over an hour debating the virtues of each candidate. It should be said that each candidate had qualities which would have ensured a successful appointment if only one candidate had come for interview.

Eventually the Personnel Committee came to a unanimous decision and on Friday the clerk contacted Mr Robert Cowley of 3 Broadway Lane, South Cerney, offering him the post of the Parish Clerk with effect from 1st March 2015. Mr Cowley's salary will be based on 30 hours pro rata of a 37 hour week starting on the LC2 scale point 26 rising to point 38 subject to annual review. The clerk has contacted all unsuccessful candidates including those not shortlisted, thanking them for their interest.

The Personnel Committee now seeks ratification from the full council so that a smooth handover can be scheduled.

The Chairman, Cllr Stuart commended the Personnel Committee on the professional way it carried out the selection process for the new clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that Robert Cowley be appointed Clerk to the Parish Council with effect from 1st March 2015. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2015

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

R-WAY REPORT

Jasmin Tresadern reported that the activities of the group were developing well under the guidance of Johnno Kimberley. Johnno is introducing a more constructive program including internet security. James Maher has joined as a new member of the supervising team.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that had not been dealt with by the Committees.

CLERK'S REPORT

On Thursday 5th february I attended the interviews for the new clerk in the Village Hall. During January of the 13 available working days I averaged 5 hours 40 minutes per day which is considerably more than my contract of 20 hours per week allows for. As always when I take a break communications continue by email and the normal postal service.

CORRESPONDENCE Item 16

The Chairman proposed that discussion of item 16 of Correspondence be dealt with next as a member of the public was present with a particular interest in this item. The Parish Council was in full agreement.

16. CDC – Advance notice of planning applications as CDC intends to apply for the old SITA site to be used for parking and maintenance of its refuse wagons etc and for the processing of waste materials had been emailed to all Parish Councillors
The Planning Committee had recommended that the Parish Council considers favourably the offer from Cotswold District Council to hold a public consultation on the issue. Cllr Ms Layton (CDC) stated that the planning department were not aware of an actual application at the moment. The Parish Council agreed with its Planning Committee that the Clerk informs CDC that the Parish Council are in favour of a public consultation.

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2015

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

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Flooding

Cllr Stuart and Cllr Harris had attended a meeting of the flooding agencies on Friday 6th February. Cllr Harris made the report at the Parish Council meeting.

Good attendance for this invitation only meeting with Marc Goldby of Bromford Housing conspicuous by his absence. He also did not attend the meeting of the Cotswold Flood Action group in December last.

Points worth recording:

Culverts under highway by Cross Roads Farms: one large pipe is clear but bowed and could need renewing in the future although it seems to be still working. Two more pipes slightly to west of main pipe will be jet cleaned week commencing 23.02.15 by Gloucestershire Highways (GH).

Culvert from Shorncote reed beds under Ashton Keynes road. Thames Water has removed some of the obstructions from the roadside ditch on west side but need to remove more when conditions improve. Too wet at present to get machines to the area. Jenny Phelps will test water for phosphate levels and report back to Thames Water.

School Lane West: Piling and back fill has proved to be working and is secure for “up to 400 years” according to Richard Gray who also said that the utilities Scottish and Southern Electricity have now suggested £48K as the cost of diverting their overhead cables before permanent works to river bank can start! Talks are ongoing.

School Lane East: Removal of gravel by Environment Agency (EA) and the insertion of more planks in the Fanshawe flood hatches has definitely improved the situation but until we have severe rainfall we will not know if that is satisfactory.

CDC (Laurence King – LK) and GH feel that to raise the level of the river bank between the water and the highway with a pipe set in at the present ground level could help reduce surface flooding of the roadway. Still talking about it.

Our suggestion of the waterproof sheeting being hung on hooks set in the walls of the two cottages most affected by flooding last winter was treated with a certain level of disdain! LK said it was very Heath Robinson and he will “look at more acceptable solutions which comply with PLP” (whatever that means!).

Cllr Stuart asked if any of those present knew of any sluice gates/flood hatches upstream which could be releasing extra water down the Churn in time of high water levels. It seems that there is a property owner near Cirencester who does raise and lower their sluice gates. CDC and EA both are in talks to attempt to ensure there is no increase in our being flooded by those actions. The word Training was used.

Boxbush: as Bromford failed to attend the meeting we have no idea what if anything is being done by them regarding the proposed bund. Cllr Harris has attempted to contact the man since (Marc Goldby) – but has heard nothing. EA were not very forthcoming with support for a bund beside the river at Boxbush. Cllr Parsons (GCC – SP) wants to get all parties working together to get something done and is suggesting that residents apply for grant aid assistance from CDC funds even though properties were not flooded.

EA intend to remove gravel from the pool at junction of Churn and mill stream by Boxbush/Robert Franklin Way (RFW) but need access across the paddock and fine weather to do the job.

Station Road/High Street: TW have completed their works and confirmed that the emergency pumping facility is available should it be needed. They also stated that they have been carrying out repairs to several of their installations during the extensive inspections/surveys carried out since the last floods.

Still a problem with private drains being open to excessive surface water and they cannot demand that owners carry out remedial works.

Bow Wow: the two poplar trees are to be removed possibly week commencing 23.02.15.

Eroded banks to river and mill stream were discussed and Cllr Stuart got the impression that all parties were using delaying tactics as the cost of improvements will be high. Again riparian owners were quoted as being responsible but no records seem to exist of who actually those people happen to be.

RFW spillway: Both GH and EA seem to be battling this task between them. GH say they await approval from EA who in turn say they have given it in general terms but are awaiting further technical details from GH/Ameys.

Station Road drains to Lake 16: now done and seemingly working but await heavy rainfall before rejoicing!

Upper Up Humps and Bumps (3453, 3464)

There had been no further contact from the group who had attended the Committee meeting in December with their plans to redesign the Upper Up humps and bumps.

Ground Maintenance (pages 3357, 3378, 3385, 3398, 3412, 3426, 3444, 3453, 3464, 3466)

A.W. Services had emailed that he intended to recover underpayment of his invoices through action in the Small Claims Court.

Triathlon Event (pages 3427, 3445, 3464)

Cllr Harris requested that this item remains one of Matters Arising. Graeme Hardy had e-mailed both Cllr Stuart and Cllr Nicholas requesting a meeting to discuss this year's event.

Ham Lane/Sudeley Drive ramp (pages 3357, 3378, 3385, 3398, 3412, 3414, 3425, 3444, 3453, 3464)

Cllr Stuart had made contact with a Redrow representative and arranged a meeting which had subsequently been cancelled. Further contact with Redrow was awaited.

Ham Lane Bollards (pages 3428, 3445, 3453, 3465)

Cllr Kimberley was actively researching different types of bollards and would make a further report at the meeting on Wednesday evening. As this was an agenda item it was discussed later.

Upper Up car park (pages 3446, 3454, 3465)

N.B. Hartell had informed the Clerk that he expected to start work on the car park early in March. Cllr Stuart asked the Clerk to enquire when precisely would work begin as it would be necessary to issue notices to users that the car park will be out of use during the refurbishment work. Neil Hartell had contacted Cllr Stuart to explain that there would be a further delay in starting the work as the weather had stalled his plans. Mr Hartell will keep the Parish Council informed.

Emergency Resilience Plan (pages 3454, 3465)

Cllr Harris reported that he had been in contact with Helen Richards at GRCC and a meeting will be arranged at which Helen will give guidance and advice.

Steel Storage Bin (page 3465)

Cllr Stuart had been in contact with several suppliers and from his analysis has recommended a reconditioned unit supplied by Mini Mobile Containers at a cost of £1,675 plus to include delivery and lock. After some discussion the Committee agreed to recommend the purchase of this item to the Finance Committee. There would be a further expense involved in preparing a block stand to support the container and for the actual positioning of the container at the site. Cllr Harris would prepare a specification for tender. Cllr Stuart informed the Parish Council that the base of the container is 10' x 8'.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Upper Up

Cllr Stuart had carried out the inspections. Temporary repairs to the car park surface had proved to be very successful.

Robert Franklin Way

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge and Cllr Mrs Chubb had carried out the inspection. Cllr Mrs Chubb had brought her completed report to the meeting on Wednesday. There were no outstanding matters to report.

Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman had carried out the inspection but had not brought her report to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Chapman will forward it later to the Clerk.

HAM LANE BOLLARDS

At the Committee meeting Cllr Harris had declared a prejudicial interest as a potential contractor and left the room.

The Committee had agreed to accept a recommendation from Cllr Kimberley to purchase three medium duty bollards with locks but without handles. At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Harris asked if combinations locks could be specified and the Clerk would enquire if these were available. R.O.W. Berry had provided the lowest quote for installation and the Clerk will arrange for the bollards to be delivered to Mr Berry in due course.

Cllr Harris had returned to the room.

Cllr Harris will spray blue paint to mark the position of the bollards, two at the northern end of Ham Lane and one at the southern end central between the gate posts. Since the Committee meeting the Clerk had found out that the medium style bollard does not comply with current legislation and to do so the heavy duty type will be needed.

TREE REPORT

Cllr Harris had carried out a tree report throughout the village and prepared a specification of work needed. The Clerk had sent it out to eight prospective contractors, four of which responded.

Prior to the quotations being analysed Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest as a potential contractor and left the room.

R.O.W. Berry had quoted the lowest for the work specified and the Committee will recommend that the Finance Committee agree to his selection as contractor for the work.

Cllr Harris returned to the room.

TASK LIST

On 15th January Cllr Harris and Cllr Stuart had discussions with Lianne Butler, Communications & Engagement Manager at Amey Gloucestershire and Paul Swift about outstanding work required to banks of river Churn through Bow Wow.

On 23rd January Paul Swift had confirmed that the removal of the two poplars would take place shortly. Paul Ponting had been commissioned to do the work.

At a meeting of the flooding forum on Friday 6th February Denise Kinsella, Thames Water stated that work to relieve flooding of the reed beds at the sewerage works would take place when conditions improve.

The Clerk was asked to enquire from Neil Hartell precisely when he intended to start work on the refurbishment of the car park at Upper Up as users would have to be notified prior to its inevitable closure during the contract.

The Clerk was to inform Mike Barton Amey Gloucestershire PROW that the flight of steps leading from the Alpaca farm to the canal path had been reported as very dangerous.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that Mini Mobile Containers supply a reconditioned steel storage container to include a lock and delivery.

On analysis of the four contractors who had quoted for the tree work contract it was decided to recommend R.O.W. Berry as the contractor as he had provided the lowest quotation.

Bollards UK supply 3 bollards of heavy type with out locks at £98 ex VAT.

Two contractors had quoted to install the bollards in Ham Lane. The Committee had agreed to recommend R.O.W. Berry as the contractor as he had provided the lowest quotation.

It was recommended that Cllr Harris is given permission to replace three Oak trees which had perished at the Upper Up tree planting scheme.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Harris reported unfavourable comments he had been subjected to regarding the wall at the river bank side of The Downings, Church Lane. Yvonne Poole, CDC Enforcement Officer had informed Cllr Stuart that as the wall did not exceed 1 metre in height, planning permission was not necessary.

Matters regarding action by Bromford Housing in Box Bush to alleviate potential flooding need to be resolved. Cllr Harris will contact Marc Golby to request that he update the Parish Council on any progress from Bromford Housing, regarding the river bank bund design.

Cllr Harris reported that three Oak trees would need to be replaced at the Upper Up tree planting scheme at a cost of £95 in accordance with the replacement policy.

Cllr Nicholas noted that the poppies around the War Memorial needed to be tidied up. Cllr Jay will liaise with the Ann Edwards school. Cllr Nicholas also pointed out that stone work at the War Memorial had suffered, probably through frost damage. Cllr Harris and Cllr Stuart will inspect and report their findings to the Parish Council.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.28pm.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2015

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

Cllr Jay noted that expenditure shown on the tenth spreadsheet was as expected.

Payments Out

A	Cotswold Forest School	Youth work (January)	£249.92
B	Maurice McKee	Clerk's travel (January)	£43.55
C	Maurice McKee	BT telephone, internet access (January)	£45.09
C	Maurice McKee	O ₂ contract (January)	£9.00
E	Petty Cash	Postage	£30.00
E	Peter Jay	Reimbursement for Personnel committee expenses	£70.15
L	SLCC Glos/S. Glos	AGM	£15.00
M	R.O.W. Berry	Bench repair; replace post at Upper Up car park	£220.00

Q	A. B. West	Litter collection & bus stop cleaning (January)	£100.00
R	SLCC	Membership renewal subscription	£167.00
V	Geldards LLP	Professional fees in respect to 3rd party rights	£2,253.00
S-S	Method Consulting LLP	Stage F Design – January 2015	£1,200.00
S-S	White Design Associates Ltd	Stage E/F Design	£2,864.40
S-S	Ridge & Partners LLP	Cost management services	£660.00
S-S	Mach Acoustics Ltd	Community Centre – Acoustic consultancy	£1,350.00
S-S	Integral Engineering Design Ltd	Stage F Design	£4,800.00
U-U	Kelvin Wearing	Work on compost (4 sessions in January)	<u>£96.00</u>
		Sub Total :	£14,173.11

Cllr Jay checked the Clerk's expenses and other invoices against the list and had found all but one in order. The Clerk was asked to have Method Consulting LLP clarify its invoice for £1,200. It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Jay that the Committee agrees, subject to clarification, to recommend the above payments to the Parish Council. The Committee was all in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payments with the exception of the payment to Method Consulting LLP. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest in this final payment and left the room.

U-U	James Harris Contracting	Gravel to Upper Up car park entrance	<u>£200.00</u>
		Total :	£14,373.11

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

Cllr Harris returned to the room.

Payments In

Mr & Mrs Townsend	Parish Council tree planting scheme	£155.00
K. & Mrs S. E. Wearing	Parish Council tree planting scheme	£155.00
Mrs S. Musto	Parish Council tree planting scheme	£155.00
Digger Uppers	Ground maintenance August/September/October	<u>£60.00</u>
		£525.00

Project recommendations from Playing Fields & Village Maintenance Committee for acceptance

The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee had recommended that the Finance Committee agreed that:

- (i) Mini Mobile Containers supply a reconditioned steel storage container to include a lock and delivery at a cost of £1,675 ex VAT
- (ii) R.O.W. Berry be appointed as the contractor for the tree work as specified for £185
- (iii) Bollards UK supply 3 bollards of heavy type with out locks at £98 ex VAT
- (iv) R.O.W. Berry be contracted to install the bollards in Ham Lane for £125

The Finance Committee had no objections to these recommendations.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council ratifies the decision of its Finance Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest in this next project and left the room.

(v) Cllr Harris is given permission to replace three Oak trees which had perished at the Upper Up tree planting scheme at £95 per tree

The Finance Committee had no objection to this recommendation.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council ratifies the decision of its Finance Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Harris returned to the room.

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

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2015

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Jay, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb attended the meeting.

Cllr Nicholas opened the meeting at 9pm.

Planning Applications received by Cotswold District Council

14/05076/FUL CT.1799G (New Details)

Applicants: Mr & Mrs Palmer, Box Cottage, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UG

Proposal: Enlarge existing parking area from one parking space to two

APPLICATION GRANTED

14/05184/REM CT.8843/D

Applicant: Bloor Homes Western, c/o agent Mr Guy Wakefield, Hunter Page Planning Ltd, Thornbury House, 18 High Street, Cheltenham GL50 1DZ

Proposal: Reserved Matters for the erection of up to 55 residential dwellings, new access to highway, public open space and ancillary development (pursuant to Outline permission granted under ref. 11/01774/OUT) at land west of Siddington Road and south of North Hill Road, Cirencester (R)

NO COMMENT

14/04636/FUL (New Details)

Applicant: Brackley Investments Ltd, Unit 6, Lower Farm Barns, Bainton Road, Bucknell, Bicester OX27 7LT

Proposal: Erection of a 64 bed Dementia Care Home with associated access, car parking and landscaping at land at Lake 7, Spine Road East, South Cerney (R)

Cotswold Design Code

The applicant asserts that the proposal to use 'New England' style weatherboarding is in accordance with the Cotswold Design Code for the Water Park. However, the Parish Council believes that is not correct. Under the section The Cotswold Style of the Cotswold Design Code it states that the exception to the existing Cotswold style might be in the context of lakeside settings in the Cotswold Water Park, but only where ... the scale and function of the building is such that the characteristics of the traditional Cotswold Style cannot reasonably be applied. This development will be of a scale that is similar to the nearby Cotswold Outdoor building, the Gateway Centre and the Four Pillars Hotel. It is certainly not like the Water Park holiday homes. The Parish Council is firmly of the view that the proposed use of white weather boarding on such a large building will look incongruous and that materials similar to those used at the Four Pillars Hotel would be much more appropriate in this location.

Footpath link to Gateway Centre

It is important that any access to the Gateway Centre should use the nearby, exiting canal footpath underpass, rather than having pedestrians encouraged to cross the busy Spine Road.

OBJECTION reiterated and the Planning Committee's decision ratified by Parish Council.

14/05338/FUL CT.4065/R (New Details)

Applicant: Mr John Hancox, c/o agent James Slater & Co, Mr Adam Lovett, 19 Dyer Street, Cirencester GL7 2PP

Proposal: Conversion of barn to provide a new dwelling, erection of a new single garage, segregation of the site and the formation of a new vehicular access at Old Farm House, Butts Farm, Cricklade Road, South Cerney GL7 5QE

APPLICATION GRANTED

14/05458/FUL

Applicant: 14I Capital Ltd, c/o agent Allen Planning Ltd, Mr Tony Allen, 21A New Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2PH

Proposal: Full Application for Variation of condition 14 of planning permission 14/02161/FUL (Conversion of existing building to a Class A1 use including new shop front and demolition of outbuilding to the rear. Erection of two dwellings, garages and associated works to the rear including car parking and landscaping) to amend the opening hours of the A1 unit to Monday to Saturday inclusive: 07:00 to 23:00, Sundays: 07:30 to 22:00 if the opening hours are not restricted by the Sunday Trading Act 1994 or any other statutory instrument amending or replacing it. (R)

The Planning Committee argues that the letter dated 8th January purporting to support the variation is not as it states a minor amendment but can only be described as a major change. OBJECTION maintained subject to Parish Council ratification

Cllr Ms Layton (CDC) left the meeting at this point as she had another appointment.

14/05481/REM

Applicant: Rangeford Holdings Ltd, c/o agent Mr Richard Helliard, CMS Architects Ltd, 51-53 High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 0EZ

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters for Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline permission ref. 11/05716/OUT (Continuing Care Retirement Community (Use Class C2), including a core building with care bedrooms, close care units, linked assisted units and ancillary facilities, detached assisted living units, landscaped grounds, internal highway layout and car parking) at land at Siddington Park Farm, South Cerney GL7 6ET

NO COMMENT

14/05488/REM CT.2189/K

Applicant: Rangeford Cirencester Ltd, c/o agent Mr David Hutchison, Pegasus Planning Group, Pegasus House, Querns Business Centre, Whitworth Road, Cirencester GL7 1RT

Proposal: Reserved Matters comprising details of 3 new Use Class B1 (Business) buildings, and associated internal road layout, car parking, landscaping and ancillary works pursuant to Outline permission ref 06/02770/OUT (Outline application for business park (Use Class B1)) at Siddington Park Farm, South Cerney GL7 6ET

NO COMMENT

14/05513/FUL

Applicants: Mr & Mrs Bailey, c/o agent Mr Nigel Steady, T. Fleming Homes Ltd, Station Road, Duns, Berwickshire TD11 3HS

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey dwelling house & detached double garage on land to the north of Merlins, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR

NO COMMENT as there were no new details available to view on the web site.

15/00004/FUL CT.7528/H

Applicant: Mr M. Gill, c/o agent Mr E. Parrott, 25 Cotswold Avenue, Cirencester GL7 1XW

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension at Ham Cottage, Ham Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UF

NO OBJECTION approved

15/00027/FUL CT.0006/6/D

Applicant: James Peters, c/o agent Mr A. Jones, Andrew P. Jones Associates, Hollybank House, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham, Glos GL52 3PU

Proposal: Removal of condition 11 (non-occupancy month) of 06/02747/FUL (Replan of Plots 42-47 of previously approved development of holiday lodges with amended designs) at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney

NO OBJECTION approved

15/00143/TCONR

Applicant: Cotswold Tree Care, c/o Tanners, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UP

Proposal: Works to trees in conservation areas for Cedar – Repair previous pruning cut by pruning closer to the stem (target pruning); thin canopy by up to 20% of branches; reduction of weight on lower limb over power and telephone cables by selective secondary branch removal, removing lowest secondary branch and up to 25% of remaining branches at Tanners, High Street, South Cerney

APPLICATION GRANTED

15/00572/TCONR

Applicant: Ms Donya Urwin, c/o agent Arbor Tree Care, Ms Joanna Chamberlain 4 Austin Road, Cirencester GL7 1BT

Proposal: T1. Silver Birch: reduce canopy all over by 1/3 to leave height 10m x dia spread 9m
T2. Goat Willow: reduce canopy by 50% to leave height 6m x dia spread 6m
T3. Holly: fell (unsuitable location for further growth 20cm from house wall) at Plough Cottage, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UE

NO OBJECTION approved

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

Cllr Nicholas declared a prejudicial interest as the applicants are clients of his firm and left the room. Cllr Webb took over as temporary chairman and continued with the report.

14/05504/FUL CT.8163/P

Applicants: Mr & Mrs Harris, c/o agent Mr Paul Thompson, Mitre Oak Ltd, Unit 4, Open Barn Business Centre, Main Road, Kempsey, Worcestershire WR5 3LW

Proposal: Erection of a BBQ shelter at The Limes, South Cerney GL7 5UT

NO OBJECTION approved

It was proposed by Cllr Stuart and seconded by Cllr Jay that the Parish Council accepts the deliberations of its Planning Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the room.

Planning Applications Decided

The Clerk pointed out that the Planning Department at CDC had ceased to promulgate decisions as it had previously by email. Each decision must now be extracted and collated from information on the web site and then analysed for information on its determination. The Clerk was asked to inform CDC that this new procedure was creating extra work and to enquire if separate notification of decisions could be reintroduced.

14/04403/FUL

Proposed garage extension at Ivy Cottage, Cerney Wick GL7 5QH

14/04450/LBC

Proposed garage extension at Ivy Cottage, The Street, Cerney Wick GL7 5QH

14/04513/FUL

Removal of condition 23 on application 05/02501/FUL to allow for the occupation of the holiday lodges from 6th January to 5th of February inclusive at Summer Lakes, Lake 11, Spine Road East, South Cerney

14/05050/FUL

Erection of two storey side extension at 65 Boxbush Road, South Cerney GL7 5XJ

14/05067/FUL

Erection of a single storey rear extension and a two storey side extension at 21 The Lennards, South Cerney GL7 5UX

14/05076/FUL

Enlarge existing parking area from one parking space at Box Cottage, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UG

14/05660/TCONR

Willow – repollard by removing new growth which is approx 6-8 metres in length at The Forge, School Lane, South Cerney GL7 5TZ

15/00094/TCONR

2 Poplar trees – fell at Box Bush Farm, Station Road, South Cerney GL7 5UB

15/00095/DD

Ash – dead – fell at 12 Kingfisher Place, South Cerney GL7 5TG

15/00351/TELEC

Installation of a cabinet, box, pillar, pedestal or similar apparatus which does not exceed 1.8 metres in height or where the ground or base area does not exceed 1.5 square metres at O/S Lilacs, Station Road, South Cerney

15/00143/TCONR

Cedar – Repair previous pruning cut by pruning closer to the stem (target pruning); thin canopy by up to 20% of branches; reduction of weight on lower limb over power and telephone cables by selective secondary branch removal, removing lowest secondary branch and up to 25% of remaining branches at Tanners, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UP

Planning Appeal

14/02176/FUL Appeal Decision

The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the construction of an administration/security office at the existing Isis Lakes holiday lodge development, Spine Road, South Cerney in accordance with the terms of the application subject to the conditions in the schedule.

Of particular note: 6. The application site and building shall be used only for purposes incidental to the operation and management (including lodge sales and lettings) of leisure and tourism developments within the Cotswold Water Park and for no other purpose.

Correspondence

3. CDC – Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations available at www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/forwardplanning for public comment
5. Brackley Investments – 14/04636/FUL response to further consultee comments
9. CDC Planning – 14/05458/FUL CT.0807/Z notice of Planning Committee meeting to consider application for variation of condition 14 of planning application 14/02161/FUL
11. CDC Planning – 14/04636/FUL CT.1454/6/F notice of Planning Committee meeting to consider application for erection of 64 bed dementia care home at Lake 7, Spine Road, South Cerney
12. CDC Planning – 14/02176/FUL appeal granted for the proposal to construct an administration/security office at Isis Lakes holiday lodge development, Spine Road

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.38pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Oil Buying Club – Request to give a presentation to Parish Councillors on a new venture which aims to help people in rural areas who heat their homes using heating oil
2. Cutts Charity – Revenue account for year ended 31st December 2014
3. CDC – Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations available at www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/forwardplanning for public comment
4. Parish Council Finance Committee – Precept 2015–2016 press release
5. Brackley Investments – 14/04636/FUL response to further consultee comments
6. Quotation to install bollards in Ham Lane
 - (a) R.O.W. Berry (bollards)
 - (b) James Harris Contracting (bollards)
 - (c) James Harris Contracting (remove metal gate and V-stile)
 - (d) Philip Dickenson
7. Cotswold Water Park Trust – Invitation to attend a CWP Parish Liaison meeting on 16th April (RSVP by Friday 27th February); Notes on meeting held in October 2014
Cllr Mrs Land volunteered to attend
8. South Cerney Flood Action Group – Notice of meeting on 6th February at South Cerney Village Hall; Agenda; Notes on meeting held on 17th October 2014
9. CDC Planning – 14/05458/FUL CT.0807/Z notice of Planning Committee meeting to consider application for variation of condition 14 of planning application 14/02161/FUL

10. Cllr James Harris – Parish Council Tree Report 2015
11. CDC Planning – 14/04636/FUL CT.1454/6/F notice of Planning Committee meeting to consider application for erection of 64 bed dementia care home at Lake 7, Spine Road, South Cerney
12. CDC Planning – 14/02176/FUL appeal granted for the proposal to construct an administration/security office at Isis Lakes holiday lodge development, Spine Road
13. Applications for Clerk/RFO position
14. Insight Gloucestershire – Appeal for donation (added to list)
15. Phil Carter PJC – Car parking on village roads in the parish
16. CDC – Advance notice of planning applications as CDC intends to move its current waste service south, down Broadway Lane (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
The Planning Committee recommends that the Parish Council considers favourably the offer from Cotswold District Council to hold a public consultation on the issue
17. Quotation to carry out tree work as per 2015 specification
 - (a) James Harris Contracting
 - (b) R.O.W. Berry
 - (c) Lee Ponting
 - (d) Arbor Tree Care
18. Copy invoice to GCC Waste Management for composting credits
19. GCC Area Highways Representatives – Geographical area realignment (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
20. SSE (Scottish & Southern Energy) – Notification of installation of new switching station project (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
21. Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council – Cllr Roy Keys consulting on convenience store developments (emailed to Parish Councillors)
Cllr Nicholas requested sender's details
22. Gloucestershire Constabulary – PC Mark Weedon (2071) Crime report for South Cerney area (emailed to Parish Councillors)
23. Cllr P. Jay – Report of the Personnel Committee: Appointment of Clerk (emailed to all Parish Councillors)

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Nicholas posed the question: why are GCC not increasing funding of our police and essential services? He was of the opinion that this was an imprudent action.

Cllr Mrs Land reported that she had attended the interviews held in the Village Hall on Thursday 5th February for the selection of the Parish Clerk. She found it a very hard decision and congratulated Robert Cowley on his appointment.

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge reported that she also had found it a hard task on deciding who to appoint and congratulated Robert Cowley on his appointment.

Cllr Mrs Chubb reported that she had attended the civic service at All Hallows church on Sunday 8th February.

Cllr Webb reported that he had attended the Personnel Committee meetings for the selection of the new clerk.

Cllr Harris reported that he had met with Paul Swift and Lianne Butler Communications & Engagement Manager, Amey Gloucestershire and Paul Swift on 2nd February to discuss flooding and other relevant highway issues. On 6th February he attended a flood forum meeting in the Village Hall and on Sunday 8th February he attended the Civic Service at All Hallows church.

Cllr Jay reported that he had attended Personnel Committee meetings on the appointment of the new clerk. He was concerned that Mr Timms bridge was in a dangerous state and should be brought to the owner's attention. Cllr Jay reported that the interactive speed sign at the entrance to the village on Station Road was not working. The Clerk will report it to Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514.

Cllr Stuart reported that he had met with representatives of Amey in the Village Hall on 15th January. On 19th January he met with members of R-Way along with Cllr Jay. On 23rd January he attended a reception at the Duke of Gloucester barracks. On 28th January he attended to discuss the compilation of the short list of applicants for the post of clerk. On 5th February he attended the interviews at the Village Hall. On 6th February he attended a meeting of the Flood Forum in the Village Hall. On 8th February he attended the civic service at All Hallows church.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) confirmed that there would be a road show to inform residents on the siting of the waste transfer project in Broadway Lane. Cllr Parsons reported that the Military Covenant had secured 50% of the funds required to provide a community mini bus. He informed Parish Councillors that there were potential funds available from CDC to help residents fund flood defences but the grants would finish by the end of March. There was an evaluation study needed and he favoured individual residents and Bromford along with the Parish Council joining to form a joint initiative to co-ordinate action on a study.

CERNEY NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Dog mess in Bow Wow
2. Notifying GCC about street lights
3. Ensure that your name is on electoral roll
4. Appointment of new clerk
5. CDC refuse amendment of opening hours on Carted Barn development
6. Delay to repairs of Upper Up car park
7. Be vigilant of strangers

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 9.36pm.