

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting January 14th 2019

Present: L. Davis, D. Nutting, C. Bevan, C. Ackerman, S. Waller, B. Tarrant, H. Kingham, B. Robinson, J. Horne.

1. No apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on November 12 2018

Minutes had been previously distributed and were signed as a true record

3. Matters Arising -

- (i) Footpath from the Forge to the main Road – this now has a job number and should be completed in due course once Fastershire return to connect the green box
- (ii) Severn Trent transfer of sewage from Tibberton STW to Newent STW. – following a discussion around the possibility of increasing the pump size from Tibberton to cope with increase flows to avoid a surcharge from the pumping station, it was agreed that DN will follow this up with Severn Trent
- (iii) 30m.ph. speed limit – the reports of the outcome of the speed gun was required to move this forward. Clerk to liaise with DN to write to Debbie Powell from Gloucestershire County Council to try to obtain the report (Note to ask BR for the email address)
- (iv) Griffins Farm tree planting – LD has been informed that this should happen imminently
- (v) Snow Warden – Richard Gifford will be the new snow warden, Tom Gifford will be the designated tractor driver

4. Planning

Poplar Farm P1800/18/FUL agricultural barn – permission granted
Bramley Cottage P1819/18/FUL triple garage – plans examined and discussed – on hold for reports on environmental issues
Addition to agenda – clerk asked to contact Mr. Van der Hoven for an update on the enforcement notice regarding the container behind Oak Tree Cottage.

5. Finance

Update from clerk – bank balance stands at £6281.91.
Less bills paid - hire of Church Room for 6 meetings £72.00
Public liability Insurance £236.52

6. Telephone Box

CB reported that a resident has offered to pay for the replacement glass. CB will follow up.

7. Severn Trent B4215 Road Closure

BR reported that plans are now on hold pending a ‘meaningful consultation’ with concerned parties following a meeting in early January with ST and Mark Harper. The new water pipe will still have to be laid, but the concerns of the community will now be taken into account by ST and alternative options to closing the road will be considered, for example across fields. The volume of traffic along the road had not been appreciated by ST.

LD asked how long before the new plan would be implemented, BR replied it should

be by Easter for phase 1 of the plan. BR was thanked for his feedback.

8. Report from County Council

Budget proposal includes a 4.99% increase in Council Tax which would mean an increase of £60.00 per year for a band D property.

The budget has increased by 15 million, including 10 million for children's services, which is continuing to improve delivery of services. The number of children in care is increasing, and has risen from 400 in 2009 to 700 this year.

Adult care – there are 2 million over 65's in the county and this will rise over the next 5 years.

Roads – continuing with the 5-year improvement plan costing 150 million pounds.

Amey's contract will finish in March and Ringway will take over the repair of pot holes in the roads. The new tarmac that is being used is tougher than before.

BT asked about the panels being fitted at Shire hall. BR replied that they are solar panels paid for by the county council. New student accommodation and offices will also be built.

The Lengthsmen will be re-named as community workers.

All outstanding jobs to be emailed to BR.

Speeding – match funding is available to potentially purchase vehicle activated speed signs following on from the discussion about the 30 mile an hour speed limit. The total cost would be around £2.500.

9. Report from District Council

JH has tickets to purchase for a charity dinner on 1/3/19

Budget is the priority

Dene Magna School will have a 6th form for 'A' level provision in the forest from September based in the new Gloscol building

JR will not be standing for re-election in May.

10. A.O.B

LD announced he is standing down as Chair from immediate effect and DN will chair the next meeting.

SW declared a vote of thanks to LD for all his knowledge and hard work over many years, this was echoed and supported by all council members.

A resident has asked for the lower branches of the horse chestnut tree near the forge to be cut as it impedes vision for drivers. After discussion it was decided to leave the tree as it is not feasible to cut the branches, and safer to leave it as it may encourage drivers to slow down on the corner.

DN reported that the tree that was uprooted in Phelps Way still needs to have the stump removed by Two Rivers Housing. Clerk to request this.

CA noted that vehicles had been broken into at Longhope, Huntley and Coalway.

BT asked if weight limitations could be imposed on minor roads.

CB is following up on the request from a resident for his 9-year-old grandson to be given a job for his community service.

Public Forum

11. Date of next meeting Monday March 11 2019