

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER
2019 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: S Cook (Chairperson), J Hobson, P. Wait, M Percy, C Eardley and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Bywater and District Cllr Dewey.

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248/19 Open Forum
None.

249/19 Apologies for absence
Cllr Bywater and District Cllr Dewey.

250/19 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

251/19 Co-option of new councillor
Caroline Eardley was co-opted onto the council, supported by all councillors.

252/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

253/19 Planning
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.19/2436/FUL – Barn at Elmcote Lane – change of use to business use, change agricultural field to equestrian, portable lighting in the arena, non permanent round pen and pond. **Supported.**
- b) S.19/2330/COU – Alma House, The Street – retrospective change of use agricultural land to garden. **No Comment.**
- c) S.19/2414/COU – Willow House, The Street - change of use agricultural land to garden. **No Comment.**
- d) S.19/2359/COU – Foxlea, The Street - change of use agricultural land to garden. **No Comment.**

254/19 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

SDC	5206.70	CIL Payment
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	406.40	Wages November 2019
Npower	25.18	Electricity tennis courts
L Thornton	33.36	Information sign for phonebox
T W Hawkins	540.43	Grass Cutting
S Cook	175.51	Newsletter Printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter Editing

255/19

Clerks Report

- a) Further to Gemma's resignation, the councils Facebook page needs to be managed. Cllr Hobson will contact Gemma to discuss taking the administration over.
- b) The council applied for a grant to help with the recreation field development, the application has been rejected as it is not suitable for statutory bodies.
- c) Notification has been received regarding the Cam neighbourhood development plan, clerk to email out the link.

Cllr Hobson

Clerk

256/19

Tennis courts

The clerk will set up an appointment with Courtstall sport surfaces, to carry out a site inspection and seek advise regarding the courts.

Clerk

The top cabinet needs to be secured, clerk to chase the quote from the original installers of the the floodlights.

Clerk

Cllr Hobson has a supply of tennis balls and will advise the clerk when the stock is running low.

257/19

Village shop & loan information update.

Cllr Wait advised the committee has costed out the installation of solar panels and have decided they are not cost effective. A builder has been hired and work should start in April.

258/19

Village hall update

Cllr Hobson confirmed the committee has just finished the lease for the existing shop, the new one is with the solicitors with no indication that it will not be approved and finalised.

The committee would like to take down the noticeboard in the entrance of the hall and relocate it to the phonebox.

Further to a recent energy survey, panels are being considered, the committee will monitor the tariffs before making any decisions.

259/19

Coaley climate action network

Cllr Pearcy reported the recently formed group have had 2 meeting, the first one with 3 people in attendance and the last one with 6. The group is presently exploring ideas on how to engage more people, also there is the possibility to join up with Uley which may help with any future grant applications. Cllr Pearcy would like to have an open meeting in the new year and invite the church, school and other village groups. Cllr Cook will publish the meetings on the website and add a page for the group once the details are confirmed.

Cllr Cook

Cllr Pearcy asked the council to consider granting the new committee financial support, this is needed to hire a room for meeting etc. the councillors agreed in principle but need more information before voting.

Cllr Pearcy

260/19	<u>Policing</u> Nothing to report.	
261/19	<u>Telephone Box</u> The clerk confirmed the information sign has been ordered.	Clerk
262/19	<u>Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u> Mick Thorpe requested information on a landowner in the village, Cllr Cook has responded with the details.	Clerk
263/19	<u>Tree Planting</u> Clerk to chase Five Valleys.	Clerk
264/19	<u>Allotment Update</u> Nothing to report, new councillor to be elected.	
265/19	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
266/19	<u>Highways repairs and maintenance</u> Cllr Percy shared the speed survey results with the council, the report will be emailed to the councillors and put on to the website. The clerk is waiting for a response further to the hedge being cut alongside the new development at Betworthy. The continued problem with the flooding on the corner from Far Green to Ashmead was discussed, a local resident has cleared it out which is much appreciated.	Clerk
267/19	<u>Playarea Update</u> Nothing to report	
268/19	<u>Recreation field subcommittee report</u> Nothing to report.	
269/19	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Tree planting.	
270/19	<u>Items for press release</u> Minutes	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.