

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2021 VIA WEB CONFERENCE.

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

Apologies: None.

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68/21

Open Forum

Jenni Culverwell and Jody Veale were welcomed to the meeting, Jenni & Jody live opposite the barn which Guy Goring and company have erected. A notice was put up on a gateway metres from the road/prow meaning the opportunity to put forward comments to SDC planning was missed. Another concern is the lack of courtesy from SDC for not writing to local residents. Jenni is confident Guy is being considerate to others, the concern is not about stopping the barn being erected but due process, it is felt SDC have let down the locals.

The application went in to planning on 20th March 2020 therefore would have been impacted by lockdown.

Cllr Cook welcomed Elizabeth Spyvee to make comment, Elizabeth agrees with Jenni & Jodi, no sign was erected which could be viewed by the general public, it is a very large building. The application has potential to turn in to a mini trading estate, which is a huge concern. How the building evolves should be carefully monitored. An ecological survey on the site has not taken place, there is concern processes have not been followed.

Vicky Paterson was welcomed to the meeting. Vicky walks through the field the building has been erected daily in all directions, the notice was not visible. The ecological impact does not seem to have been considered, the building changes the nature of the environment. Vicky is concerned about the process and lack of public consultation. The proposal to plant 50,000 trees is also a concern, it is suggested these will be planted in front of houses, these residents did not choose to live opposite a woodland, there should have been a consultation on where the trees are being planted.

The barn is not within the curtilage of the Grade 2 listed building, Vicky felt it has been located in a position which has maximum impact on the neighbouring properties. Guy Goring appears to be blocking off some of the roof space for swallows to nest etc.

Clerk to write to SDC to obtain more information about this application and ascertain why there has been a lack of public consultation and query where the sign was erected along with lack of neighbours notifications. Once a response has been received this will be forwarded to residents.

Clerk

Cllr Cook welcomed Beth Blossom to the meeting. Beth has been in Coaley 2 years and is concerned about the lack of activities for young people in the village. Beth is looking to start a youth club, although at the moment not sure how to go about it and how to move the project forward. Beth is considering an age range from 5/6 years to teenagers, giving priority is teenagers. Clerk to send information on youth workers from SDC to enable Beth to contact them for advice.

69/21 Apologies for absence
None.

70/21 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

71/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

72/21 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.21/0671/HHOLD– Peak House, Levers Hill – erection of 2 storey side extension and raised rear terrace. **Support**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning application:

- a)S.21/0093/HHOLD – The Old Post Office, The Street – erection of storage shed. **Withdrawn.**
b)S.21/0241/HHOLD – 4 Westend – Loft conversion incorporating dormer windows to front and rear. **Permission granted.**
c)S.21/0047/COU – Elm Farm, Bristol Road – proposed change of use B8 storage external open air storage hardstanding. **Permission granted.**

73/21 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

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| L Thornton | 406.40 | Wages March 2021 |
| S Cook | 27.64 | Chain for allotment at Far Green |
| S Cook | 48.67 | Padlock x 3 |
| S Cook | 131.99 | Newsletter printing |
| L Thornton | 9.90 | Postage – special delivery |
| S Cook | 14.39 | Zoom meeting for March |
| S Cook | 100.00 | Newsletter editing |
| L Thornton | 200.00 | Apple Trees for Far Green allotment |
| Greenville Grounds | 100.00 | Grass cutting |
| ICO | 40.00 | Data Protection |
| Redkite | 720.00 | Licence to occupy |

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| 74/21 | <u>Clerks Report</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The village hall committee has requested a copy of the licence to occupy via Cllr Hobson. 2) The clerk confirmed the application to register the recreation field has been submitted to the land registry. | |
| 75/21 | <u>Tennis courts</u> | <p>Cllr Hobson reported the electricity box is open, Cllr Cook will secure it. Cllr Bywater is very pleased to see the courts back open and being used.</p> | Cllr Cook |
| 76/21 | <u>Village shop with discussion on solar panels</u> | <p>Cllr wait reported that parishioners are showing lots of interest in the building of the new shop, the committee will be placing a progress report up outside to keep people updated. The committee are applying for an alcohol licence and sourcing a supplier for artisan bread. New members are being recruited to join the committee. The shop presently pay a peppercorn rent to the village hall committee, there is mention of a rent in the licence to occupy. Clerk to confirm. The council agreed it is too late to pursue the installation of solar panels on the new shop, the shop committee were keen for them to be installed on the village hall, they could then purchase the electricity from the hall. It is disappointing but the shop does not need to have panels to be credited as a carbon neutral shop.</p> | |
| 77/21 | <u>Coaley youth club</u> | <p>Cllr Bywater highlighted the future of the terrapin, there is presently a discussion taking place for it to be handed over to Slimbridge scouts, the building may be an ideal location of a future Coaley youth club.</p> | |
| 78/21 | <u>New Community at Wislow</u> | <p>The clerk has been contacted by a company called Social they are representing the developers of the land at Wisloe. Social would like to present to the Parish Council, all councillors happy to have a presentation.</p> | Clerk |
| 79/21 | <u>Annual Parish meeting</u> | <p>Unfortunately the date was incorrect on the advert placed in the newsletter, this meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th April, clerk to invite the Wisloe development representative to present at the meeting.</p> | Clerk |
| 80/21 | <u>Council elections</u> | <p>The election takes place on Thursday 6th May, all nominations papers must be handed in to SDC by 4pm on Thursday 8th May. Clerk will collect completed ones and take in for the appointment in place for 1pm on 8th May.</p> | Clerk |
| 81/21 | <u>Village Hall Update</u> | <p>Cllr Hobson updated the council on the canopy over the entrance to the hall and the new paving to be placed under the canopy, this should be in place soon.</p> | |

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| 82/21 | <p><u>Coaley Climate Action Group</u> Cllrs Bywater and Percy updated on the progress of the action group, Stroud repair cafe came along to a recent meeting, there was a lot of talk about the solar panels. The School logo competition has taken place, a vote will take place at the next meeting to choose the winning logo, the winner will get a prize. Coaley came out quite high for Co2 in a recent survey, this may be due to the motorway or railway, the committee is just waiting for the official report.</p> | |
| 83/21 | <p><u>Policing</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 84/21 | <p><u>Footpath, ditches and stiles</u> Mick Thorpe confirmed the warden will be back working from the 8th April, they will be concentrating on installing 3 gates on Lantern Way, this is 1 at Corner Farm and 2 by Betworthy. Cllr Bywater queried what the rule is for farmers to leave a path for walkers in crop fields. Clerk to email Sarah from PROW to confirm the regulations.</p> | Clerk |
| 85/21 | <p><u>Coronavirus Update</u> Cllr Cook advised there will be a pause in vaccine deliveries for first vaccinations during April. Second doses will be going ahead as the vaccine has been guaranteed for delivery to The Vale.</p> | |
| 86/21 | <p><u>Allotment update</u> Cllr Cook confirmed 10 trees have been planted, 5 more will go in next year now.</p> | |
| 87/21 | <p><u>Village Maintenance</u> Cllr Cook advised the contractors are not cutting around the back of the seating areas and along the side. Clerk to contact contractors. Cllr Wait has been approached about the possibility of installing an ATM in the village, The shop would be willing to consider but is not viable as it is wood building, maybe the pub or village hall? Cllr Cook to put an article in the newsletter.</p> | Clerk |
| 88/21 | <p><u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> Cllr Percy will report the potholes on Elmcote Lane and top of Levers Hill. Severn Trent may be back to dig up by the Carter's farm, there is a damp patch in the area.</p> | Cllr Percy |
| 89/21 | <p><u>Playarea</u> Rospa inspection is due, clerk to forward report once received.</p> | |
| 90/21 | <p><u>Recreation field subcommittee</u> Cllr Bywater reported they have met with the Cam PC clerk who was really helpful and informative, the committee took away lots of usual thoughts and ideas from the meeting. The committee is now vaguely thinking about having an event in the summer, this will be discussed later in the year. The main concern at the moment is where the funding will come from, it may be a phased approach needs to be considered. The is presently a pile of soil at the back of the car park, this was originally marked to be used on the pump track but there is not as much as expected.</p> | |

Cllr Bywater has joined the Greenway committee, this will help to ensure Coaley is included in the plans to join up the cycle paths and footpaths in the area. Shiobhan Baille attended and is keen to move the project forward.

91/21 Parish Plan

Cllr Pearcy has been looking at other parish plans, and is presently working up a questionnaire to bring to the council for discussion.

92/21 Matters for forward consideration

Youth Club.

93/21 Items for press release and publication

Minutes.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.