

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 2021 VIA WEB CONFERENCE.

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

Apologies: District Cllr Jim Dewey

REF

45/21 Open Forum

The chairperson Cllr Cook welcomed the following parishioners to the meeting:

Elizabeth Spyvee
 Richard & Charles Carter
 Marion McDowell
 Sue Jones
 Jenni Culverwell & Jodi Veal
 Dawn Primarolo & Ian Ducat
 James & Sophie Turner
 David & Karen Harvey
 Luke Gibbs
 Alex Reeves
 Avril Burak
 Perry Guess
 Bob Childs
 Derek & Jennifer Henry
 Harriet Spyvee

All present were attending the meeting due to interest in planning application agenda item 4c, land adjacent to Woodleigh House, Knapp Lane – change of use of land for a camping and caravan site to include the stationing of up to 12 pitches, a shower/toilet block and access track.

All parishioners present were given the opportunity to bring their concerns to the councils attention, for the purpose of the minutes many of these were the same for those attending therefore have been summarised below:

- The access via Knapp Lane which is a very narrow single track lane with no passing bays except private driveways.
- Concern about water supply, houses in the vicinity already struggle with water pressure as it is very low.
- The area is within the AONB, the character of the landscape is important and the proposal is not within keeping, detrimental visual impact.
- It can be windy in the area and there is concern about the siting of the caravans and tents in this locations.
- Due to the location the site would be visible to all local properties and the Cotswold escarpment.
- There is concern about noise and light pollution, the field concerned is within a bowl and this amplifies the noise.

- Increased traffic will impact on local horse riders, walkers and cyclists.

Charles Carter as the applicant also addressed the council, the farm needs to diversify and having reviewed the government's policy regarding tourism they feel this proposal is beneficial for the local area. Any developments/proposals made in the past have always encountered strong opposition from other villagers. The site was chosen as it would have minimum disturbance/impact, the necessary utilities and access would be considered. The site would not be visible from Coaley Peak picnic area, arrival and departures times would be managed to reduce the risk of caravans meeting on the lane.

There is a caravan site in The Ham which does not cause issues for locals.

46/21 Apologies for absence
District Cllr Dewey.

47/21 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None

48/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

49/21 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- S.21/0344/HHOLD – The Elms Farm – erection of attached garage.
No comment
- S.21/4 Westend – loft conversion incorporating dormer windows to the front and rear. **Comment on visual impact.**
- S.21/0204/COU - Land adjacent to Woodleigh House, Knapp Lane – change of use of land for a camping and caravan site to include the stationing of up to 12 pitches, a shower/toilet block and access track.
Objection attached appendix I.
- S.21/0332/HOLD – Danesway, far Green – erection of single storey flat roof side extensions. **Support.**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning application:

- S.20/2714/CPE – Goleen, Far Green – certificate of lawfulness has been granted.

50/21 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	406.40	Wages February 2021
S Cook	265.80	Mesh guards for trees
S Cook	530.00	New gate for the allotments
P G Day	43.17	3 x zoom meetings

51/21	<u>Clerks Report</u>	1) Halmers End, clerk to contact enforcement officer as site is still being used and development taking place.	Clerk
52/21	<u>Tennis courts</u>	Courts still locked and will remain closed in line with government guidelines.	
53/21	<u>Village shop & new building.</u>	The new shop construction has now started, the shop committee has signed up to the local lottery being administrated by SDC. The clerk asked Cllr Wait to confirm the saving from Rocket Rentals has been passed on to the shop.	Cllr Wait
54/21	<u>Village hall update</u>	Cllr Hobson reported the porch was estimated to be about £10,000 so the committee is now looking for a veranda or canopy as a cheaper option.	
55/21	<u>Election – Thursday 6th May 2021</u>	The clerk reminded all the councillors of the upcoming elections, nomination papers will be dropped off and the clerk is happy to collect and return to SDC.	
56/21	<u>Coaley climate action network</u>	Cllr Percy and Bywater reported back to the council. The repair cafe man is coming to talk to the group in March, hopefully this will be a great opportunity to get some ideas and also ask questions. The school has agreed to do a logo competition. The group is also looking to visualise some of the ideas, Elizabeth from the action group is keen to take this on. There is still an interest in assisting the shop in installing solar panels, this could in time provide charging points for bikes/cars etc. The cost has come down substantially in recent months and along with the parish council accessing a loan it could be a possibility for the shop committee. It is thought the shop would only be interested in joining if not detrimental to them. Cllr Bywater and Percy to work up a proposal to the shop.	Cllr Bywater/ Percy
57/21	<u>Policing</u>	Cllr Hobson advised of a neighbourhood alert posted to the local social media groups. There was a notification of being woken early hours in Far Green.	
58/21	<u>Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u>	Clerk to report the following: Upper Silver Street farm - couple of steps gone now just the fence, also cattle fencing has been erected against it making access with dogs very difficult. Clerk advised of the PROW change by 2026, an email has been distributed to the councillors. Sue Jones advised the ramblers association is very aware of this and routes can be logged https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/dont-lose-your-way-2026.aspx	
59/21	<u>Coronavirus Update</u>		

Cllr Cook reported there was no local update. The Vale will start the 2nd vaccinations from Thursday 4th March, and they have been promised all the vaccines to be able to carry out all the 2nd vaccinations within 12 weeks of the first.

60/21 Allotment Update

The clerk has received a quote for removing the cracked Willow, as the contractors cannot climb they will need hydraulic lift. Clerk to get 2 more quotes.

The Community orchard has been awarded the £500 grant, CPRE had wanted to have a public event and promote themselves, but this is not possible in the current situation. Cllr Cook has arranged for local residents to plant a tree, all the necessary equipment has been purchased.

61/21 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report.

62/21 Highways repairs and maintenance

There is a pothole at Far Green, Cllr Cook has already reported the length of Peak Lane, the top of the lane is particularly bad.

Cllr Hobson reported the pavement outside the main church gate and the vicarage is breaking out.

A parishioner has expressed concern about the speed of traffic past the school and suggested a zebra crossing, clerk to email highways.

63/21 Playarea Update

Nothing to report.

64/21 Recreation field subcommittee report

Cllr Bywater is in the process of arranging a meeting with the Cam clerk, the meeting is an opportunity to discuss the issues etc they encountered when they developed the Jubilee field.

The shop foundations are not as deeps as predicted which may impact on the building of the pump track. This will be reviewed

65/21 Parish Plan

Cllr Percy requested this is deferred until there is an opportunity for villagers to contribute. The latest planning applications discussed in the meeting have highlighted the need for an updated parish plan.

66/21 Matters for forward consideration

Annual Parish meeting

67/21 Items for press release

Minutes

Clerk

Meeting closed at 9pm.