

North Cerney Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 20th September 2016 at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney

Present: Councillors M Tufnell, P Sergeant, B Smith, C Wakefield, and A Stoten, B Koch as RFO, and District Councillor J Forde.

Presiding: Councillor M Tufnell

Clerk: V Hancock

Apologies: Councillor N Wilkes, County Councillor P Hodgkinson

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 10 May 2016

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2016 at The Memorial Hall North Cerney be approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising:

2.1 Parking in North Cerney: The Clerk reported on a meeting with the residents of The Orchard, who were concerned about other Bromford Housing tenants parking there. Bromford Housing's surveyor had determined that 11 cars could be parked in the Orchard, and Bromford were consulting with residents before marking out the spaces. Nothing further had been heard from Bathurst Estates concerning the Broad Close car park. The Chairman would write to their Agent.

2.2 Telephone boxes: These were now in serious need of repainting. Jenny Forde said that Baunton had recently dealt with their telephone box. The Clerk would contact the clerk of Baunton Parish Council to find out who did the work, and how much it had cost. Councillor Smith had previously obtained an estimate of £500 for each box.

3. District and County Issues:

3.1 County Council: In the absence of Councillor Hodgkinson, the Clerk reported on the letter he had received from Highways England concerning the A417 "missing link". It was confirmed that the commitment of funds for this work was still current, but because of the procedures necessary it was unlikely that work would commence before 2021. Highways England were currently looking at options to solve the A417 problems, and said they would be undertaking an engagement later this year.

Councillor Hodgkinson had also provided an update about the A419 Noise Action Group. Some progress was now being made._

3.2 District Council: Councillor Forde reported as follows:

3.2.1 Car parking in Cirencester: She was involved in this, and it was likely that a decked car park would be the solution, although all options would be considered. The St James Place new building (with its parking) was due to be completed shortly, and there might be the possibility of providing some temporary additional parking in the town. The Council were also looking at ways of encouraging fewer people to bring cars into the town.

3.3.2 Mobile Phone Reception: The Council were working to get improved reception in

some areas that currently had poor reception.

3.3.3 **Bus Service:** The late evening No 51 bus service had been discontinued without prior consultation, and the Council were trying to get it reinstated.

4. **Crime and Public Safety:**

4.1 **Traffic Calming on the A435:** The cost of the proposed “gates” would be £2,983.31. The Clerk reported that the application to the Police and Crime Commissioner’s “Safe and Social Driving in Gloucestershire” Fund had been successful. Gloucestershire County Council Highways would provide one third of the cost, Councillor Hodgkinson would provide one third from funds available to him, and the balance would be provided from the PCC grant. It was a condition of the grant that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s logo and a “Safe and Social Driving” slogan is attached to the gates. The Council **resolved** to accept the grant offer, and to proceed with the “gates”

4.2 **Highway Works:** The Clerk had met recently with Peter Hopkins of Ameys. He had confirmed that the following works were expected to be carried out within the next month: replacement of the “playground” signs, repainting of the 40 mph roundels on the A435, clearing of the foliage obscuring the 40 mph signs, better signage and “Slow” markings by the dip and bend on The Whiteway, and clearing of foliage on some verges in North Cerney. Councillor Wakefield said that, despite the erection of some posts, cars were still going into the ditch on the Woodmancote to Rendcomb road. The Clerk said that Councillor Hodgkinson was pursuing this and she would notify him.

4.3 **Community Speedwatch:** Councillor Wilkes still needed more volunteers to assist with this. At present 3 residents were trained to use the equipment, but as 3 needed to be in attendance, it was difficult to find times when they were all available. Two others had volunteered so far.

4.4 **Neighbourhood Watch:** Councillor Wilkes had reported that little was happening, and he had received no information of any crimes in North Cerney. The Chairman expressed concern about continuing incidents of rural crime.

4.5 **Domestic Crime Prevention Survey:** PCSO Andrea Shutt was willing to visit residents and carry out a survey of their property.

5. **Financial Matters**

5.1 **RFO:** The Council **resolved** to confirm the appointment of Barry Koch as RFO

5.2 **Reconciliation Statement:** The reconciliation statement was presented by the RFO and it was **resolved** that it be approved.

5.3 **Authorisation of Expenditure:** The following expenditure was approved:

	V Hancock	Clerk monthly salary & PAYE May-August	587.20
603	Playsafety Limited	Playground safety inspection (RoSPA)	88.20

6. **Affordable Housing Update:**

The Clerk had been notified in July that Cirencester Housing had made the decision to progress with a planning application, and that surveys were being arranged in preparation for this. Prior to submission of the application, there would be a public meeting for residents. She had more recently been notified that the topographical survey had been carried out, and there would be a pre-planning meeting with CDC Planning. The public meeting would then be arranged.

7. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders

7.1 Planning Applications: The following applications had been notified to the Council:

Hammerton House: change of use from agricultural to equestrian and arena for private use (consent given)

Broadbridge Cottage: two storey side extension (consent given)

Hammertons: Decking/balcony to rear of ancillary accommodation (consent given)

7 Woodland View Woodmancote: single storey front porch extension (consent given)

The Gables North Cerney: removal of dead catalpa tree (Conservation Area consent given)

Brooklyn Garage: single storey extension to rear of existing workshop

7.2 Decisions and Notices: As above and consent had also been granted for the following:

Ampney Knowle Farm: change of use from agricultural to equestrian with additional buildings and outdoor menage

Cotswold Park: Diversion of public bridleway

8. Woodmancote Playground:

8.1 Councillor Stoten had arranged for the removal of the half-pipe, with the help of Ross Collins and Tim Adams.

8.2 Rupert Farrow had now left the area, and a new playground inspector was needed. The note in the Churn News had not produced a volunteer. Councillor Wakefield said he would try to find someone willing to take this on.

8.3 Rupert Farrow's last report had indicated that the fence had again been damaged, but not sufficiently to need repair, and had referred again to the links on the swings. These appeared now to have been replaced.

9. Correspondence:

The following correspondence was reported by the Clerk:

9.1. From Ameys regarding preparations for winter weather. The form had been passed to Councillor Tuffnell

9.2 Regarding the fence round the school grounds. With the help of Councillor Stoten, the plans for this had now been modified, so that the high fence would not be erected at the rear of residential properties.

9.3 From Citizens Advice requesting a donation

9.4 From PCSO Andrea Shutt with notice of the next NGC Meeting at 7.30 pm on 16 November at Rendcomb College

9.5 From Cotswold District Council regarding consultation on the Submission Draft of the Local Plan and draft Community Infrastructure Levy Schedule

9.6 From Young Gloucestershire with their Annual Report

10. Any Other Business

The Clerk had recently received papers regarding the replacement of a Parish Member (Parish Group 4) on the Cotswold Conservation Board. There were 4 nominated candidates, and the Parish Council had one vote. Details of the candidates were considered by the Council and it was **resolved** to vote for one of the candidates. The ballot paper was completed, and signed by the Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Note:

At the meeting, the Council received presentations as follows:

1. From Geoff Ramshaw, Volunteer Cotswold Warden, regarding the work he was carrying out in respect of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish.
2. From Jim Krauer relating to a proposed planning application to convert to residential use a barn on The Whiteway (Red Sheds).

Signed: