

## **North Cerney Parish Council**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney**

**Present:** Councillors M Tufnell, N Wilkes, B Smith, C Wakefield, and A Stoten, B Koch as RFO, and County Councillor P Hodgkinson.

**Presiding:** Councillor M Tufnell

**Clerk:** V Hancock

**Apologies:** Councillor P Sergeant, District Councillor J Forde

#### **1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at The Memorial Hall North Cerney be approved and signed.

#### **2. Matters Arising:**

**2.1 Parking in North Cerney:** The work on the car park by Broad Close had now been completed by Bathurst Estates. There was room to park three cars, but, as the parking charge would increase in January, one family who formerly parked their two vehicles there were parking in the road. The Clerk had notified Bathurst Estates of the damage to the fence adjoining the footpath. The reply indicated they were considering whether to replace the broken posts or erect a new fence.

The Bromford Housing tenants in The Orchard had told Bromford they did not want parking spaces marked out in the parking area in The Orchard.

**2.2 Telephone boxes:** The Clerk had enquired of the Clerk of Baunton Parish Council who had painted their telephone box. The reply was that they had been quoted a cost of £1,000, but a resident had volunteered to do the work. BT had provided the paint. BT had also removed the telephone equipment, and Baunton Parish Council had installed a defibrillator, which had been connected by an electrician to the existing power supply.

**2.3 Local Bus Service:** The Chairman asked Councillor Hodgkinson whether there was any prospect of Stagecoach reinstating the late evening No 51 bus service. He said he had discussed this with Stagecoach, but it seemed unlikely it would be reinstated.

**2.4 Cotswold Conservation Board:** The Clerk had been notified that David Broad of Chedworth Parish Council had been elected to fill the vacancy on the Cotswold Conservation Board for a Member for Parish Group 4.

#### **3. District and County Issues:**

**3.1 County Council:** Councillor Hodgkinson reported on a number of highway issues (see below)

**3.2 District Council:** In the absence of Councillor Forde there was no report

#### **4. Financial Matters:**

**4.1 Reconciliation Statement:** The reconciliation statement was presented by the RFO and **it was resolved** that it be approved. The balance of the precept for the current year had been received

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

V Hancock	Clerk monthly salary and PAYE September-November	441.00
Memorial Hall	Use of hall	28.50
Citizens Advice	Donation	250.00

**4.3 Budget and Precept for 2017-2018:** The RFO estimated that there would be a balance of approximately £2500 in hand at the end of the financial year. After consideration of the current year's budget and discussion regarding the possible need for expenditure next year on items such as re-decoration of the telephone boxes and new playground equipment **it was resolved** that the precept for 2017-2018 would be £6,000.

## 5. Highway Issues:

**5.1 Gateway signage:** So far, one sign had been installed at each end of the village. The tree stump largely obscuring one of them had been partly cut down. Councillor Hodgkinson questioned whether there were to be two or four signs. The Clerk would forward to him an email from Richard Gray making it clear there were to be two at each end of the village.

**5.2 Outstanding works:** There were a number of outstanding works, which Peter Hopkins had told the Clerk had been "ticketed" in August. Councillor Hodgkinson said that Peter Hopkins had left Ameys and Danny Taylor was now responsible for the area. The Clerk would notify him of the outstanding issues, and would send a list to Councillor Hodgkinson.

**5.3 Perrotts Brook Speed Limit:** Councillor Hodgkinson reported that a petition had been raised by residents of Perrotts Brook asking that a speed limit be imposed on the lanes through the village from the A435. Only short sections of the roads in question were within North Cerney Parish, and the Council agreed it would have no objection to the proposal.

**5.4 Woodmancote to Rendcomb Road:** The bollards had now been installed in the correct position.

**5.5 Footpaths:** Councillor Hodgkinson had been in touch with Geoff Ramshaw and the path/cycle track from North Cerney to Perrotts Brook would be cleared next Spring.

**5.5 A429 Closure:** The Clerk had been notified of temporary closure of part of the A429. Councillor Hodgkinson said this was for repair of the section between the Baunton and North Cerney junctions, and it was expected the work would be carried out very shortly

**5.6 Road Safety Community Hub:** This had recently been created as a single point of contact regarding road safety issues.

**5.7 Winter preparations:** The Chairman reported that there were sufficient stocks of salt and grit for the coming winter. The Clerk would check with James Walker regarding access to the spreader held by him.

## 6. Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention:

**6.1 NCG Meeting:** Councillor Wakefield reported that he had attended the recent meeting. The purpose of the new Road Safety Hub had been explained.

**6.2 Neighbourhood Watch:** Councillor Wilkes reported that little was happening, and he had received no information of any crimes in North Cerney. There were still only about 8 residents who had signed up for the scheme.

**6.3 Fly-Tipping:** PCSO Andrea Shutt had asked that all incidents of fly-tipping be reported to Cotswold District Council.

**6.4 Rural Crime:** The Chairman reported that there had been a number of thefts from farms and rural properties, and there were reports of hare/deer coursing. There was a strong network of local farmers and game-keepers.

### **7. Affordable Housing Update:**

Cirencester Housing Society had arranged a public meeting from 4 pm to 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December in North Cerney Memorial Hall. Drawings of the proposed development would be available. After the event, it was intended to submit a planning application. If the plans were approved and there were no unforeseen delays, it was anticipated that building works could commence in later 2017. The Chairman asked that Councillors attend the meeting if possible.

### **8. Woodmancote Playground:**

The Chairman thanked Chris Harlow for volunteering to carry out the playground inspections. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be sufficient if the playground was inspected monthly between 1 November and 31 March, and fortnightly during the rest of the year.

Councillor Wakefield would speak to Ross Collins about the missing spring on the gate and the need to replace some links on the swing chains.

### **9. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders**

The Clerk had not received notice of any applications or decisions since the last meeting. Although not notified to the Council (as it had been determined that planning consent was not required) Cotswold District Council had received an application for the demolition of the Mission Hall at Woodmancote.

### **10. Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was reported by the Clerk:

10.1. From Councillor Forde, who had asked that the Council be thanked for its support with the annual School Christmas Fair, which had raised some £2,500.

10.2 Regarding the sale by Bromford Housing of 11 Burcombe. The Clerk had notified Councillor Forde of the Council's view that Bromford Housing should not be selling properties without replacing them, in view of the local need for social housing. It seemed there was nothing Cotswold District Council could do to prevent this.

10.3 From North Cerney School saying that, as there had been a number of instances when children had left the field gate open after school hours, allowing cattle into the school field. The gate would be temporarily padlocked until a solution could be found to secure the field but still provide access for children to use it outside school hours. There had also been reports of children trying to climb the field fence.

10.4 From Cotswold District Council regarding consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy.

10.5 From the Chairman as trustee of the Calmsden Poor Downs Trust with Accounts up to 31 March 2016. The Clerk would circulate copies to Councillors.

### **11. Any Other Business**

The possibility of providing defibrillators in North Cerney and Woodmancote was raised. The Chairman questioned whether there was any information to show that they were used or saved lives and it was agreed this needed further consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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