

## **North Cerney Parish Council**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 6th July 2015 at 7.30 pm at The Mission Hall, Woodmancote**

- Present:** Councillors E Russell-Brown, N Wilkes, P Sergeant, A Stoten, B Smith, County Councillor P Hodgkinson, District Councillor J Forde and S Telling as RFO
- Presiding:** Councillor E Russell-Brown (Vice-Chairman)
- Clerk:** V Hancock
- Apologies:** Councillors M Tufnell and C Wakefield and Andrea Shutt of the Local Policing Team

#### **1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15th May 2015**

The Chairman proposed and the Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2015 at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney be approved and signed

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

- 2.1 **Website:** It was **resolved** that the Council's website would be set up under the domain name "northcerneypc.org.uk". Councillor Sergeant would arrange this, and would design the website
- 2.2 **North Cerney bus stop bench:** The bench had now been installed. Veronika Forte had expressed her thanks to the Council
- 2.3 **Dog waste bin(s):** Councillor Smith had met with a representative of the Cotswold District Council Waste Management team. It was proposed to re-site the existing bin and install an additional bin near the footpath to the fields. One site was on land belonging to Bathurst Estates, and she would seek their consent for this. She and the Clerk would look into the likely cost for the next meeting.

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

- 3.1 **County Council:** Councillor Hodgkinson reported that
- 3.1.1 Faster broadband was now being rolled out to rural areas that had no access to it at present. The timing was not yet clear, but he would provide updates as more information became available
- 3.1.2 He was pressing for improvements to mobile telephone reception in the areas that at present had poor reception or no reception
- 3.1.3 Ameys appeared to be improving. The Clerk mentioned that the signpost at the top of Dark Lane (reported in January) had still not been replaced, nor had the pavement between the bus stop and Churnside been cleared, which they had been instructed to do by Richard Gray in April.
- 3.2 **District Council:** Councillor Forde said that she had nothing to report at present.

#### 4. Crime:

4.1 **Police and Rural Crime Survey:** Andrea Shutt was unable to attend, as she was on leave. Details of the Rural Crime Survey had been put on the Parish notice boards.

4.2 **Neighbourhood Watch:** Councillor Wilkes reported that only two residents had responded to the initial letter delivered to every house. He had put a note in the recent Churn News, but this had not yet produced any greater response.

#### Financial Matters

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

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

15/05/15	582	Les Cairns	Playground fence repairs	75.00
11/05/15	onl/024	HMRC	PAYE for April	28.60
13/05/15	onl/025	V Hancock	Clerk monthly salary	117.60
11/06/15	onl/026	HMRC	PAYE for May	29.40
15/06/15	onl/027	V Hancock	Clerk monthly salary	117.60
06/07/15	583	Memorial Hall	Use of hall for meeting	12.75

5.3 **New Financial Regulations:** The Clerk would go through the draft and delete the parts which did not apply to this Council. This would leave some issues to be decided at the next meeting.

5.4 **Funding Requests:** Requests for funding had been received from Cotswold CAB and the Memorial Hall. A donation to the CAB had been included in the budget for the year, and the request from the Memorial Hall would be considered later in the financial year.

6. **Affordable housing update:** Councillor Stoten had attended a joint meeting with Bagendon Parish Council. It was currently proposed to meet the needs of both parishes by building 11 one- and two-bedroom units on the site adjoining the A435. The Agents were preparing plans, and there would be further public consultation. A planning application was unlikely to be submitted until next year.

The Clerk had received an invitation from Cirencester Housing Society for the Councillors to visit some of their local affordable housing developments on 19 July. Councillor Smith said she would like to attend.

#### 7. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders

7.1 **Planning Applications:** The only application notified was that by the owners of the Old Rectory North Cerney, for the construction of a footbridge. This application had now been withdrawn.

7.2 **Decisions and Notices:** Consent had been granted for the alterations to the access at Churnside, and for the alterations to 40-41 Dark Lane. Consent had also been give for the felling of a Lawson Cypress at Pennings, North Cerney.

#### 8. Woodmancote Playground:

8.1 **Repairs:** The Clerk had yet to hear from Gloucestershire County Council or their contractors regarding the righting of the junction box, and the surface under the swings had yet to be fixed down. Rupert Farrow had reported that some of the screws in the half-pipe had corroded or were missing and it wa **resolved** that this repair should be effected

8.2 **Replacement of the Half-pipe:** In reponse to the notices on the Woodmancote notice board and in Churn News, the Clerk had heard from Nigel Tetley. He indicated that the half-pipe was used by local children, but, if it had to be replaced, he suggested it be

replaced with a modern climbing frame with scope for imaginative play. He mentioned that some children had also suggested a zip wire, and also that it would be good if the football/basketball area could be surfaced with something smoother and more child-friendly. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would look into the cost of climbing frames, and the availability of grants.

9. **Stone bus shelter at North Cerney:** Councillor Russell-Brown reported that the owner of The Bathurst Arms had said he would be interested in using the shelter for storage. It was **resolved** that no action would be taken on this, as it was used by local children in the winter. The Clerk said that the Internal Auditor had advised that the shelter should be regularly inspected as part of the Council's risk management procedures. It was **resolved** that Councillor Russell-Brown would carry out these inspections.

10. **Bus Survey:** As the proposed changes to bus services did not relate to any service in the Parish, it was **resolved** that no action by the Council was necessary.

11. **Correspondence:** The Clerk had received notice of the AGM of GAPTC on 18 July. She also received regular communications from Cotswold Tree Wardens, and there was a course about Tree Preservation Orders on 9 July. Other correspondence had been dealt with above.

11. **Any Other Business:**

11.1 The Clerk had been asked by the owners of a house in Hillview whether the streetlight there could be fitted with a lower-wattage bulb. As there appeared to be some difference of opinion as to whether all the residents of Hillview agreed with this, it was **resolved** that the Clerk would make enquiries of Gloucestershire County Council about the possibility of screening the light to reduce its impact on the house in question.

11.2 The Clerk had been advised that two of the local footpaths had become impassable. It was **resolved** that she would contact the GCC Footpaths Officer about this.

11.3 Councillor Smith said that the parking in North Cerney was again becoming a problem. It was **resolved** that PC Shutt's earlier offer to assist in distributing a letter to residents would be taken up by the Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....