

North Cerney Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 17th September 2018 at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney

Present: Councillors M Tufnell, C Martin, N Wilkes, A Stoten, and C Wakefield, B Koch as RFO

Presiding: Councillor M Tufnell

Clerk: V Hancock

Apologies: Councillor P Sergeant, County Councillor P Hodgkinson, and District Councillor J Forde

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2018

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2018 at The Memorial Hall North Cerney be approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising:

There were none

3. Resolution to Adopt Updated Standing Orders

A draft of the Updated Standing Orders having been sent by the Clerk to all Councillors in advance of the meeting **it was resolved** unanimously that they be adopted.

4. District and County Issues:

4.1 **County Council:** Councillor Hodgkinson had sent a written report.

He had recently attended a Highways England update on the A417 “missing link”. The preferred option was a dual carriageway looping round the existing road. Work was scheduled to start in late 2021, with the new road opening to traffic in Spring 2024. There had been 6 deaths on the section of road in the past 12 months.

Highways England were also looking at ways to reduce the noise pollution further down the A417/419

The A435 had now been patched and surface dressed and the white lining was due to be completed shortly.

The County Council had announced that from 28th October the Fosse Cross Recycling Centre would be open from only 10 am to 4 pm during the winter, and would be permanently closed one day a week. He had expressed his concern at the possibility of more fly-tipping and confusion for users, but it seemed the changes would go ahead.

4.2 **District Council:** No report had been received from Councillor Forde

5. 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:

V Hancock	Clerk monthly salary and PAYE September-November	441.00
Memorial Hall	Use of hall	14.25
Ross Collins	Playground Maintenance	750.00

6. Highway Issues:

6.1 Highways: The damaged salt bin in Hillview had still not been replaced (and re-sited) and the Clerk had chased Ameys again about this.

The damaged 30 mph sign in Chapel Lane had been repaired/replaced.

6.2 Footpaths: Geoff Ramshaw had reported that he had added waymarks to the footbridge on the path from the A435 near Hammerton Shed, and had obtained permission to waymark the footpath from Woodmancote to the A435 near Hammerton House. He had asked the County Council to install a finger post at the road end of this path.

He had asked if there were any outstanding Rights of Way issues in the parish. The Clerk said that Jane Wilkinson had suggested walking some of the local paths with him, but he had indicated that he would prefer to deal with issues through the Parish Council.

Councillor Martin said she would contact him to arrange this, possibly with one or more interested local residents.

7. Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention:

It was proposed by the Chairman, and agreed, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Andrea Shutt for her work as local PCSO

Councillor Wilkes reported that there had been a reduction in crime in North Cerney during the past year. Councillor Wakefield said there had been little cause for concern in Woodmancote, apart from the occasional suspicions about white vans etc. Councillor Tufnell said that the police response had been good in respect of rural crime.

8. Affordable Housing Update:

On behalf of Cirencester Housing Association, Chris Knibbs reported as follows:

Tenders had been invited in March, and it had become apparent that the cost would be more than originally anticipated, partly because of additional work that would be needed (e.g. an electricity sub-station).

A planning application had been lodged to change the roof tiles and windows, and to raise the level of the houses on the site. The application to raise the level had now been withdrawn, in view of the objections received and as there would probably be no cost saving.

The contractors would be Harpers, who dealt mainly with rural housing. More detailed work was needed, but they hoped to start work in early November.

Councillor Stoten enquired about arrangements for surface water drainage, and was assured this would be fully considered. It was confirmed that the entrance would be at the northern end of the site.

The Clerk was asked to again raise with County Highways the need to extend the 40 mph speed limit to Churnside.

9. Woodmancote Playground:

9.1 Report: The Clerk reported that she was not receiving regular reports. Councillor Wakefield asked that the Clerk send him the form used for inspections.

9.2 New Equipment: A Woodmancote resident (Brian Merrifield) had placed a plastic toy playhouse in the playground. He was not willing to accept liability for its use. The Clerk had notified Debbie Sergeant, for her to check it did not constitute a risk, Councillor Wakefield said it seemed popular with children using the play area. No further information had been received by the Clerk regarding new equipment to replace the half-pipe.

10. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders

Churn Cottage, North Cerney: Single storey side extension to form additional room and covered terrace area

The Red Sheds, North Cerney: Variation of conditions re approved plans and bat survey

Land Adjoining Broadbridge Cottage, North Cerney (affordable housing): variation of conditions (as in 8 above)

10.2 **Decisions and Notices:** the following had been approved:

The Old Rectory, North Cerney: felling of dead Beech tree_

11. **Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was reported by the Clerk:

11.1. Notification from Cotswold District Council that the Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy had been adopted.

11.2 A request from GAPTC to notify them of cases where there had been a breach of planning rules but no enforcement action had been taken.

11.3 From Cirencester Community Development concerning the “We remember 1918” event in November. They were asking for the number in the Parish who fell in the First World War. It was thought that the list on the wall of the Memorial Hall was probably complete, but that the Clerk might check with Sue Herdman

12. **Any Other Business**

12.1 Councillor Wilkes had received complaints about a number of HGVs coming through the village recently. It was thought this might have been during a period when The Whiteway was closed.

12.2 Robert Corser asked if something could be done to clear the weeds from the gutter along the A435. The Clerk would ask Ameys again to deal with this.

12.3 Councillor Wilkes had received a complaint about vehicles parking near to the bungalows opposite the village green, and asked who owned the land. The Clerk said she had dealt with a similar complaint some time ago, and it seemed the land either belonged to Bromford Housing or was highway verge.

12.4 The fire engine had recently been unable to get through North Cerney because of parked vehicles. Notices had been put on car windscreens, but the Clerk was asked to request that the police look into this again.

12.5 Councillor Tufnell expressed concern about aircraft noise from Rendcomb airfield, and asked the Clerk to contact Cotswold District Council and put the relevant officer there in touch with him.

12.6 The Clerk was asked to order paint (at about £40 for 2.5 litres) for the repainting of the telephone boxes

13. **Co-Option of Councillor**

All other than the Councillors having left the meeting, the applications from the two residents interested in becoming Councillors. were considered. **It was resolved** to co-opt Clare Cannock as a Councillor in place of E Russell-Browne.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8 .50 pm

Signed