

## North Cerney Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm

at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney

**Present:** Councillors Mark Tufnell, Adam Stoten, Cathy Martin and John Ewbank, and County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

**Presiding:** Councillor Mark Tufnell

**Clerk:** Valerie Hancock

**Apologies:** Councillor Nigel Wilkes and Barry Koch

#### 1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at The Memorial Hall North Cerney be approved and signed.

#### 2. Matters Arising:

**Telephone kiosk:** The North Cerney kiosk had yet to be painted. Councillor Stoten would arrange a date for volunteers to deal with this.

**Woodmancote notice board:** Councillor Tufnell reported that a new board was being prepared

**Highways:** The need to re-fix the sign on one of the “gates” had been reported, but this had not yet been dealt with. The Clerk would chase this.

#### 3. District and County Issues:

3.1 **County Council:** Councillor Hodgkinson reported on the following:

3.1.1 Safety on the A435: The road markings, improved signage and clearing of the pavements were to be dealt with shortly

3.1.2 The Welsh Way from Perrotts Brook to The Whiteway would be closed for repairs to the road

3.1.3 The public consultation on the proposals for the “missing link” would start later this month. Subject to this, and Government approval, work would start in 2021.

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

4. **Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention:** In the absence of Councillor Wilkes there was no report.

The Clerk reported that neither of the new PCSOs for the area had been able to attend the meeting, but one of them expected to be able to attend the November meeting.

#### 5. Financial Matters:

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

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

Memorial Hall	Use of Hall – May	28.50
V Hancock	Clerk salary and PAYE – August/September	294.00
Memorial Hall	Use of hall – July	14.25

**5.3 Appointment of Additional Bank signatory:** The RFO had asked that an additional signatory to the Council's Bank account be appointed. It was **resolved** that Councillor Ewbank be a signatory.

**6. Defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that she had sent the grant application form to Councillor Forde for her to counter-sign, but had heard nothing further as yet. Maureen Maguire had spoken to the electrical contractors working on the affordable housing site. They had requested further details of the defibrillator when these were available.

#### **7. Highway Issues:**

7.1 The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the road from The Whiteway to Rendcomb was to be closed for repair. It had been proposed to divert traffic to Chapel Lane. Councillor Hodgkinson had obtained confirmation that this would be amended to Dark Lane.

7.2 Mrs Herdman mentioned that the road by North Cerney church would be closed for a day later this week, while the sycamore tree was felled.

**8. Affordable Housing Update:** After the last meeting some of the Councillors had met to discuss the possible "weighting" of the criteria for applications for the new homes. Councillor Ewbank said that individual circumstances would clearly be relevant. The ideas, which it was agreed were advisory only, had been passed to Maureen Maguire.

**9. Woodmancote Playground:** From Councillor Ewbank's recent inspection, the latch on the gate needed replacement. He had asked Ross Collins for an estimate of the cost. The surface around the "roundabout" needed clearing of weeds, and the swings needed some repainting.

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

**10.1 Planning Applications:** The Council had been notified of the following:

Brooklyn House, Perrotts Brook – replacement of extension and erection of a garage  
South Barn, Calmsden – revised application for proposed conversion to B1 office use  
New dwelling at Perrotts Brook House – application for this to be heard by the Planning Committee

**10.2 Decision Notices:**

Consent to fell the sycamore tree in North Cerney churchyard

**11. Co-option of Councillor:** An application had been received from Linda de Carles. She was invited to say a few words at the meeting. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Martin, and unanimously **resolved** that she be co-opted as a Councillor.

#### **12. Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was reported by the Clerk:

12.1. Cotswold District Council were now proposing to launch their improved waste and recycling service at the end of March 2020, rather than November 2019 as had been intended.

12.2. Cotswold District Council had developed a "Tenancy Support Package" aimed at encouraging private landlords to work in partnership with the council to alleviate

homelessness and reduce the local housing waiting list. A new Private Rented Sector Officer had been appointed.

12.3. A free energy advice event had been held by SevernWye Energy Agency in North Cerney village hall on 8 August. The Clerk had received notification only two days before the event, but had displayed a poster as requested.

12.4. The Village Hall Committee are organising a local garden event on 13 June 2020 to raise funds for Macmillan and the village hall. They were intending to apply for closure of the road for through traffic through the village between 1 pm and 5 pm on that day, and asked whether the Parish Council would have any objection. It was agreed that the Council would have no objection, provided adequate parking for visitors and residents was made available.

12.5, Details had been received from GAPTC of their autumn/winter training courses, and this had been circulated to Councillors.

**13. Any Other Business**

13.1. Mr Wilkinson said that a local history group had been formed, and would be holding an event in the village hall on Sunday 15 September. After that, they would know what was the future for the group. He asked if the Parish Council would contribute to the cost of hiring the hall. The Council agreed to contribute up to £56 towards this cost.

13.2. there had been complaints about the proliferation of banners on the A435 at the entrance to North Cerney. Apart from being unsightly, there was the risk of the banners causing distraction to drivers. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of Councillor Forde as to who was responsible for controlling banners.

**13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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