

## **North Cerney Parish Council**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 7.30 pm**

**at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney**

**Present:** Councillors Mark Tufnell, Cathy Martin, Nigel Wilkes, Adam Stoten, Paul Sergeant, and Clare Cannock, District Councillor Jenny Forde and Barry Koch as RFO

**Presiding:** Councillor M Tufnell

**Clerk:** V Hancock

**Apologies:** County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and Councillor Colin Wakefield (received later)

#### **1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2018**

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at The Memorial Hall North Cerney be approved and signed.

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

There were none

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

**3.1 County Council:** Councillor Hodgkinson had sent a report as follows:

3.1.1 Following reduction in the opening hours of Fosse Cross Recycling Centre, and its closure on Tuesdays, he and Councillor Forde had been there on a Tuesday, when a series of cars arrived leaving drivers frustrated, and facing a journey to Nailsworth to dispose of their items. There had been recent incidents of fly-tipping at Calsden and elsewhere, and he asked that the Council and residents support the petition on his website

3.1.2 There had been renewed concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing the A435 at North Cerney, due to the excessive speed of some drivers. In particular, the school are concerned about the safety of children crossing in groups from the school to the church. He would be raising the issue with Gloucestershire Highways to see what could be done,

**3.2 District Council:** Councillor Forde reported as follows:

3.2.1 She was also concerned about the safety of children crossing the road, and had discussed this with the police.

3.2.2 Affordable Housing: at present the pre-commencement planning conditions were being dealt with, and it was hoped to commence building at the end of January.

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

**4.1 Reconciliation Statement:** The reconciliation statement was presented by the RFO and **it was resolved** that it be approved. The second precept payment of £1,500 had been received

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

V Hancock	Clerk monthly salary and PAYE	294.00
Village Hall	Hire of hall	14.25
GRCC	Membership Renewal	20.00
Citizens Advice	Donation	250.00

**4.3 Budget and Precept for 2018-19:** The Budget had yet to be circulated by the RFO, but there was not likely to be any change from last year. It was **resolved** that the precept be the same as in the current year and that the details would be agreed by email.

## 5. Highway Issues:

5.1 The Clerk had raised again with Danny Taylor the need to extend the 40 mph speed limit to include Churnside, but he had replied again saying that he would consider this when the new housing had been built.

5.2 The Clerk had been informed some months ago that “a ticket had been raised” for replacement of the damaged salt bin in Hillview. However, in response to a recent reminder, Danny Taylor had now said that replacement of salt bins was normally the responsibility of the Parish Council, but that if it was proposed to re-site it, he or Ameys would check whether the new position was acceptable from the highways aspect. It was reported that a plastic tub of salt had recently been placed by the damaged bin, and that the bin still contained some salt, although it appeared to have solidified. Councillor Martin agreed to take the damaged bin to the recycling centre.

5.3 The Clerk had also asked again that the weeds be cleared from the gutter and pavement between Churnside and the crossroads. Danny Taylor had replied that road sweeping was the responsibility of the District Council. Once it had been swept he would inspect to see what action is needed. Councillor Forde agreed to take this up with the District Council

5.4 Chapel Lane would be closed from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January for installation of a new water pipe

5.5 Footpaths: Councillor Martin had recently met with Geoff Ramshaw, Volunteer Cotswold Warden Following the meeting he had reported that he was arranging for installation of a number of new waymark signs, and, where gates or stiles needed attention, he was contacting the landowners.

## 6. Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention:

6.1 **Neighbourhood Watch:** Councillor Wilkes reported that there had been a recent burglary in North Cerney, an incident in Rendcomb, and a break-in at the Golf Club, as well as reports of dogs chasing sheep in the area. The Chairman reported that there was still a high level of theft from rural properties, but the police response was good.

6.2 **Police:** The Clerk mentioned that the intended PCSO for the area was still being trained, and in the meantime PC Mark Weedon was covering the area.

7. **Affordable Housing Update:** As reported by Councillor Forde (above), save that in a recent message to the Clerk, Chris Knibbs had indicated that building work might not commence until February.

## 8. Woodmancote Playground:

8.1 **New Equipment:** Deb Sergeant had provided details of three alternative play units of a type which would be acceptable. These were considered, and it was **resolved** to

proceed with the “Buzz” at a cost (including installation onto grass) of £2,364.80. The Council had some funds in hand, but the Clerk would investigate sources that might part-fund the project. If part-funding is not available the Clerk would proceed in any case to purchase of the equipment.

8.2 The Clerk was not receiving regular inspection reports, and it was agreed these should be reinstated for both safety and insurance purposes. Councillor sergeant agreed to ask his wife Deb to provide regular reports to the Clerk.

### 9. North Cerney Telephone Kiosk:

The Clerk reported that in 2016 BT had given notice of their intention to remove redundant telephone kiosks, including those in Woodmancote and North Cerney. That notification had not been received by the Clerk. Cotswold District Council had objected to the removal of the payphone in North Cerney as mobile reception was poor, and had subsequently listed that telephone kiosk. According to BT's records, neither kiosk had been “adopted” by the Parish Council. The kiosk in Woodmancote had recently been removed by BT. The kiosk in North Cerney is in need of renovation (currently the responsibility of BT).

The Clerk had submitted an initial request for the adoption of the North Cerney kiosk. BT had replied that it could not be adopted without confirmation from the Planning Department that a payphone was no longer required. Councillor Forde had established that the District Council were satisfied that mobile reception had improved, and were likely to provide this confirmation, but this would not be available until January. In the meantime, BT had confirmed they would provide the paint to renovate the kiosk. The Council discussed whether the kiosk should be adopted, or simply left in the ownership of BT. On the basis that it was in a prominent position in the village, in poor repair, and unlikely to be maintained by BT, it was **resolved** to proceed with its adoption by the Parish Council once this course was available.

### 10. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders

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

3 Robinson Lane Woodmancote: side and front extension and pedestrian gate

Cerney House: Sub-division to create 3 new apartments

Unit 1 Fosse Cross: Variation of condition to increase floor area of office extension – permission granted

Old Quarry Works Fosse Cross: Hazardous Substance Consent application to store and distribute chemicals, fertilizers and seed for agriculture

Rose Cottage North Cerney: Demolition of garage, construction of new car port, new conservatory, and dormer windows, restoration of existing outbuildings, and other works

The Red Sheds: Variation of conditions

10.2 **Decision Notices:** as above, and

Churn Cottage North Cerney: Side extension and covered terrace

The Red Sheds: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans)

11. **School Fence:** The Parish Council had received numerous complaints from residents about the fence erected along the frontage of the school, and the Clerk had been in correspondence with the Executive Head.

Councillor Stoten (declaring his interest as a school governor) said that OFSTED had required a higher wall or fence to protect the pupils, but the fence as erected did not meet the aspiration of the Governors. It was intended as a temporary measure until

something more appropriate (and affordable) could be installed. Councillor Forde explained the problems currently faced by the school. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for a note, first agreed by Councillor Stoten, to be published in the next Churn News, and that the Parish Council would be willing to make some contribution to the cost of a more suitable fence.

**12. Correspondence:**

The Clerk had received, and passed to Councillors, a number of Newsletters, but there had been no other correspondence (except as above)

**12. Any Other Business**

12.1 **Village Hall:** Councillor Martin said that the Village Hall Committee had asked who was the current Parish Council representative on the committee. It was confirmed that this was Councillor Wakefield. Councillor Martin said the Village Hall was trying to get more support and to arrange more events. Thought was being give to resurrecting the village fete.

12.2 Councillor Stoten suggested that Pauline Farman deserved public recognition for all the litter-picking she did in the area. The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of Bagendon Parish Council about this.

**13. Dates of next meetings:** The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, and the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

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