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North Cerney Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
on 4th March 2019 at 7.30 pm
at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney**

Present: Councillors Mark Tufnell, Cathy Martin, Colin Wakefield, Nigel Wilkes, Paul Sergeant and Clare Cannock, County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson, District Councillor Jenny Forde, Barry Koch as RFO and 4 residents

Presiding: Councillor Mark Tufnell

Clerk: Valerie Hancock

Apologies: Councillor Adam Stoten

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2018

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2018 at The Memorial Hall North Cerney be approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising:

2.1 Damaged salt bin: Councillor Martin had not been able to remove this as yet, as it still contained salt/grit.

2.2 Councillor Forde was still trying to get the A435 gutter swept.

2.3 The Clerk had contacted the Clerk of Bagendon Parish Council suggesting some recognition should be given to the work of Pauline Farman. The Clerk to Bagendon PC agreed and was looking into this.

2.4 A successful litter pick had been carried out at the end of January. Another was planned for March under the "Keep Britain Tidy" scheme.

3. District and County Issues

3.1 County Council Issues: Councillor Hodgkinson reported as follows:

3.1.1 The Gloucestershire County Council part of the Council Tax would increase by 4.99% from April. There would still be cuts to services, as 70% of the £420 million budget was needed to meet the Council's obligations in respect of social care and children's services. One of the cuts was the reduction in the opening hours of the Fosse Cross Recycling Centre. He had tried unsuccessfully to reverse this decision, and was aware there had been fly-tipping locally, and complaints that the Centre was not opening on time.

3.1.2 He and Councillor Forde were campaigning on behalf of the school for a safer crossing on the A435. They were awaiting a response from the Council. Danny Taylor had confirmed again that no consideration would be given to extending the 40 mph speed limit to Churnside until the affordable housing development was completed.

3.1.3 From 1st April, the Council's highways contractor would be Ringway..

3.2 District Council Issues: Councillor Forde reported as follows:

3.2.1 Cotswold District Council had supported a motion against the reduction in opening hours of the Recycling Centre. The District Council had to bear the cost of removing fly-tipped items, and could complain to the County Council. She asked that photographs and location of fly-tipping be sent to her.

3.2.2 The Cotswold District Council Council Tax would increase by 2% from 1st April

3.2.3 She had asked the Leader of Cotswold District Council to write to Gloucestershire County Council in support of a safer crossing on the A435. The Clerk was asked also to write regarding this.

3.2.4 Progress was being made with the affordable housing development, but there had been a number of planning issues to deal with. Work was scheduled to start on 1 April, and Bromford were intending to hold a Ground Breaking Ceremony later that month.

In response to a question from Councillor Martin, Councillor Hodgkinson said that the reduction in opening hours of the Recycling Centre was expected to save £60-70,000. Councillor Cannock asked whether there would be an increase in heavy traffic on the A435 when work started on construction of the “missing link” on the A417. Councillor Hodgkinson said that he thought the work would be carried out without the need to divert traffic. Work on the missing link was still expected to start in 2020/2021, and to last about 2 years. There would be a formal consultation in Summer 2019.

4. Financial Matters:

4.1 **Precept for 2019/20:** It was resolved that the precept for 2019/20 would be £6,000.

4.2 **Reconciliation Statement:** The reconciliation statement was presented by the RFO and it was resolved that it be approved. Barry Koch estimated that approximately £2,000 would be carried forward into next year, after allowing for the cost of the new playground equipment.

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

V Hancock	Clerk salary and PAYE (Feb/March)	294.00
B Koch	RFO's annual payment	600.00
	Administration Expenses	116.00
Roy Savory	Mowing of Village Green	160.00
	Hire of Village Hall	14.25

5, Highway and Public Footpath Issues

5.1 The Clerk had reported various potholes, some of which had been filled

5.2 The sign for Hillview had been broken, and CDC would be asked to replace it

5.3 The Clerk had been notified that the clearing of the pavements and gutters on the A435 would be scheduled in the next financial year

5.4 Councillor Martin said that the hedgerows on Dark Lane needed to be cut back. It was thought that the adjoining land belonged to Bathurst Estates, and the Clerk would ask them to deal with this.

5.5 A resident said that the footpath from North Cerney to Rendcomb was again impassable because of the mud created by cattle. The Clerk was asked to find out if Bathurst Estates could offer a permissive path to avoid the section of deep mud.

6. Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention:

6.1 The Clerk had been notified that a new PCSO for the area, Charlie Pascoe-Watson, had now been appointed.

6.2 **Woodmancote:** Councillor Wakefield said there had been a few issues with parking, but no crime in Woodmancote. There had been a report of a dog attack, The police had not responded until 4 days later.

A member of the public said that the attack involved two German Shepherd dogs, which had also chased a boy down the road. Police had taken statements but no action had been taken. The Clerk was asked to contact PC Mark Weedon about this.

6.3 North Cerney: Councillor Wilkes reported that there had been no reports of crime or suspicious activity.

6.4 Community Speedwatch: Councillor Wilkes said the next Speedwatch would be in April

7. Affordable Housing Update: The Clerk had heard from Chris Knibbs of Bromford Housing that it was hoped to start work on 1st April and (if this was achieved) to hold a Ground Breaking Ceremony on (possibly) 22nd April. The new road would be called Churnbridge Row.

8. Woodmancote Playground:

8.1 Safety Reports: The Clerk had been notified that the annual RoSPA inspection would be carried out in April. She had not received inspection reports recently, but the fence was in need of repair. Councillor Wakefield would ask Les Cairns to deal with this. He thought the small playhouse might also present some risks. Deb Sergeant was thanked for her help in inspecting the playground, and it was agreed that the need to find someone to carry out regular inspections would be considered after the RoSPA Report was received..

9.2 New Equipment: The Clerk reported that the order for the "Buzz" playhouse and been lodged with Sovereign at the latest quoted price of £1,780.35 (plus VAT), and it was anticipated that installation would be effected in 4-6 weeks time. Councillor Martin had offered to arrange for clearance of the spoil. Les Cairns had quoted approximately £50 for the CAT scan, and approximately £150 for security fencing. It **was resolved** that all these payments be authorised.

9. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders

9.1 Planning Applications: The Council had been notified of the following:

New house in the garden of Perrotts Brook House

Calmsden Barn: Replacement of a conservatory with a garden room

Affordable Housing Site: compliance with conditions

Scrubditch Farm: compliance with conditions

The Red Sheds: variations and compliance with conditions

9.2 Decision Notices:

Churn Lodge North Cerney: extensions

Rose Cottage North Cerney: Alterations

10. Correspondence:

The Clerk had received the following:

10.1 Notification from GAPTC that next year's subscription would be £137.43

10.2 Notification that the Gloucestershire Local Minerals Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination

10.3 An Agenda for the next Chartered Parish and Town Council Meeting, to be held on 7th March 2019 at Churchdown.

10.4 An enquiry from the First Aid Co-ordinator at Gloucestershire County Council as to whether he might consider delivering a free first aid course in the Parish, focussing on CPR, unconscious casualty and using a defibrillator. The Clerk was asked to notify him that it was interested in such a course, possibly in the village hall.

10.5 An enquiry from a production company who would be producing a new BBC TV series "Back in Time". They are looking for a family to take part. The Clerk would put a notice on the Notice Board about this.

10.6 A letter (and leaflets) from the Community Safety Officer of Cotswold District Council

concerning Modern Slavery, saying this is an issue that affects the Cotswold District area, as well as other areas.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 North Cerney Telephone Kiosk: Cotswold District Council had now notified BT that they had no objection to removal of the payphone in North Cerney, and BT had provided their standard form of Adoption Agreement. The Clerk had sent copies of the agreement to all Councillors. She said that BT would not agree any amendments, and it comprised mainly disclaimers of liability by BT, but if the Council wished to adopt the kiosk, the agreement would have to be accepted. The Council would be taking the kiosk in its present condition, although, as well as removing the telephone equipment, BT would provide a paint kit. It might be necessary to upgrade the light fitting. It **was resolved** to proceed with adoption of the kiosk and the Chairman signed the agreement on behalf of the Council.

11.2 Cotswold Conservation Board: David Broad, a member of the Cotswold Conservation Board, attended the meeting because the Board had decided it needed to raise its profile. The Board worked to conserve and enhance the beauty of the Cotswolds AONB. It published a regular Newsletter and hoped to start a Facebook page. There was currently discussion about the Cotswolds becoming a National Park. The Conservation Board had been involved in the consultations about the A417 “missing link”. He asked that Councillors looked at the Board's website for more information about what it does.

11.3 School Bell: Councillor Stoten had sent an email saying that the school is working with Councillor Forde to try to secure funding to repair the school bell. A quotation of the costs was awaited, but the Council had previously indicated it might be willing to make a contribution to the cost. It was agreed this would be considered further when the cost was known.

11.4 Banners: A resident enquired who gave permission for banners on roadside fences. Councillor Forde said that these were usually installed without permission, but Cotswold District Council could require them to be removed. **11.5** The Clerk mentioned that Parish Council elections would be held on 2nd May. She had nomination papers available for all Councillors who were intending to stand for re-election.

12. Date of the next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday 14th May 2018, commencing at 7.30 pm at North Cerney Memorial Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed