

MITCHELDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th October 2015 AT 7pm IN THE TOWN HALL, AFTER DUE NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN.

Present

Parish Councillors: Deborah Blackmore, Andre Edwards, Jackie Fraser, Sara Gates, Sue Henchley, William Waddell, Kay Wozencroft .

District Councillors: Jackie Fraser **Douglas Scott County Councillor** Brian Robinson
(arrived during Committee part of proceedings)

Clerk: **Not present** It was agreed that Sue Henchley would take the Minutes

- 1) **To Note** Apologies for Absence: none
- 2) **Members of the public issues** (15 minutes Standing Orders suspended)
None
Adrian James provided a short presentation in applying for Council Membership.
- 3) **To Receive** any Code of Conduct-Declaration of Interests.
Jackie Fraser reminded the Members that she remains on the planning committee at district level.
Deborah Blackmore declared a non pecuniary interest in item 6) S)
- 4) **To Approve Minutes** of the Monthly Meeting of Mitcheldean Parish Council held on the 14th September 2015.
It was **resolved** that the Minutes were deemed to be an accurate and true reflection of the Meeting, approved by Council and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **Committees: Planning-**
To ratify decisions/recommendations made by the Planning Committee.
 - A) P1417/15/TCA, Archway Court – Removal of Sycamore tree and works to Whitebeam.
The PC objects to removal of Sycamore tree, but has no objection to works to Whitebeam.
 - B) P1370/15/FUL, Extension at Sunnyside, Glencoe Lane, Plump Hill.
The PC objects to this application as the extension is felt to be too large and out of keeping with the present dwelling.
 - C) P1296/15/FUL and P1313/15/FUL were discussed, but it was deemed difficult to make an informed decision as the paper copies of the application were not available.
- 6) **Discussion and approval:**
 - A) To approve the implementation of a new simplified request form for all staff to come into effect 1st Nov 2015 – **approved, proposed by Jackie Fraser, seconded by Deb Blackmore**

- B) To approve the implementation of a new simplified time sheet to be brought in for all staff with effect from 1st Nov 2015 – **approved, proposed by Deb Blackmore, seconded by William Waddell.**
- C))To approve the new logo and letterhead stating that MPC is a “living wage employer” – **approved, proposed by Kay Wozencroft, seconded by Andre Edwards**
- D) To approve the implementation of a Chairman’s box and to approve an amount of up to £50 to be spent on an external hard drive – **approved, proposed by Jackie Fraser, seconded by Sue Henchley**
- E) To approve the pay award now the clerk has successfully completed the required course, backdated to 1st September 2015. To approve the increment due to the Clerk from 1st October 2015. – **approved, proposed by Deb Blackmore, seconded by Sue Henchley**
- F) To approve the implementation of a supportive monthly meeting with each employee and two nominated councillors. **Approved, proposed by Jackie Fraser, seconded by William Waddell**
- G) To approve that future appraisals for all staff will require two people appraising. **Approved, proposed by Sue Henchley, seconded by Deb Blackmore**
- H) To approve the outsourcing of MPC payroll. **Approved, proposed by Andre Edwards, seconded by Kay Wozencroft**
- I) To approve the cost for this years Christmas decorations / lights up to a value of £3000. **Approved, proposed by Kay Wozencroft, seconded by Sue Henchley**
- J) To approve the cost of a new shed up to the cost of £500 **approved, proposed by Sue Henchley, seconded by Kay Wozencroft**
- K) To approve the cost of a new vehicle for the use of the maintenance men up to £7000 **approved, proposed by Sue Henchley, seconded by Bill Waddell**
- L)) To approve purchase of van insurance once a van has been purchased **approved, proposed by Kay Wozencroft, seconded by Deb Blackmore**
- M) To approve the new Street Cleaning Service Level Agreement from FODDC **approved, proposed by Sue Henchley, seconded by Deb Blackmore**
- N)) To approve 5 hrs per week overtime for an extra month for Peter Lawrence to continue with weed clearance. **Approved, proposed by Kay Wozencroft, seconded by Deb Blackmore**
- O) To approve an additional £100 on plants in the playing fields if required **approved, proposed by Bill Waddell, seconded by Kay Wozencroft**
- P) Cllrs Gates, Fraser and Henchley had been to see CCTV in Coleford. To approve the cost of £375 for CCTV to be installed in the childrens play area **approved, proposed by Deb Blackmore, seconded by Kay Wozencroft**
- Q)) To approve the cost of a dummy camera to be installed on the pavilion up to £60 **approved, proposed by Andre Edwards, seconded by Kay Wozencroft**
- R) To vote on dissolving the current committee system for a trial period of 6 months and move this to one monthly workshop instead. **Approved, proposed by Kay Wozencroft, seconded by Jackie Fraser**
- S) To approve discussions with the Forest of Dean Landrover club regarding the severe weather plan. **Approved, proposed by Sue Henchley, seconded by Kay Wozencroft. Deb Blackmore declared a non pecuniary interest and did not vote**

7) County and District Councillor reports

Jackie Fraser spoke about two motions to Council – one opposing fracking, and one about the Yorkley Farmers Group, who are in danger of being evicted. She attended a peaceful anti fracking demonstration on Saturday.

Douglas Scott talked about Dial-a-Ride wanting to promote themselves more as available 365 days a year.

A recent presentation was given by the dog wardens who reported an increase in dumped cars probably due to a reduction in metal price.

Complaints of footballs being kicked against the Community Centre

Road repairs to Eastern Ave and Parks Road

Applications for Grammar Schools – 9 children have been turned down

A dent in the road outside Magnolia Cottage

GE Aviation moved part of their organisation to Vantage Point on Oct 1st, also “Big Doug”

He said that he had spoken to an Antiques Road Show appraiser about the Xerox museum. He thought it was not suitable for their show as only one machine was of interest. He suggested cataloguing everything and sending it to the Science Museum.

8) Report from the Clerk (delivered in her absence)

Matters arising, correspondence & enquiries:

Playdale have reported that all outstanding Health & Safety issues at the playground have been resolved

GPFA have inspected the play equipment

9) **Accounts/Finance-**

It was **resolved** to pay the invoices.

In Committee

It was resolved to accept Adrian James’s application to become a Parish Councillor

10) **Councillor Information Sharing:**

The Chairman - that the police had caught a miscreant on the playing field with some drugs the previous Friday.

Andre – sunken drains in Old Dean Road

Kay – a request for wild flowers to be grown at the back of the houses in Churchill Way

A burglary had taken place in Colchester Close

Drug dealers are present in the village

A pothole in Abenhall Road by the church.

Meeting closed at

Dated this 9th day of November 2015

S. Gates

Signed CHAIR