

MITCHELDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th March 2014 AT 7pm IN THE TOWN HALL, AFTER DUE NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN.

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mr Douglas Scott (Chair)
Mrs J. Fraser
Mrs S F Henschley
Mr A Edwards
Mr A Maliphant
Ms K A Wozencroft
Mr H Baker,
Mrs S Gates
Mrs K Baker
Mr D Parker

District Councillors:

Mrs J Fraser
Mr Ian Whitburn

Clerk: Mrs Sandra Schwanethal

[Mr B Waddell attended the meeting as an elector]

Agenda Item 1 To Note Apologies for absence: None

**Agenda Item 2 Members of the Public issues:
None**

**Agenda Item 3 Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests:
None**

(Received Register of Interest form from Cllr Parker)

Agenda Item 4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Mitcheldean Parish Council held on the 10th February 2014.

The minutes were deemed to be an accurate and true reflection of the Meeting, approved by Council and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

(SH + AM)

Agenda Item 5. Sub Committees:

Communications:- None

Planning:

P0330/14/AG | Erection of an agricultural building for grain and straw storage.
The Laines Bradley Court Road Mitcheldean Gloucestershire GL17 **No objections**
(SH & DP)

P0337/14/FUL The Hollies, New Street, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire.
Erection of replacement single storey rear extension. Installation of solar pv panels on rear roof slope of existing dwelling. Extension and alteration of existing outbuilding to provide workshop and garage. Alterations to existing vehicular access and hardstanding.
No objections (SH & AM)

Playing Fields-

Approve siting for lighting at recycle banks.

There has been no contact from County councillor N Stephens to report on.

Approve proposal by Cllr Edwards re offer of labour and materials to refurbish the Pavilion.

Not discussed.

An alternative proposal to issue a one year lease to the Sports Club was agreed in principle, but further amendments to the wording of the lease are needed.

Agenda Item 6 County/District Councillors Reports

District Cllr. Whitburn updated the Members about the car parking charges issue.

District Cllr. Fraser informed the Members that wild Boar are causing problems for some forest residents who are now calling for a cull. An investigation into Boar numbers is being sought before any further decisions are made.

Agenda Item 7 Clerk's report –Matters Arising, Correspondence & Enquiries

(Each councillor had been supplied with a copy of the Clerk's Report at the start of the Meeting. Letters and some Emails received and sent were placed in a folder on the table. Emails sent and received from the councillors are not included. Only the items requiring a response or decision from the council were read out.)

Information

Matters Arising

PlaySmart installation of matting around Climbing Wall Wed 26 Feb

Bolts too short to fit hand holds-Kompan informed.

Chairman to attend Dene Magna Library Resource Centre opening on 31st March.

A Rates demand on the Pavilion for £541 had been received-the clerk has asked for exemption of payment on the grounds that this money will be taken away from other worthy causes.

Read out/Response required

HOOF would like to give a presentation at a meeting!! see letter **Cllr Fraser would liaise with HOOF about a convenient date.**

Clare from the Heritage Open Days would like the Museum to be included volunteers available ex Xerox

Glos CC legal-re Sale/Purchase of Community Garden & Memorial Garden

Glos CC querying site of Post box-**Negotiations stalled as Glos. CC stated that any alterations to the license MPC have on the land proposed would have to be agreed with the County Council Assets committee and they don't meet again until September. It was suggested the box was placed on the pavement which would come under the Highways authority.**

Letter from Mrs Grocock-Spain re business Christmas raffle-passed to Cllr Gates

Highways with Skanska & BT -Close A40 between Huntley and Church Road from 17 March for 2 months

GAPTC Annual General Meeting 16th July-call for Resolutions

Launch of the MDean Lunch Club-Agenda item

Letters from Community Centre & ForestGate church asking for donations.-Agenda item

Clerk on holiday 17-24 March inc

Communications received (emails)

Post

Glos. Legal Services-Proposed waiting Restrictions, various roads, FOD.-on table

Received Updated Electoral Register

HMRC-notification for Year End Submissions PAYE

Received £2 (2 years) Peppercorn Rent from Community Centre-asking for donation (on Agenda).

Grass Tender documents from several contractors.

Lloyds Bank-document to vary mandate

Bank statements

Invoices etc.

Emails.

Ms Tuson-Thanks

Mark Harper's office

Karen FODDC- flooding

SLCC update clerks details

Mark Harper/Greg Baker re Govt policy on siting solar parks

Glos CC re Stagecoach timetable changes

Glos HomeSeekers-Newsletter

Glos CC legal-re Post box

GAPTC Training courses-fwd to Dale, Sara & Huw.

Highways Agency-Road closure 17 March for 2 months A40 between Huntley and Church Road.

Neil Evans-PCSO-Patrols carried out in MDean

Heritage Open Days –volunteers from Coleford to man Museum

Scouts only using Pavilion irregularly.

NALC Policy consultation-Audit & Accountability document on table

Gloucestershire PROW-document on table

Textile recycling bank being changed.

ForestGate Church re Lunch Club

Colin Simmons-Gardening Club now working and also having an operation shortly.

'Phone/Text

Graham Ross- Glos. Playing Fields would like to feature M'Dean Dirt Jumps in quarterly magazine.

Simon Rugman approx date to start skate park April. **Could be extra cost involved.** Text message

Pam Read

Edward Read re Seat

Personal visits (exc. Other PC employees)

Chairman

Bill Buffrey-re George Read Seat

Anthony Moverley

Kevin George

Communications sent

Emails to (excludes those sent to all councillors)

Katie Spencer- Play Rangers

Mark Harper's office

Karen FODDC- flooding

Tony Pope- Planning

SLCC update clerks details

Steve Jones- Neighbourhood Watch

Police- re NBH Watch & PCSO

Liz Lewitt

Damsell Masons

Grass contractors x 5

Severn Trent-sewerage at the Stenders

Wicksteed play equipment spares

Kompan

Colin Simmons- Gardening challenge

Chris Johns –Flooding

Fenland play equipment-spares

Steve Davis –post box

Zurich Insurance re seat damage

Edward Read

Forester pictures of bench

Graham Ross Dirt Jump pictures

Monitoring Officer re Register of Interest forms

S. Rugman Skate park

Clare-Heritage Open Days

Mark Ramhadel-re Silver Street

Anthony PlaySmart safety surfacing

Agenda Item 8:IN COMMITTEE

Accounts/Finance

To approve payment schedule (SH & JF)

A Bank reconciliation to the end of February 2014 was submitted to each councillor.

To appoint Grass cutting contractors-see spreadsheet

PD & PJ Adams, the current contractors to be retained for two years

To approve committee budgets-Deferred

To approve committee powers-Deferred

To approve a donation towards printing costs for the solar panel objection group-

The Chairman would ask for the receipts for printing from Mr Jones.

To approve a donation to the Micheldean Lunch Club.

£350 was approved for the purchase of tablecloths and seat pads. Receipts to be asked for.(KB & AM)

To approve a donation to the Community Centre.

£800 was approved specifically for the installation of 4 lockable cupboards.(AE & AM)

To approve funding of additional safety surface at play ground

More quotes to be sourced for a 'wet pour'surface before a decision will be made. Simon Rugman to be contacted about ground works.

To approve purchase/transfer of Asset of Community Garden from Glos CC

Glos. CC had not responded with further information in time for the meeting.

To approve purchase/transfer of Asset of Memorial Garden from Glos CC

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(Cllr. Maliphant left the meeting at 9pm)

Agenda Item 9: **Councillors Information Sharing.**

Cllr Parker informed the Members he had attended a meeting about the developments at the Cinderford Northern Quarter. The lack of a direct bus service between Mitcheldean and Cinderford is causing concern.

Cllr Scott said he has heard the old Scout Hut had been abandoned and was concerned about any implications this may bring on the Parish Council.

Cllr Scott spoke about the developments with St. Michael's Church about positioning a replacement war memorial.(Funding had been agreed at an earlier meeting)

Cllr Scott also informed the Council that Pam Read had telephoned him after reading a report in a local newspaper, asking for confirmation from the Parish Council that the George Read Memorial Seat would be reinstated. Cllr Scott said the matter was now in the hands of the insurance company and the Council would have to wait for their decision before committing the PC to any further expense.

Cllr Gates spoke about the ongoing problem with the drains on the Stenders. Cllr Fraser said she had spoken with Martin Quail to see what could be done.

Cllr Gates also asked if Highways could be approached about repainting the pedestrian crossing and if any allotments were still available. The PC Facebook page has received many new 'likes' recently and had lit up following the damage done to the George Read seat.

Cllr Edwards said he thought the drain outside the old 'George' was now dangerous.

Cllr Wozencroft asked if anyone knew who had authorised the removal of three trees in School Lane. That the potholes at the bottom of the Stenders had now been filled in, but that there are still several potholes around the village. That the light outside KCL hairdressers had now been replaced.

Meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Dated this day 14th Day of April 2014

Signed

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CHAIRMAN-Douglas Scott