

MITCHELDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th April 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 Maliphant
Ms K A Wozencroft
Mr H Baker,
Mrs S Gates
Mr D Parker

District Councillors:

Mrs J Fraser
Mr Ian Whitburn
Brian Robinson (arrived 7.45pm)

Clerk: Mrs Sandra Schwanethal

[Mr B Waddell, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Smith attended the meeting as electors]

Agenda Item 1 To Note Apologies for absence: Andre Edwards, Katherine Baker

Agenda Item 2 Members of the Public issues:

Mr Waddell raised the issue of the cessation of bus services for Mitcheldean. Cllr Fraser to follow up.

Mrs Smith raised the issue of rubbish being left outside the flats above the Chinese takeaway shop. Rachel Capon from FODDC had already asked for the Parish Council's help in dealing with this ongoing problem.

A letter had been received from Mr Meek of Abenhall, who complained that Abenhall residents do not receive value for money from their contributions of Council tax. He would like to see more litter picking in the area. Cllr Fraser would contact Rachel Capon FODDC to arrange a community collection day.

Agenda Item 3 Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests:

Cllr Henschley re charges from the library for hosting the Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

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

(AM + JF)

Agenda Item 5. Sub Committees:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Proposal for MPC to pay associated setting up/meeting costs. (JF)

It was agreed that MPC would pay the £7 charge for the meeting held in the Library (SG+DP)

Communications:-

Approval was given for Cllr Gates to start a Pinterest Board

A discussion was held about placing dog foul signs on wheelie bins

Approval for Cllr Parker to complete online surveys on behalf of the PC for Rural Services Network-Sounding Board as per email 2 April (fwd) Withdrawn

Cllr Henchley agreed to look at the survey to see if she was able to complete on behalf of the council.

Discussion about filming and electronic transmissions of Meetings-policy framework was held. It was agreed that the Council would wait until GAPTC/NALC release a new template.

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 s.40

To consider a response to the full Council and Cabinet decisions on removing car parking charges from Mitcheldean. To be included in the May Agenda. District Cllr Whitburn said some councillors had deliberately not voted at the last meeting.

Planning-

P0414/14/FUL Four winds, Dockins Hill Way Alterations & erection of a single storey & a 2 storey extension

No objection

P0138/14/FUL Land at Waterloo Hse, Plumb Hill Change of use of part of agricultural filed. Erection of a detached four bay garage

No objection, but trees to be replaced

P0366/14/FUL Removal of condition 14 (pedestrian crossing) P1280/12/FUL &

P0086/09/FUL

Strong objections on the grounds that the Gloucester Road is very wide at this point and very busy. The very young and very old would have considerable difficulty crossing safely.

P0035/14/DISCON Wilderness Farm, The Stenders Land contamination of planning permission P0177/11FUL

P0549/14/FUL Briar Rose Cottage, The Stenders, Erection of a double private car garage.

Construction of new vehicular access and parking area. Change of use of forestry land to additional residential curtilage and re-siting of oil storage tank.

No objections

Po472/14/FUL Bradley Farm, Bradley Court Road, Mitcheldean,

Extensions to existing goat unit to provide additional goat accommodation building and parlour with ancillary works.

No objections

PO475/14/FUL Bradley Farm, Bradley Court Road, Mitcheldean,

Retention of existing farm workers accommodation.

No objections

Properties/Asset:

Approval was given for a one year/18 month lease with Sports Club (DP)with the two minor amendments made.

Approval was given for a fee to be charged to the Sports Club-no longer a donation-and for a 2% annual increase in the fee to be included in the lease.

Approval was given for 6 a side tournament weekends on the 7 & 14 June

Approval was given to fund the refurbishment of the Rainbow unit.

To approve funding of additional safety surface at play ground
No progress had been made on obtaining quotes.

Approval was given for dog foul stencils being used around village.
Rob Carpenter-Street Warden , to do this.

Agenda Item 6 County/District Councillors Reports

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

District Cllr. Fraser spoke about the work of the HOOF action group following their presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 8th April.

District Cllr Robinson informed the Members that the FOD Planning Committee had declined an application from a housing developer to build in Sedbury that, he felt, undermined the Council's own LDP, leaving no robust defence for large developments. Alternative sites now needed to be found in the Forest.

Cllr Fraser responded by saying that large developers were holding on to land, presumably waiting for prices to rise rather than getting on with building new affordable homes. Cllr Fraser added that she thought some councillors did not know what they were voting for.

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

Lighting at recycle banks-no correspondence from CC Stephens. Brian Watkins suggested MPC contact FODDC re ownership of access road. [Done –awaiting reply](#)

Post box-Brian Watkins said Glos legal dept would be getting in touch.

Lunch Club great success-letter from Steve Jones-Forestgate church-thanks for support
David Gill informed the Chairman that the Church Council faculty had not agreed the Memorial stone design at the 14th March. [Contacted FODDC re planning permission](#)

FODDC agreed to reduce the Rate charge on the Pavilion and Fields but not eliminate it.

Neil Batt-LAG-publicity material

LV Insurance re Memorial Bench-second quote required

Sports Club 6 a side tournament 7 & 14 June-on Agenda

Policy & Development correspondence Survey from NALC 1st May

Signage at park re age restrictions for use of equipment. [Agreed in principle, but wording to be decided.](#)

Bolts for climbing wall from Kompan had still not arrived-[wrongly delivered to Liz Lewit](#)

Mark Harper MP using Town Hall for surgery on 11th April-DS to open/lock up

Cobalt diagnostic imaging unit asking for donation-newsletter on table

Land next to Chinese takeaway-FODDC asking if MPC street cleaner could help

Regional conference 30 April-letter on table

Making Localism Work Conferences-letter on table

Planning committee letter from Campaign to Protect Rural England-planning reforms

Communications received

Post

Lloyds Bank
Bank statements
Invoices etc.
LCR magazine

Emails.

GAPTC

Village Agent re Newsletter

David Gill

Allotment Challenge x 2

Glos CC re Post Box

Steve Jones re Invoices + thanks for donation

Wicksteed re spare part list

Giles Ball –Kompan re bolts

Steve Parslow-acknowledgement of donation, thanks and invite to see completed works

Glos CC Road Closure No 45066 Orchard Way/Park Rd to Nine Wells Road- 14 to 16 April

Personal visits (exc other PC employees)

Chairman

Bob Buffrey

Rob Carpenter-Street Warden

In Committee

Agenda Item 8

Staffing:

Review of the maintenance team's hours, tasks & holiday arrangements (AM)

Accounts/Finance-

To approve payment schedule:

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To approve Cllr Parker's attendance on GAPTC training course & payment of fee.

Course cancelled.

Agenda Item 9: Councillors Information Sharing.

Cllr Scott spoke about the delay in getting the ground works completed for the Skate Park. Cllr Scott had met with MP Mark Harper at his surgery on 11 April. Mark had offered to help with the organisation of moving the Museum to a different location within the Forest.

Cllr Maliphant updated the Members on the progress on the organisation of the Folk Festival.

Meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Dated this day 12th Day of May 2014

Signed

D. Scott

CHAIRMAN-Douglas Scott

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