

AMPNEY CRUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AMPNEY CRUCIS.

Present: Councillors Rosanna Armitage, Barry Dent, Adrian Grazebrook, Alan Lewis and David Vessey
Presiding: Councillor Barry Dent
Clerk: Jayne Webster

Also present: District Councillor Sir Edward Horsfall, Harold Stevens, Gerald Gaden, Janet Campbell and Eleanor Toby

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After 15 years as a member of the Parish Council, Councillor Gaden has decided to stand down. The Chairman thanked Councillor Gaden for his hard work and commitment to the Parish Council, he added that the Council had benefited and valued Gerald's contributions over the years.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Holt

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2014

Resolution 36/14 *The Chairman proposed and the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May, 2014 be signed and adopted.*

3. Matters arising from the meeting held on 12 May 2014

3.1 The Taylor memorial bench is in the process of being installed on the grass verge at the entrance to the Donkey Field.

3.2 The Community Emergency Plan has been sent to CDC and a copy now appears on the village website.

3.3 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting have been posted on the notice board in the church.

4. Reports from County and District Councillors

District Councillor Sir Edward Horsfall reported CDC has appointed someone to help Parishes liaise with property developers and work on behalf of the Parishes. He enquired about the Solar Farm and the Community Fund but this has not been connected yet. With regard to the village hall application to install PVC windows, he advised he would support the village hall if the matter was referred to the Planning Committee.

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Councillor Horsfall concluded by saying that he had £800 in the Youth Fund. The Clerk advised that Councillor Holt was in the process of arranging events for the summer. Also he has given Rev. Swanton £200 from the WWI commemoration fund. The Chairman wondered if some of that money could be used to clean the War memorial and will contact the vicar.

5. Questions from the Public

Mr Harold Stevens asked if planning consent had been permitted for the stable complex opposite The Crown of Crucis. The Council were not sure what the situation was and the Chairman agreed to speak to the present owner initially to help clarify the situation.

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6. Planning matters

6.1 Decisions

638	14/01161/FUL	47 Dudley Farm	CDC permit
639	14/01460/FUL	Agri. Building, Backs Lane	CDC permit
640	14/01430/FUL	Ampney House	CDC permit
641	14/01867/COMPLY	Crucis Park Farm	CDC permit (info only)
642	14/01940/FUL	Ampney House	CDC permit
643	14/02001/FUL	Barnfield	CDC permit
645	14/0249/COMPLY	Malt House	CDC permit

Councillor Vessey commented on application APCP 639 advising the Council would need to rely on local residents to keep an eye on the development.

6.2 Outstanding applications

None

6.3 Tree works

For information only

644 14/02394/FUL Ampney House No objection

6.4 Local Green Spaces

Councillor Holt has spoken to Lesley Davies at CDC who recommended that the Council could proceed with an application, even though the area in question is larger than 20 hectares. The Council were unsure whether they wished to proceed and agreed to discuss at the next meeting when Councillor Holt would be present.

7. Financial matters

7.1 Current financial position

Resolution 37/14 *The Chairman proposed and the Council resolved that the financial statements prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer should be adopted by the Council as an accurate reflection of the Council's financial position on 28 June 2014.*

Councillor Armitage reported that £140 had been raised from hire of the village marquee. She asked if she could purchase a plastic box to store parts of the marquee frame

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Resolution 38/14 *The Council resolved that Councillor Armitage may purchase a plastic box to store parts of the village marquee frame for a maximum of £25. This amount will be taken from the general contingency fund.*

JW

7.2 Transfer of payments

Resolution 39/14 *The Chairman proposed and the Council resolved that £250.00 be transferred from the Lloyds Treasurers account to Imprest account.*

7.3 Agreement of payments

Cottage Garden Services (£219.36), Clerk's expenses (£17.82), Cotswold Tree Group (£9.00).

JW

Resolution 40/14 *The Chairman proposed and the Council resolved that the above amounts, totalling £246.18, be paid.*

Resolution 41/14 *Retrospectively, the Council agreed that £18.00 should be paid to Mr Adams for expenses incurred digging an inspection pit in the Burial Ground in order to obtain information regarding drainage for the Environment Agency. This amount has been taken from the burial ground reserve fund.*

7.4 External Audit for the year ending 31 March, 2014

The Annual Return has been completed and returned to the external auditors, Grant Thornton.

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8 Burial ground matters

Councillor Vessey reported that the Environment Agency has approved the application. CDC has now agreed to a central path through the southern boundary, subject to Councillor Vessey being present during the work. The revised application has been submitted at no further charge.

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With regard to the burial ground entrance, the Chairman and Councillor Vessey will look at the levels to determine the best way forward. The clerk will contact GCC to clarify whether they are willing to lay new bitumen.

9. Village Update

9.1 Playground

The inspection had been arranged for July. Councillor Armitage advised that she had applied for funding in order to replace the 'rocker' with something more up to date.

9.2 Ampney Times

Nothing to report.

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9.3 Footpaths

Letters were sent to both Mr Chris Huck at Waterton Farm and Jon Dearsley, Smithsgore agent for Crucis Park

Farm with positive responses. Councillor Grazebrook advised that most of the paths were clear but there were still paths from Hilcot End to Dudley Corner and Hilcot End to Ampney St Mary that needed attention. The clerk will contact Mr Huck. Councillor Vessey advised that Mr Kingsley is going to erect fenced paths on his land.

9.4 Community Trust

The Chairman advised that the Solar Farm should be connected at the end of July.

9.5 The Pound

Tony Williams has reported that The Pound is difficult to mow due to the ruts in the grass. The Chairman explained that this issue was raised last year and the Council had spoken to GCC who were not prepared to do anything. The Council agreed that there was nothing more that could be done currently.

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Councillor Vessey asked if Tony Williams could trim the southern boundary of the Burial Ground, which does not come under the grass cutting contract, in readiness for the extension. The clerk agreed to write to Tony Williams.

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10. Highways

The school has designed emblems for the entrance signs and the Council has agreed on a preferred design. There has been no further contact with GCC regarding the breakdown of costs of the signs. To date the new road markings and lines at the Crown of Crucis junction have not been completed by GCC. The Chairman and clerk will write to GCC. In addition the clerk agreed to contact Paul Swift to request that tree branches, around the new double bend sign, are cut down to improve visibility.

JW

Councillor Vessey suggested that the Council should look into the cost of solar powered flashing speed signs. The clerk agreed to research prices.

11. Drainage

To date there have been no further developments regarding the drainage problems from Butcher's Arms Lane down to The Pound, however, GCC are aware of the situation.

12. Correspondence received

12.1 Letter from Geoffrey Clifton-Brown regarding Neighbourhood Plans. This was noted by the Council but the Council decided not to commit to a plan.

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14. Matters outstanding

Councillor Armitage wondered if the village could have a couple more dog bins especially along Allotment Lane. The clerk agreed to find out the cost of bins. Also the Chairman agreed to put another article in The Ampney Times regarding dog fouling.

The Council agreed that the Burial Ground clear up should take place on Saturday 4th October.

15. Date, time and place of next meeting

Monday 8 September 2014, 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

