

AMPNEY CRUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY,
11 NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Cllrs David Fowles, Nick Wright, Benedict Eccles and Jan Mills

Presiding: Cllr Fowles

Clerk: Caroline Braidwood

In attendance: Cllr Lisa Spivey (CDC and GCC) and 12 Members of the public

1.	Apologies for absence - Cllr D Crook (Personal)	
2.	Declarations of interest & gifts or hospitality given or received. None	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September <i>Resolution 54/21. The chair proposed and the parish council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2021, be approved and signed.</i>	
4.	Matters arising from the meeting held on 9 September including:	
4.1	2 Vacancies – The Chairman called for volunteers from the members of the public present but in the absence of volunteers coming forward, it was agreed that this should be pursued and reported to the next meeting.	ALL
4.2	Amendments to Grass Cutting Contract A request has been received from John Franklin to include the verge between Waterton Lane and Driffield. It was agreed to circulate details of the proposed changes by email and notified to residents by WhatsApp.	CB
5.	Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group It was reported that following recent resignations it had not been possible to progress to the next stage and that the Steering Group needs additional members before it can progress the questionnaire. It was agreed that this would be progressed once Cllr Crook resumes activities.	DC
6.	County and District Councillor – Lisa Spivey <u>Cotswold District Council</u> SHELAA is being reviewed to enable CDC to show that it has 5-year land supply in place. 80% of land in the District is within the AONB. LCWHIP – cycle and walk-way improvements are being considered within a 7-mile radius of Cirencester, including access to the Water Parks. A dedicated Officer is now in place to progress sustainable transport working with Gloucestershire Highways. Budget Consultation is now taking place as well as Town & Parish Council Forums and 20s Plenty initiative which the Police & Crime Commissioner is keen to support together with Community Speed Watch. It was noted that the 20-mph speed restriction has no legal standing and reliant upon changing drivers’ attitudes. Town & Parish Councils are encouraged to Lobby the County Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the initiative.	

	<p>It was commented that the new car park at the Rugby Club in Cirencester is not being used. Cllr Spivey suggested that the car park had been developed pre pandemic and that all people have not yet returned to normal working.</p> <p><u>Gloucestershire County Council</u></p> <p>A review of Highways functions will take place in December which will include potholes, resurfacing etc.</p> <p>A Flooding Meeting had taken place with Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP and other interested parties to explore possible improvement works and how the effects of climate change might be mitigated.</p> <p>Build Back Better funding is available for community events and projects, and it was noted that this could tie in with CDC's Crowdfunding.</p> <p>The Health service will be under increased pressure over the winter, and everyone should be encouraged to have COVID boosters and flu vaccinations.</p>	
7.	<p>Questions from the Public</p> <p>Water Extraction – Concern was raised about water being abstracted from Ampney Brook every couple of days by the company managing the solar farm. It was reported that the abstraction takes a couple of hours on alternated days and is very noisy. It was noted that it is legal to abstract 20 cu. M. per day without a licence but Cllr Spivey agreed to investigate.</p> <p>Land Adjacent to 4 London Road – it is believed that the previous owner of The Crown has purchase this site.</p>	LS
8.	Planning matters	
8.1	Planning decisions	
8.2	<p>Response to the following planning applications:</p> <p>21/03439/FUL Landemere Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY – erection of single storey front extension, rendering of existing porch, replacement windows & doors & installation of photovoltaic panels.</p> <p>No Comment</p> <p>21/03554/AGRPAN Crucis Park Farm Barnsley Road Ampney Crucis Gloucestershire GL7 5DX – change of use of an agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses with proposed building operations.</p> <p>No Objections in principle but raised the following queries:</p> <p>1) The PC enquired how Class Q is permitted development in terms of it being a particular site within a farm or across the whole site. Crucis Park Farms has already used the Class Q approach to obtain 2 dwellings of considerable size along Backs Lane so would these 2 large dwelling houses be combined with what has gone before or are they completely separate ?</p> <p>2) We would have thought the amount of curtilage being provided on the north elevation is rather small as the primary access path for one of the properties.</p> <p>3) This will remove any form of Agricultural building on this farm and by doing so does it prevents or incorporates a restriction to any further construction of Agricultural buildings. There is concern that a long-term approach will change the farming policy / contractors which will result in a need to erect new farm buildings</p>	

	<p>and then a further change in policy will render them redundant and so the conversion cycle will begin again.</p> <p>21/03521/FUL Glebe Farm Barnsley Road Ampney Crucis CIRENCESTER Gloucestershire GL7 5DY – erection of single storey front & rear extension to link ancillary accommodation plus landscaping.</p> <p>No Objections</p> <p>21/03675/FUL 8 Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey wrap-around garden room to the main house, single-storey Easterly and Southerly extensions to detached annexe, and associated landscaping</p> <p>21/03676/LBC 8 Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY - Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey wrap-around garden room to the main house, single-storey Easterly and Southerly extensions to detached annexe, and associated landscaping</p> <p>Councillors would formulate a response which would be confirmed at the next meeting.</p>	ALL
8.3	<p>Outcome of planning appeal:</p> <p>20/02591/FUL Grain Store And Grain Dryer Back Lane Ampney Crucis Gloucestershire. Allowed. Noted.</p>	
8.4	<p>Respond to the following new applications:</p> <p>C/21/00883/PRMV Variation of Premises Licence, Crown of Crucis, London Road, Ampney Crucis</p> <p>It was noted that there have been a lot of comments on the Community WhatsApp group and concerns were raised by many residents present at the meeting. Cllr Spivey acknowledged that the information on CDC's website was not complete and while this is being attended to, the response deadline has been extended to 25 November. During discussion the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village needs a pub but opening hours until 2 am are not appropriate. • Parking places are being reduced for additional building and there was concern that they would not be adequate resulting in drivers parking in unsuitable places. • The original application included a beer garden in the car park area. • The designated areas for on and off licences need to be clearly defined. • There appears to be a discrepancy between the planning and licence applications. • There have been noise problems in the past with noise • Concern was voiced about the extension into the hours of the early morning with particular concern about the outside licence. • It is believed that the owners wish to focus on attracting weddings and there is to be a dedicated honeymoon apartment. • The community is very concerned about the difference between what is proposed and what will happen in reality. • With the extension of hours, there is concern that customers will be arriving late at night to access alcohol. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded and live music outside until 2 am is not amenable to local residents in a village setting. It was noted that the Cricket Club has allowed the use of its car park during the work so that contractors' vehicles are not parked on the road and verges. The Cricket Club has also received a request to set off fireworks on cricket field. Good have a growing business in the village and it was agreed to support the concept of local business but it needs to be controlled. The owners are new to the area and, therefore, there is no history of how the business will be conducted. Residents need to make their own views known to CDC. The owners have encouraged residents to go and see the development. <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would develop its response incorporating the view of Members and local residents.</p>	
8.5	<p>Response to tree work applications and note decisions</p> <p>21/03854/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for 4 No Western Red Cedar trees to fell - The cricket club has agreed to fell the trees to open up the view from the pub, across the field. at Crown of Crucis London Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire – No Comment</p> <p>21/03633/TPO Crown Of Crucis London Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RS</p> <p>T1 Weeping Willow - Crown lift to 5 metres. T4 Lime Crown lift to 4m. Pruning and felling works to other trees protected in Conservation Area as detailed in the submitted application form</p> <p>The Parish Council had submitted No Comments.</p> <p>The Cricket club representative present said that the trees were now not being felled but were being cut back instead.</p>	
9.	<p>Highways issues</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors would progress outstanding issues with Gloucestershire Highways.</p>	
10.	<p>Financial matters</p>	
10.1	<p>Statement of accounts and expenditure for the period 29 August to 28 October 2021</p> <p>Not Available.</p>	
10.2	<p>Payments in the normal course of business - None</p>	
10.3	<p>Risk Assessment</p> <p>Deferred to the next meeting</p>	ALL
10.4	<p>2021/22 budget</p> <p>To be finalised at the next meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Burial ground matters</p> <p>Deferred to the next meeting</p>	
12.	<p>Replacement Clerk</p>	ALL

	It was agreed that Councillors would progress this matter and report to the next meeting.	
13.	Village Matters	
13.1	<p>Playground matters</p> <p>Cllr Mills reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates need to be self-closing, notice required on wooden gate together with new signs for the play and skate parks. These are now in hand. • Playground has 2 closures annually for tidying and cleaning – 1 Saturday in October and March. • Police advised that the play area should be visible from the road and, therefore, a working party cut back the vegetation along the boundary on the first Saturday in October. • The group are investigating funding to replace the skate park with climbing / adventure equipment which will be better used. 	
13.2	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>Deferred to the next meeting</p> <p>It was noted, however, that the Bridleway from Waterton Lane to Preston is overgrown.</p>	
13.3	<p>Bus shelter</p> <p>Cllr Wright advised that the cheapest wood and glass bus shelter will cost in the region of £12,000 from Littlethorpe as the concrete pad is not a standard size. It is also situated under a power line and will require a protection tunnel during the installation work. The installer will need to be Highways approved and there are issues surrounding a nearby road sign which would be obscured by the shelter.</p> <p>It was agreed in principle to progress the purchase of the bus shelter while Cllr Wright investigated the associated works required and inevitable costs which would be presented to the next meeting.</p>	NW
13.4	<p>VAS rota</p> <p>Cllr Eccles advised that he felt it important to continue to collect the data from the VAS before there was another fatality. Two members of the public approached Cllr Eccles at the end of the meeting volunteering to join the Rota. The work involved is minimal but there are only 3 people on the rota and more volunteers are needed. Cllr Wright suggested that the speed that triggers the equipment is set too low and Cllr Eccles agreed to check it.</p>	BE
13.5	<p>Future of village website</p> <p>Cllr Fowles agreed to approach a local company for a quotation to provide a new website and report to the next meeting.</p>	DF
13.6	<p>Feedback from Village Litter Pick – Sunday, 31 October</p> <p>Cllr Mills reported that 10 volunteers had helped with the Litter Pick, some delaying the work until the afternoon due to heavy rain. 6 Bags of rubbish has been collected.</p>	
14.	Correspondence	
14.1	CDC - planning issues and way forward	ALL

	Noted. Response needed from Councillors.	
14.2	CDC - planning workshops Noted. Response needed from Councillors.	
14.3	Email from Gloucestershire Constabulary regarding speed watch initiatives Noted. It was agreed that this should be supported provided volunteers can be found.	ALL
14.4	Email from GCC regarding Waste Consultation for Gloucestershire. https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/waste-local-plan-for-gloucestershire-duty-to-co-operate-scoping-paper-consultation Noted	ALL
14.5	Email from GCC regarding proposals for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service Draft Community Risk Management Plan. https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/crmp-2022-2025 Noted	ALL
14.6	Email from CDC regarding Community Governance Review It was agreed that Councillors would forward comments to the Clerk who would co-ordinate a response.	ALL
14.7	Any Other Urgent Items Received Since Publication of the Agenda: Invitation to GPFA AGM – 16 November 2021 - Noted Request for Feedback on the SHELAA as part of the upcoming consultation on the Local Plan Partial Update https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/evidence-base-and-monitoring/ It was agreed that Councillors would forward comments to the Clerk who would co-ordinate a response.	ALL
15.	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mills advised that the Defibrillator licence comes up for renewal in 2022 and suggested this is done with the Ambulance service. • The wording on the wreath to be laid on Remembrance Sunday was agreed. It was noted that this year is the 100th anniversary of the British Legion and the WI has placed a display of the names of everyone from the Village who served in the conflicts including photos and information. • Robert Pleydell Educational Charity – Cllr Eccles advised that monies have recently been paid to students in the Village and he encouraged other 16-25 year olds with a connection to the village to apply. • Cllr Wright asked for a Straw Poll on satisfaction with local waste collection. The result was mixed. 	
16.	Date and time of next meeting Monday, 17 January 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.22 pm