

AMPNEY CRUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY,
17 JANUARY 2022

Present: Cllrs Doug Crook, David Fowles, Nick Wright and Jan Mills

Presiding: Cllr Crook

Clerk: Caroline Braidwood

In attendance: Cllr Lisa Spivey (CDC and GCC)

No:	Item:	
1.	<p>To note apologies for absence Cllr Benedict Eccles (Personal) The Chairman advised that he had received Cllr Eccles resignation although he will continue with to work with the VAS and Pleydells Trust.</p>	
2.	<p>To note declarations of interest & gifts or hospitality given or rec'd - None</p>	
3.	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021 Resolution 01/22. <i>Cllr D Fowles proposed and the parish council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021, be approved and were signed by the Chairman.</i></p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held on 9 September including: 2 Vacancies for Councillors The Chairman reported that he may have had some success with recruitment and hoped to report to the next meeting. Amendments to Grass Cutting Contract It was noted that amendments had been discussed with the contractor some time ago but in view of the lapse of time, the contract now needs to be reviewed. It was agreed that the Chairman would circulate details for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	AC
	<p>Update from Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Nothing to report.</p>	
5.	<p>Reports from the County and District Councillor Lisa Spivey Cllr Spivey's emailed Report was noted. <u>Re charge of Election Costs to Parish and Town Councils.</u> Cllr Spivey advised that she is not in favour of this initiative as she feels that it undermines the democratic process and consequently, had abstained from the vote. It has now been proposed that a transition period is implemented with only 50% of the cost being recharged in 2023. The Chairman stated that the banding on which the recharge levels had been calculated were not fair and should be based on per capita head. <u>Dog waste bins</u> – CDC is unwilling to provide more bins as any waste bin can now be used for dog faeces. Cllr Fowles expressed concern that CDC needs to look at providing core services.</p>	

	<p><u>Parking</u></p> <p>Charges will be increasing and 'Free After 3' discontinued. There was concern that this will put people off shopping in Cirencester and Cllr Spivey asked for residents to pass on their comments to her.</p>	
6.	To receive questions from the Public - None	
7.	Planning matters	
7.1	To receive planning decisions	
7.2	<p>To note & approve response to the following planning applications:</p> <p>21/04502/FUL Glebe Farm Cottage Barnsley Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DY</p> <p>Erection of a first floor extension & new detached garage with associated landscaping. (29 December)</p> <p>It was agreed that this is ongoing and that there are no comments to make.</p>	
7.3	<p>To consider and respond to the following new applications:</p> <p>21/04655/ADV Crown Of Crucis London Road Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RS</p> <p>Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building (12 January)</p> <p>The Parish Council considered that there are too many signs on the site and the light from them shadows the nearby cross roads making it difficult for drivers to see the junctions clearly. This is especially the case when approaching from the Cirencester direction. The lighted signs make it difficult to see the road on the left-hand side leading into the Village.</p> <p>These concerns were discussed with Cllr Spivey who is arranging a site meeting.</p> <p>21/04584/FUL Land South Of Back Lane Ampney Crucis Gloucestershire</p> <p>Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with attached carport and demolition of outbuildings (27 January)</p> <p>The Chairman stated that some of the documentation is not current. It was agreed that Cllr Crook would respond in consultation with other Councillors.</p> <p>21/04798/CLEUD Coruisk Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5SG</p> <p>Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to establish whether use of land as residential garden (change of use from agricultural to residential use) (3 February)</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Crook would respond in consultation with other Councillors.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p>
7.4	<p>To approve response to tree work applications and note decisions</p> <p>21/04687/TCONR The Old Farm Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5SF</p> <p>Walnut (front of house) - Crown Raise and Crown reduction - excessive shading and encroaching on neighbour's property. Leylandi (x2) (front of house). Fell - Impeding Growth of trees around, encroaching on highway. Beach (front of house) - Light Pruning. Cherry (rear of house) - Fell - Unsightly - ununiform growth - replanting with newer trees. Hawthorn (rear of house) - Fell - overcrowded amongst other trees and fighting for light No Comment</p>	

8.	<p>Update regarding Highways issues</p> <p>It was noted that £100m has been made available for resurfacing projects on minor roads which would include Tank Lane.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that he has been in contact with Gloucestershire Highways regarding outstanding issues and will report progress by email.</p>	DC
9.	<p>Financial matters</p>	
9.1	<p>To approve statement of accounts and expenditure for the period up to 31 December 2021</p> <p>Not available.</p>	
9.2	<p>To approve payments in the normal course of business - None</p>	
9.3	<p>Review Risk Assessment</p> <p>It was agreed to adopt the Risk Assessment with one amendment, that burial ground inspections need to be checked with the grass cutting contractor and carried out once per fortnight.</p>	
9.4	<p>Renewal of Defibrillator Contract</p> <p>It was noted that the original Contract was for 4 years but last year had been extended for 1. Neil Holt checks the units regularly but it would be better to have units that have automatic remote checking. It was agreed to renew the current contract for 1 year only while the Chairman investigates remote checking and associated costs.</p>	DC
9.5	<p>2022/23 budget</p> <p>The Budget was agreed, as attached.</p>	
9.6	<p>Precept for 2022/23</p> <p>Resolution 02/22. <i>Cllr D Fowles proposed and the parish council resolved to increase the Precept from £23,951 to £29,459.</i></p>	
10.	<p>Burial ground matters – quotes for tree works in the Burial Ground were consider, it was resolved to appoint A J Arborists to carry out the required work.</p>	9.00pm
11.	<p>Replacement Clerk</p> <p>It was reported that applications are being considered and interviews have been arranged. It is hoped to appoint shortly. In the meantime, Caroline Braidwood was thanked for stepping in temporarily.</p>	
12.	<p>Village Matters</p>	9.10pm
12.1	<p>Playground matters including:</p> <p><u>Valuation</u> - Noted</p> <p><u>Safety Report</u> – Noted. A new sign on the gate is needed requesting the gate to be closed and no access for dogs. Cllr Spivey agreed to advise on funding for the play area and it was suggested that 29th Regiment could be approached for help with breaking up concrete and disposing of hardcore.</p> <p><u>Annual Litter Pick in Play area, Village and Burial Ground</u></p> <p>It was agreed to set up an annual date for the first weekend in March when the Play Area has to be closed for annual maintenance. It was agreed that Cllr Mills</p>	LS

	would organise the event and that the Chairman would invite the school to be involved and provide a base for refreshments.	JM CD
12.2	Update on footpaths It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Mr C Huck regarding footpaths crossing his land.	DC
12.3	Update on bus shelter Cllr Wright reported on progress and that Gloucestershire Highways had imposed a condition that electricity is included in the installation. He was requested to seek quotations for the installation work, apply for 50/50 funding from Highways and report to the next meeting. In the meantime, the reserve held was increased to cover the additional cost.	NW
12.4	Future of village website Cllr Fowles was requested to investigate 'MyParish' and other providers of Parish Council websites so that a new website could be managed by the Clerk.	DF
12.5	Boundary Change in Relation to Harnhill Cottage The Council was minded to approve the proposal. However, before replying to CDC, it was agreed that the Chairman would consult nearby properties to propose that the boundary should follow the line of the A417 and discuss the outcome with the Elections Office.	DC
13.	To receive correspondence	
13.1	Gloucestershire County Council – Budget consultation https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2022-23/ Noted	
13.3	Any other business: None.	
14.	Date and time of next meeting Thursday, 10 March 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50 pm