

AMPNEY CRUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY
14th MARCH 2024**

Present: Cllrs Jan Mills, Lis Courtown, Jacky Leadbeater, Ross Leadbeater, Nick Wright, Clint Grimmer
 Presiding: Cllr Jan Mills
 Clerk: Roz Morton
 In attendance: Cllr Spivey (part), 9 Members of the public

No:	Item:
095 23/24	<p>To formally elect Cllr Mills as Chair until the end of this Council year. Resolution 60 23/24 It was resolved to elect Cllr Mills as Chair until the end of this Council year, proposed Cllr R Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Jacky Leadbeater, all in favour.</p>
096 23/24	<p>To note apologies for absence None</p>
097 23/24	<p>To consider and agree to Co-opt a new Councillor to the Council. One expression of interest was received, but subsequently withdrawn due to change in personal circumstances.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to readvertise the vacancy</p>
098 23/24	<p>To accept the declaration of office. N/A</p>
099 23/24	<p>To note declarations of interest & gifts or hospitality given or rec'd None declared.</p>
100 23/24	<p>To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2024 Resolution 61/23-24. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr R Leadbeater seconded Cllr Wright, all in favour.</p>
101 23/24	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held on 8th February 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on preparations for Spring clear up. Notices have been circulated and all the equipment is in the Lych Gate. The main jobs to do are clearing ivy, litter picking and cleaning the play equipment. • Council Calendar. The Clerk has sent a draft to Cllr Mills for comment and a final draft will be circulated to the Council in due course. <p>ACTION: Clerk to circulate updated calendar once agreed.</p>
102 23/24	<p>To receive questions from the public Public debate took place regarding planning matters and will be recorded under that item.</p>

103 23/24	<p>To receive reports from County and District Councillor</p> <p>Reports were circulated and will be filed with these minutes. Topics included:</p> <p>CDC</p> <p>Local plan consultation – residents can engage with the consultation via: Project: Local Plan Update Consultation (cotswold.gov.uk)</p> <p>Changes to the way that planning application can be called in by District Councillors are being implemented.</p> <p>Cllr Spivy is working to introduce planning policy that will require applicants to engage with Thames Water prior to submitting an application for new houses and is looking to emulate work down in West Oxfordshire which places Grampian Conditions on Thames Water and developers that will compel TW to carry out necessary upgrades prior to occupation.</p> <p>GCC</p> <p>Richard Gray is retiring and will be replaced by Gill Portlock.</p> <p>Cllr Spivy continues to press for works to be done to improve Waterton Lane as it is dangerous.</p>
104 23/24	Financial matters
104.1	<p>To receive bank reconciliations for February 2024</p> <p>Received without comment.</p>
104.2	<p>To consider and agree to approve statement of accounts and expenditure for the period up to 7th March 2024</p> <p>Resolution 62/23-24. It was RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts as presented. Proposed Cllr J Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Mills, all in favour.</p>
104. 3	<p>To consider and agree to approve payments in the normal course of business</p> <p>Resolution 63/23-24. It was RESOLVED to approve the payments as presented. Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr J Leadbeater, all in favour.</p>
104.4	<p>To consider and agree to close the Barclays account and transfer the funds to Lloyds.</p> <p>Resolution 64/23-24. It was RESOLVED to transfer the funds from Barclays to the Lloyds account once the mandate has been changed. Proposed Cllr J Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Courtown, all in favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to action the transfer as soon as is practicable.</p>
105 23/24	Planning Matters
105.1	<p>To receive decision notices: Noted without comment.</p> <p>23/03415/FUL Permanent mobile home for equestrian rural worker Talland School Of Equitation Ampney Knowle Barnsley Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5FD – Application withdrawn</p> <p>23/03158/FUL Demolition of garage and erection of detached garage/gym Well Cottage Hilcot End Ampney Crucis Cirencester – Permit</p> <p>23/03141/FUL Refurbishment works including demolition of garage, erection of single</p>

	<p>storey extension and associated works Sterrys Mill Church Lane Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY – Permit</p> <p>22/01513/FUL Construction of a single dwellinghouse Land South Of Back Lane Ampney Crucis Gloucestershire - Permit</p>
105.2	<p>To consider and agree response to the following planning applications:</p> <p>23/03834/LBC External works include replacement/repair to windows, re-pointing walls, replace cornices and rainwater goods, replace fencing in rear garden. Internal works to fireplace, re-plastering in sitting room The School House School Lane Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5SD. No comment</p> <p>24/00369/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling, detached garage, swimming pool and associated landscaping works Little Acre Hilcot End Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5HG</p> <p>Discussion took place including receiving statements from the applicant and residents of Hilcot End.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the height of the finished dwelling, • the impact on neighbouring listed properties, • the rendered finish being out of keeping • removal of existing vegetation leading to loss of privacy and the impact on views from PROWs (BAC27), • Location of proposed 3 bay garage and future residential uses of the building <p>The applicant expressed a willingness to engage with the concerns raised and to find a solution that was agreeable to all parties.</p> <p>The Council does not disagree with the principle of building a replacement dwelling on the site however the Council resolved to submit an objection to the current plan on the following grounds:</p> <p><i>The proposed dwelling is 3.5m higher than the existing dwelling and if built would cause harm to the existing views from BAC27 and would be out of keeping with the surrounding houses and the proximity of the proposed 3 bay garage, in its current location, would have a negative impact on the neighbouring listed buildings. The proposals seek to remove a considerable number of trees resulting in a loss of privacy for neighbours and increasing the negative impact on the views from the PROW.</i></p> <p><i>The Council requests that the Conservation Officer visits the site to ascertain what impact the proposal would have on the neighbouring listed buildings.</i></p> <p><i>The Council requests that a Construction Management Plan is submitted by the applicant to manage the traffic to and from site on the single-track lane into Hilcot End.</i></p> <p><i>The Council would like to commend the applicants for their engagement with the village regarding this proposal and hopes that a solution that is agreeable to all parties can be reached.</i></p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to submit the above objection.</p>

	<p>23/03368/FUL Change of use of existing residential and ancillary buildings, demolition of modern buildings and structures and erection of new buildings together with access, parking and landscape works, repair of existing listed and curtilage listed structures, all in association with the proposed new use of the site as a function / events venue location including visitor accommodation and associated facilities (sui generis mix of uses) Ampney Park Ampney Crucis Cirencester GL7 5RY</p> <p>The applicant has said that they will submit the outstanding information once all statutory consultees have responded. Submissions from Thames Water and Highways are awaited.</p>
	<p>ACTION: Clerk to contact Andrew Moody (CDC case officer) for an update.</p>
105.3	<p>To consider and agree response to tree work applications and note decisions: Noted without comment.</p> <p>24/00120/TCONR G1 - Conifers x2 - fell (southern tree in neighbours garden) Cumberland House Ampney Crucis Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RY – No objection</p>
106 23/24	Burial ground
106.1	<p>To consider and agree to accept quote from L N Woodward for internal works to the Lych Gate.</p> <p>Resolution 65/23-24. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote for the works to a total of £1561.46 to include treating all woodworm, repair roof collars, clean and oil all wood. Proposed Cllr R Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Courtown, all in favour.</p>
	<p>ACTION: Clerk to contact L N Woodward and agree a start date.</p>
107	Playground
107.1	<p>To consider and agree to accept quote from L N Woodward to replace the gate to the playing field as per the existing lease arrangements.</p> <p>Resolution 66/23-24. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote for the works to a total of £445.94 to include adjust and make gate self-closing. Proposed Cllr R Leadbeater, seconded Cllr Mills, all in favour.</p>
	<p>ACTION: Clerk to contact L N Woodward and agree a start date.</p>
108 23/24	Village Matters
108.1	<p>To discuss options for a shelter at the Pleydells and to consider and agree next steps</p> <p>Discussion took place. It was agreed to investigate the possibilities of installing a shelter which includes a noticeboard at the Pleydells.</p>
	<p>ACTION: Clerk to contact Down Ampney PC to ascertain where they got their shelter from.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to confirm with the landowner (Bromford) that they give ACPC permission to install a shelter.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to circulate options to Council for discussion in May.</p>
108.2	To receive a report from the Village Hall meeting.

	<p>Cllr J Leadbeater reported that CP Jeffries will be installing insulation in the roof space at no charge and will be starting work on installing the solar panels shortly.</p> <p>SSE have been contacted and will be carrying out the necessary works to the power supply.</p>
108.3	<p>To note any steps taken to enhance or protect biodiversity in the village.</p> <p>Cllr R Leadbeater has planted a tree in the burial ground and a resident has offered to purchase another tree to be planted opposite to enhance the entrance to the burial ground extension. The Council expressed thanks to the resident for the offer and agreed that an additional tree should be planted.</p>
108.4	<p>Update on Solar VAS and to consider and agree the way forward.</p> <p>GCC has requested w3w locations for the poles at the eastern end of the village. Once they have that information, they may be in a position to quote for installing the poles if it can be established that solar panels would be effective in those locations. The Council will need to get four poles with solar panels installed in order that the VAS can be moved as required. Costs are still tbc.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr R Leadbeater agreed to supply w3w locations.</p>
108.5	<p>To consider and agree to meet with neighbouring parishes to discuss issues with Thames water, sewage flooding and discharging into the Ampney Brook.</p> <p>Ampney St Mary parish meeting has been in contact with ACOC & Ampney St Peter with regards to the issues surrounding the required upgrading of the sewage treatment works at AstP and the discharging of sewage into local watercourses. A letter has been sent to Thames Water with a copy to Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she has shared the correspondence with Cllr Spivey as sewage and water issues are within her remit at CDC. Cllr Spivey reported that she is having meetings with Thames Water and EA and hopes to convene a “sewage summit” in June.</p> <p>The Council agreed that they have nothing more to add to the excellent letter that has already been sent but will contact AStP to ask what help they would like from ACPC. The Council supports any endeavors that aim to improve the health of local water courses and hold Thames Water to account.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to contact AStP parish meeting to ask what assistance they would like.</p>
109 23/24	To receive correspondence
109.1	<p>Regular news updates from GCC & CDC</p> <p>A request for a donation of £500 to Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) has been received. The Council considered the request, acknowledged the good work that SARA do and agreed that it would be better to send out the information via Psst so that individuals could choose to donate rather than using precepted funds with no consultation.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to prepare copy for Psst.</p>
110 23/24	<p>Any other business: to discuss minor matters, not included elsewhere on the agenda, or matters received after the publication of the agenda. Not an opportunity for debate and decision making.</p> <p>Cllr J Leadbeater reported that Benedict Eccles is likely to step down from the Robert</p>

	<p>Pleydell Trust and new Council representative will need to be appointed at the Annual Meeting in May.</p> <p>Discussion took place around how Psst is administered. Doug Crook has expressed a wish to step away from administering the email distribution. Jennie Hayden volunteered to help administer Psst. The Council is very grateful for Jennie's help and Cllr Wright will set up the necessary email permissions and addresses.</p>
	<p>ACTION: Cllr Wright to contact Jennie Hayden to sort out the necessary admin.</p>
	<p>A question was asked by a MOP regarding whether there was any update from The Crown on the parking at the Cricket Club. Phil Gearing reported that no further information was available and the Cricket Club are waiting for a proposal from The Crown. An alternative solution would be preferred, in particular the use of the field opposite The Crown, however, Glos Highways are not minded to support that.</p>
<p>111 23/24</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Annual meeting Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.00pm.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.