

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mulligan– Chair, Cllr Slater, Cllr D Bendall. Cllr King, Cllr Mills. Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Hamilton,

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** - Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

**VISITORS:-** None

### **117/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –**

**118/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE –** Cllr Hirst – GCC, Cllr Parsons,

### **119/24 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### 166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater Agenda Item 7 Finance - 7.2 Approve Bills for Payment

#### 166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

### **120/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 June 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2024 were signed as a true record.

### **121/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 July 24**

None.

### **122/24 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

#### Community Issues

#### Playing Fields Update

Cllr Hetterley has carried out a playground inspection.

The zip wire is jammed. Cllr Mulligan reported he had made several attempts to contact the contractor for repair but had not been able to get hold of him. He will continue to try to make contact.

The top gat has a split post. Cllr Mills said he will organise the parent group to make the repair.

Cllr Mulligan asked the Council if they were still supportive of the footpath being extended.

It was agreed that this was an important project, although agreed that it would have to be extended in stages due to the cost. It was decided that the path from Sunground to the vehicle gate was the best stage to start.

The Clerk reported that the Ash Dieback replanting scheme was available again. Was there any space in the park that may benefit. Cllr King said that there were areas that would benefit from infill. The Clerk will send Cllr King the information on the scheme.

Cllr Mulligan read out a letter of apology from the young person who had committed an act of vandalism in the park. It was agreed that the letter was heartfelt, and that the child seemed to be aware of the impact their actions had on the community and consequences that may occur should this behaviour continue.

#### Memorial Hall

Cllr King checked the electrical items in the public kitchen and confirmed that the PAT testing needs to be renewed November 2024.

Cllr Bendall said there are grants available for refurbishment of community halls. It was agreed that Cllr Bendall pursue this line of enquiry. A figure of £6K was discussed to refurbish the kitchen. The Council agreed to ringfence £1000 towards this project.

Members of the Parish Council cleared the cupboards in the meeting room and discovered a plaque thanking the village for sponsoring a ship during WW2. HMS Grayling. Cllr Bendall has

researched the ship. It was a submarine hunter with a crew of 34. Cllr Bendall was asked to place an article in the village newsletter.

Cllr Bendall said the hall bookings are quite diverse, with Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra booking 2 days, Apple pressing on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. and two adult parties.

Cllr Mulligan said a builder was making a site visit with a view to purchasing the roof tiles and to assess if they are all genuine Cotswold Stone.

#### Defibrillator

Cllr Mills reported he had registered with Circuit, but the emails will still go to the Clerk who will forward them to him. Cllr Hamilton ask if

the accompanying equipment was in the box. Cllr Mills was unsure. Cllr Hamilton will check everything needed is stored.

Cllr Mulligan will arrange for an electrician to inspect the phone box and install the “old” defibrillator.

#### Phone Box Refurbishment

Two residents have approached Councillors offering to refurbish the phone box. As it is listed the Parish Council will require a written

quote and a scope of work. Two additional quotes will be sought.

### **123/24 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported that she had met with Gill Portlock the Highway s manager. The Clerk was informed that there were very limited funds remaining in this year’s budget.

The path between Nailsworth and Avening has been put on the contractors list to cut back.

Cllr Hamilton said the area under the bridge was full of reeds and silt and urgently needed clearing. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask them to clear before it floods. Other areas of the stream are also overgrown and need clearing. The Clerk will write to the Riparian Owners and remind them of their legal responsibilities.

There have been complaints regarding overhanging hedges and vegetation. The Clerk will write to the residents identified and compose a generic letter to be hand delivered where required.

Area of the stream are overgrown and need clearing.

Cllr Hetterley requested that Ash Path be cut back. Cllr Slater said he would contact the contractor and request he do it asap.

### **124/24 FINANCE**

- I. Cllr Hetterley reported that the budget showed that the bank total was £74,409. Spend to date is £46,238. £29,000 has been spent on the hall. 50% on the heating and 50% on the toilet and roof refurbishment. It was agreed to move £5k from the GCC Build Back Better grant to the projects, £5k for the hall roof and £2,500 from the Cil payment. The remaining fund to be spent on Community infrastructure withing 5 years. It was proposed that for the bank accounts to reflect the budget sheet accurately the ring-fenced account be made up to £35,000. This was agreed. The Clerk will move the funds.
- II. Cllr Hetterley remarked that any future spend on projects will come from reserves. There is currently £14 in the roof fund, £2.5K donations towards the roof. A youth club grant not yet spent of £1,400. £5K Playing Field Donation and the remaining Cil payment of 1,685.53.

- III. Cllr Slater proposed that the Council request a donation of £7K from the Memorial Hall Trustees. This was seconded by Cllr Hetterley and will be on the agenda at the next Trustee meeting.
- IV. The New Financial regulations which were distributed prior to the meeting. Were agreed and signed.
- V. Approve bills for payment – The list distributed prior to the meeting was agreed.
- VI. Cllr Slater reported that Fast Host has opted out of the agreed list of hosts for .GOV.UK website hosting. Kemp IT are in the process of moving to a new hosting company from the authorised list. This will incur a cost.

**125/24 VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR** – Following the resignation of Cllr Howells, The Clerk informed the council that a notice had been placed on the notice board and on the website. Cllr Mulligan will also put a notice in the Villager. The deadline for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> October. The Clerk was asked to organise flowers for Cllr Howells.

**126/24 POLICE REPORT** – The Clerk reported that the Police will now provide a quarterly report and not monthly.

**127/24 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT** – Appendix 1

**127/24 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – Unavailable

## **128 /24 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

### New Planning Applications

24/02439/TCONR - Bannut Tree New Inn Lane Yew trees x 5 (G1) - fell to allow repair work to be carried out to the collapsed wall as per structural engineers drawing i.e. bank to be excavated back by 2.5m (including the facing stone) which would mean removing the trees. As the repair work needs to be carried out urgently to reduce the safety hazard of further collapse, the trees need to be felled on 2nd September 2024 - Support

24/02380/FUL - 1 Spinners Cottages Longfords Mill New entrance Porch (RETROSPECTIVE) –

No Comment

24/02250/FUL - 29 Sandford Leaze Increase ground floor, with 2 small extensions - Support

24/02126/FUL - Land Parcel Easting 387079 Northing 197991 West End Erection of agricultural barn No Comment

24/025442/FUL & 24/02543/LBC – Church Farm, Point Road – Conversion of a cart shed/garage into residential – Support

24/01818/FUL Erection of an extension to an agriculture building at Land Gris ref 3884941 - Support

### Parish Council decisions made outside of meeting August 2024 -

24/02127/LBC 25 Point Road - Extension to mezzanine and replace staircase. New Partition wall and fire door. Conservation rooflights to rear roof slop and lantern bedroom. - No Comment

24/02080/FUL Church Farm Point Road -Erection of single storey extension and associated works. - No Comment

24/02081/LBC Church Farm Point Road - Internal and External Alterations, erection of single storey extension and associated works. - No Comment

24/02019/FUL 12 Star Lane - Demolition of modern detached garage and single storey side extension. Erection of single and two storey extension to dwelling. - No Comment

24/01871/FUL 18 Sandford Leaze - Erection of single storey rear extension with balcony and associated stairs above, erection of first floor front extension and side extension and associated enlargement of existing rear dormer window. - No Comment

24/01917/FUL & 24/01918/LBC 25 Point Road - PV Solar array to rear pitched roof, raising of flat roof to allow insulation to be provided. - No Comment

## **129/24 Planning Correspondence and Decisions**

24/01807/CLEUD - Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for use of a barn as a dwelling - Refused

24/01818/FUL- Land at Grid Reference 388941 197571 Star Lane Erection of an extension to an agricultural building

24/01682/COMPLY- Willow House 21 Tetbury Hill Compliance with condition 3 (sample render), 4 (roof tile), 5 (design details) and 6 (Traffic Management Plan) of permission 23/01330/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension and associated works - Permitted

24/02019/FUL12 - Star Lane Demolition of modern detached garage and single storey side extension. Erection of single and two storey extension to dwelling – Refused

24/01180/LBC & 24/01179/FUL - 51 Nags Head Lane - Alterations and extensions to convert garage, erection of canopy and relocation of parking area and existing vehicular access - Permitted

## **130/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

Glos Mentoring Program

Ancestor Enquiry – America

Emergency Plan – Publica

GRCC Advice on Public disorder

NALC Public Disorder

Walk in the Wardens

Community resilience event 11/9

NALC – Future neighbourhood plans.

GAPTC – Legionella, compliance

Village Hall Governance – 25/9

Sam Powell Planning – Address mistake

Jeremy Stanton - Chair Nigel Stanton Paperwork

CDC Cllr Advocacy Scheme

NALC - Redesigned website

GRCC – Grants available

Severn Wye – Free energy survey

GCC – Councils Connected

CDC – Town Parish Forum

GRCC – Net zero grants

GAPTC – Executive Committee representative wanted

Wildlife Trust newsletter

CPRE A417 missing ling display 24/Sept

Nalc Young Councillor Network

Cirencester History Festival 26 Oct – 3 Nov

GAPTC AGM report –  
NALC proposed planning changes 8-week consultation  
Renewal of public space protection order – 2025  
GAPTC Training  
Community Engagement training.

### **131/24 COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Mills reported he was making progress with the draft village strategy plan.

Cllr Hetterley asked the Clerk what the process was for the Hall Governance Course.  
The Clerk informed Cllr Hetterley that a link will be sent via email.

The Clerk said she will be away on holiday and would the Council be happy that the agenda for the October meeting be posted early. This was agreed.

### **132/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

### **Actions**

122/24	Organise Work Party to repair Gate post	Cllr Mills
123/24	Write Letter to resident and Riparian Owners regarding overgrown vegetation and stream clearance.	Clerk
124/ 24	Ask Contractor to Cut Ash Path	Cllr Slater
124/24	Report Highways Issues	Clerk
124/24	Make Payments	Clerk
128/24	Planning Response	Clerk

## Appendix 1

CDC: At the Overview & Scrutiny meeting we were appraised of the government targets for building new homes. You may recall that following years of failed policies by successive governments, the new Labour government has made a big policy statement to build millions of houses, and in the Cotswold district the requirement has effectively been trebled to 1000 per year, which, put into context is the equivalent of 2 AVENINGS every year! With these arbitrary targets, there has been no account of need in the district, the lack of infrastructure, the impact on the protected countryside, nor the unsustainability of expanding rural settlements. There has been insufficient time to adequately plan for the building, and it is contradictory to both the NPPF (National Planning Framework), and the new Local Plan. The burden is falling disproportionately on rural districts, when urban targets have actually been reduced despite these areas being more sustainable with better transport, infrastructure and facilities. As well as the lack of suitable areas for building, no thought seems to have been given to the financing of the builds (most district and councils don't have the financial capacity); who will build them (it is unlikely to be current volume builders due to the likely low profit margins on social houses, and councils don't have the expertise or staff); who will physically build them (there is a lack of skilled trades already); and how will the necessary infrastructure be provided. The council is preparing a robust response following a very short consultation period, which isn't about 'NIMBYism', but just the sheer impracticality of the demand. I'll keep you appraised of progress.

Bins: There are still some teething issues with the new rounds, which were exacerbated by a recent bout of sickness - the service has improved but is not yet at the required standard. However, most of the repeated missed collections are being closely managed, and as the crews get used to the new rounds the problems should disappear. Incidentally, the budget for the implementation was exceeded by around £70,000.

Crime: There are ongoing outbreaks of theft in our area, so please look out for anything suspicious and check your security is as good as it can be.

Roads: I was invited to view the A419 'missing link' construction works in August, which were very impressive! During the tour we were given the background to the work, and told how the project has won multiple awards for its groundbreaking environmental protection. For example, ecologists collected many of the adders, slowworms, and even protected snails to rehome them prior to the work starting. The bulk of the road is being cut up to 16m below the surface to reduce the impact of noise and light, and there will be a 27m 'nature bridge' across the new road reserved for wildlife and a new public footpath. No material is being taken away from the site, but is being reused elsewhere, including building 7.5km of new Cotswold drystone walls. The construction is on track to complete by early 2027, but the bulk of the road will be operational in 2026. Keep an eye on the National Highways webpage for more information.

Other updates and information for Parish Councils:

PLANNING Just a reminder to Parish Councillors to keep an eye on new planning applications. It is important to notify the planning officer within 28 days if it is felt that there are strong material planning considerations as to why an application should be brought before the committee. Please contact me with the details, I will speak to the planning officer and then I need to submit a pro forma indicating your concerns. This is quite different to how it was before April this year, when we all had the benefit of the consultee responses and the officer's report.

COTSWOLD CROWDFUND Cotswold District Council has launched the Autumn funding round of its crowdfunding initiative. From cycle hubs to cricket clubs, playgrounds to street murals, if you have an idea for a project, you can make it happen with Crowdfund Cotswold. Residents know best what is needed in their neighbourhoods and have the skills and creativity to shape their local area and the future they want.

Crowdfund Cotswold provides a springboard for locally led ideas to attract funding more easily. Since its launch in 2021, Crowdfund Cotswold has supported local projects worth Excavators and crushing machine at Shab Hill Construction of the 'Nature Bridge' Viewing site plans and presentation Discussing the site with the Comms Lead over £1 million. And now you can pitch for up to £10,000 from the Council to help fund your local community project. The deadline for the current round of funding for the scheme is fast approaching on 16 October. If you have ideas about a project in your community or want to learn more about the Crowdfund Cotswold initiative ahead of the funding deadline you can sign up to the Council's workshop. The Project Creator workshop will be held online on Tuesday 17th September at 4pm. To sign up for the workshop see the Spacehive webpage. <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/crowdfundcotswold/> If you have any questions about the Project Creator Workshop event or accessibility requirements, please email [support@spacehive.com](mailto:support@spacehive.com) People and organisations can pledge as little as £2 towards a project. To view all the active projects in the Cotswolds, please visit the Crowdfund Cotswold project page: [Explore Projects \(spacehive.com\)](#)

HOW TO REPORT POTHOLE I recommend using this link, especially if you have a smartphone and can take a photograph of the pothole and identify the exact position. It is more efficient than emailing the council as officers get a daily schedule of these alerts. Gloucestershire County Council, report a pothole: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/> FIX MY STREET Report, view, or discuss local problems like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting. This reports back to the appropriate Council: LINK REPORT IT <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/report-it/> new forms for reporting graffiti, overflowing bins, dog fouling and street cleaning are now live on the Cotswold District Council Website. A map pin drop allowing for what3words location submissions can be used