Coberley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 15TH JANUARY 2014

	Questions and comments from the floor not listed on the agenda:	Actions
	Mike Cuttell raised:	PH to follow up
	 the issue of mess in the area known as the Salad Bowl (opposite Salterley Grange) After discussion it was agreed that Paul Hodgkinson will contact Cotswold District Council Environmental Health for a progress report. The state of the road along Ullenwood Manor Road. It was discussed that the edge of the road has worn away, leaving an unsafe edge. It is felt that the whole road needs resurfacing. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Paul Hodgkinson to follow this up 	PH to follow up
1	Apologies – none. Present: Duncan McGaw, Hugh Piggott, Dan Powell, Jo Thurnham, Sarah Webster. Paul Hodgkinson. Verna Spires. One member of parish.	
2	Declaration of Interests – none	
3	Agree minutes of 6 November meeting. – agreed, signed and filed.	
4	Matters arising from minutes of 6 th November – All matters where resolved from these minutes. Notes: • The appeal for the traveller site is for three years from the date of the appeal • Hugh will contact Highways about the 'beware vehicles reversing' sign which is missing from A436. He will copy PH into email.	Hugh to contact Highways and cc PH
5	Parish Council Admin: Sarah Webster was welcomed to the council and the necessary paperwork was completed. Duncan & Dan completed paperwork retrospectively as Chair and Vice Chair.	Clerk to complete paperwork
6	Standing orders & Finance policy – this will be carried over to the next meeting. All councillors to read the documents before the next meeting	All councillors to read through the standing orders & finance policy documents for next meeting
7	Parish Work Update: Cotswold Volunteers have undertaken the work on the notice board and information plaque at Seven Springs. They will do the Ullenwood notice board in February.	
8	Finance: Cheques approved and signed. £448.51 Clerk Pay Sept – Nov 2013 £10.50 PATA payroll £91.60 HMRC payment £119.78 Notice board expenditure - Materials for C V W £39.24 noticeboard repairs - Materials for Seven Springs info plaque posts, □ £114.00 Cosmic Website hosting (retrospective) £63.00 PG Events (retrospective)	
9	Spreadsheet and summary distributed to Councillors. It was agreed to share just the summary sheet at future meetings.	Clerk to share summary sheet before each meeting.

10	Precept – it was unanimously agreed to keep the 2014/2015 precept at the same as last year (£4350)	Clerk to complete and return paperwork
11	Phone Box repair. Duncan is overseeing this and communication is currently taking place with the insurance company and suppliers.	ongoing
12	Highways Update: Cowley/Ullenwood/A436 crossroads Discussions are ongoing between Scott Macauley Lowe of Highways and Mr Eastabrook, owner of the Paddock, with a view to an onsite meeting to discuss solutions to the visibility issue involving trees on his land. Paul Hodgkinson updated the Council on the latest information from Gloucestershire County Council and Highways concerning the A417 Loop.	ongoing
	 There will be a meeting for all involved Parish Councils to attend for more information. There did not seem to be any support by GCC, HA etc for a tunnel and only the Loop (Brown Route) option is being considered. Based on information he had acquired during his chairmanship of the original tunnel campaign and subsequent conversations, Mike Cuttell challenged the high figures given by Highways regarding a tunnel. He also challenged the need for emergency services stations at each end of a tunnel as well as the potential impact on the aquifier. He pointed out that a tunnel would provide a gradient of only 4% whereas the Brown Route would still have a gradient of 9 – 10% and present risk of serious accidents in winter conditions. He suggested that there may be a private investor in discussion with Highways Agency, but was not able to divulge any other details at present. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to see a fair comparison of ALL options before deciding whether to support the A417 Loop being promoted by GCC. It was agreed that all Councillors will prepare questions for the Parish Council's meeting at Shire Hall. 	
	Coberley village speed monitoring. As part of Cllr Hodgkinson's £20K allocation for highway projects, speeds through Coberley village are to be monitored with a view to a 20 mph speed limit being applied. The locations of 3 sensors along the main route through the village were agreed and Paul will brief Highways to proceed.	
13	Planning updates : The Forge planning application has now been approved.	
14	Confirm date of next meeting –now 6 th March 2014	