

Coberley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 1st December 2016

	<p>Present: Cllr D McGaw, Cllr H Piggott, Cllr D Powell & Cllr J Marshall</p> <p>Also present: Cllr P Hodgkinson (GCC) & Cllr N Parsons (CDC)</p>	
1	<p>Apologies: Cllr J Thurnham</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interests: None</p>	
3	<p>Approval of minutes from 14th September Minutes approved.</p>	
4	<p>Action arising from above minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign cleaning is being completed as part of County campaign. • Drain covers along the A436 are being moved into the verge, one has been completed. This will be a slow process & a matter that will require constant prompting. • Cllr Marshall will source a new internal auditor • Farm vehicle Sign at Upper Coberley. GCC Highways Danny Taylor to review • The movement of Needlehole into Coberley Parish will need to remain as an ongoing issue. Likely timing prior to 2019 elections. 	<p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Jo M</i></p>
5	<p>Briefing on interview with candidate for Clerk to the Council & RFO & decision It was agreed by all to appoint Claire Mann as Parish Clerk & RFO. Cllr McGaw will make contact to offer the position. It was agreed that the contacted hours would remain at 4 p/w. It was agreed to propose pay level SCP 18. Cllr McGaw to review pension obligation & Cllr Marshall will review Employment Contract.</p>	<p><i>DM</i> <i>JM</i></p>
6	<p>Finance update – Cheques signed: Evans Jones (Planning Consultancy Services) £450.00 David Carlton (Mower & Strimmer Service & repair) £176.34 Clerk Pay (August-November) £558.20 PATA (Payroll services) £10.00 DM & HP to arrange visit to TSB to close account and transfer funds to Lloyds</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>DM/HP</i></p>
7	<p>Planning Issues update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree work at Sandford School – No comment • Pole work, removal & replacement at Westbury Farm – No comment • Unauthorised Shower Block at Hartley Lane traveller site (1st site) – No application received, Cllr Parsons will follow up, vigilance required to ensure no further sites go un-noticed • Cllr Parsons informed the meeting that he had received a report, provided by the Planning Inspectorate, showing Gypsy & Traveller cases decided on appeal between October 2015 and August 2016. There are some 212 decisions. He advised that there were 21 cases relating to AONB/Green Belt, all of which were dismissed. However, the CDC Planning Officer had responded to him, by saying that the report shows that there are appeals being allowed, or planning permissions being granted, for Gypsy & Traveller development within AONBs / open countryside since the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) was revised last year. He claimed that the overall statistics show that more than 50% of appeals (for both planning and enforcement) are successful. 	
8	<p>Highways & Road Safety Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hodgkinson updated the Council with the progression of A417 Link; a Steering Group has been set up and consideration will need to be given to the environment, infrastructure & economics. He stated that this is a case that will need to be constantly justified. The earliest date that work will start is 2021 and it is envisaged that it will take 3 years to complete. There will be a public 	

	<p>information event in the spring to discuss the stages of progression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with Danny Taylor took place on the 25th October, regarding a number of outstanding issues across the parish. Potholes north bound on the Leckhampton Hill Road to be monitored. Noted that the vegetation at key locations requires urgent attention. Speeding concerns on Ullenwood Manor Road under discussion. Noted that work due 5 – 9 Dec to address road beside Lower Farm, Upper Coberley. A436 Cowley/Ullenwood cross roads to be in priority assessment programme for 2017. Other points as per item 4 above. 	
9	<p>Sundial Memorial Repair Update The matter is still outstanding, clerk to contact Col. Mike Bennett (War Memorials Trust) for help in progressing Robin Paul Memorials.</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
10	<p>Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership Community Hub Cllr McGaw attended the event at its launch on 28th October, the event was poorly publicised however</p>	
11	<p>Insurance cover for volunteers. This has been an ongoing issue. The Parish Council has, like other parishes, accepted the responsibility to insure all volunteers involved in Community Speed Watch projects. Noted that Came & Co have confirmed that Community Speedwatch activities are covered automatically by the policy under the Employers' and Public Liability sections, where a £10 million limit of indemnity applies under both sections. Members agreed that this is sufficient cover provided full training and all risk assessments are covered. (Post meeting note: Under new arrangements, CSW activities are now covered under Police insurance)</p>	
12	<p>Gloucestershire Minerals and Waste Plan – Fracking. An email had been received from Stroud Town Council (closing date for comments was the 24th November) As the deadline had passed, no further discussion took place.</p>	
13	<p>Agree dates for forthcoming year: 19th January 2017, 22 March 2017, Annual Parish Council Meeting 24th May 17:30 followed by Annual Assembly 19:30</p>	