

Coberley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council 21st March 2019

Present; Cllrs McGaw, Piggott, Powell, Marshall and Thurnham

Also present; Cllr Paul Hodgkinson & 1 member of the public

Mrs Jill Pick, resident of Upper Coberley, stated that she is concerned about the condition of the road outside her house due to the development opposite and the heavy vehicles there, the road is subsiding and local residents are concerned about further impact and damage as the development continues. Cllr Hodgkinson stated that he will contact the contractor.

Cllr Hodgkinson notified members that GCC had set their budget for the coming year and that Council Tax would increase by 4.99%, an increase that he **did not** support given the many cuts being made by the Council. Ringway are now the appointed contractors and 'Option 30' is the preferred route for the A417 Missing Link. Formal consultation will take place in the summer and construction will begin in 2021 and is hoped to be completed by 2024.

It was also noted that several vehicles, including lorries, have veered of the A436 since it was re-surfaced in the same area. The matter will go onto the Highways Action list.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Nick Parsons

2. To receive declarations of interest on items on this agenda

Cllr Powell declared an interest in the Traveller Site Planning Application & Cllr McGaw declared an interest as a School Governor reference item 6.

3. To receive and approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January were signed & approved as a correct record.

4. To review progress on Action List of items not included in the Agenda

- Members noted the Action List & it was agreed that a session would be organised with Adam Curtis to resolve issues with the website, progress has been slow and to request that it is mobile friendly.
- The provision of pedestrian crossing signs on A436 by new steps is an ongoing issue.
- Telephone box will be painted and repair of shelving will take place shortly
- Quotes for insurance is outstanding but Clerk will action

All other outstanding items are included on the agenda

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Date.....

5. To approve payments and review accounts

The accounts were approved & cheques signed by Cllrs McGaw & Piggott

Clerk Pay	£436.14
HMRC	£97.00
PATA (payroll)	£17.50
Clerk exp (stationery)	£7.55
GAPTC (subs)	£65.08
M Beard invoice	£70.00

6. To receive an update on the School/Community Hall project

The school has asked for permission from GCC for the Parish Council to be involved & is awaiting an answer. An application has gone to Highways England for potential grant from A417 project. Cost estimates for the project are now required to progress the project. It was agreed that this would remain an agenda item for the foreseeable future

7. To discuss planning application updates

18/04875/FUL – Hillside View Hartley Lane Seven Springs Gloucestershire. The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 1 no. gypsy pitch together with the formation of additional hard standing and utility/ dayrooms ancillary to that use. Also, the formation of a dayroom for an existing gypsy pitch

Resolved: It was noted that the application had been refused on the 14th March

18/044845/FUL - The Bungalow Coberley Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 9QY. Single storey extension to side, hip to gable extension to loft with addition of dormer windows to front and rear

Resolved: It was noted that the application has been permitted

18/01615/FUL - Ullenwood Court Development. New evidence has been provided & GCC can now justify securing an S106 contribution to Coberley Primary School. This is based on a detailed review of school places in the area undertaken and by GCC Education. A review of Coberley forecasts, on which the previous responses to this application were made, has shown that the forecast, which had indicated some surplus in the future, does not reflect the numbers on roll – In effect, the forecasts are artificially low due to low local pre-school figures. As it is considered by GCC that it isn't possible to expand Coberley from its current roll to, say a 1FE school, but that it could remodel to accommodate some additional pupils, there is a need also to review the next nearest primary school forecasts (Birdlip Primary School). Birdlip Primary

School does have the ability to expand further if required. Birdlip Primary School is at, and forecast to remain at capacity. The combined effect of the lack of surplus places across both of schools, and their popularity, indicates that a contribution towards these schools is justified.

19/00245/OFRPAN – Cuckoo Pen Farm, Shab Hill, Birdlip GL4 8JX.

Resolved: It was noted that CDC had decided that prior approval was not required on the 12th March

8. To discuss Highways Actions - Report from Cllr. McGaw

Cllr McGaw had circulated the Highways Action report and amendments were made by Councillors, the report will now go to Danny Taylor.

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9. To consider options for bins at Chatcombe Layby & decide course of action

It was resolved that Highways will be contacted and that the Clerk will contact The Cotswold Way to request support to seek a solution of the littering and use as a latrine. It was also noted that the site is advertised by the Department of Transport as an official lorry stop and therefore should be approached also.

10.To discuss future Parish Event

It was agreed that an event along the lines of a Hog Roast would be organised in the summer and different venues were considered. Detailed arrangements to be confirmed at a future meeting.

11.To consider request for funding from the Great Western Air Ambulance charity

It was resolved to donate £100 to the charity as it was considered to be an invaluable service for residents in a rural environment.

12.To determine arrangements for the Annual Assembly on 23rd May

Cllr Thurnham will organise catering for the meeting as she has done previously.

13.To dispel any potential confusion in the community following the merger of Coberley & Cowley Diocesan parishes

It was agreed that an email to parishioners would be sent, notifying people of the situation.

14.To confirm date & times of Annual Assembly & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will begin at 6pm on the 23rd May & that the Annual Assembly will begin at 7.30pm on the 23rd May.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm

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