

**Parish Council Meeting - Minutes**

Recorded by: Mandy Rossiter - Clerk

Date: 11th May 2023

Meeting Commenced: 19:30

Meeting ended: 21:00

Present:

Parish Councillors:	Cllr Lead, Cllr Hasinski, Cllr Dunbar
District Councillors:	
County Councillor:	Cllr Robinson
Clerk:	Mandy Rossiter
Other:	8 Members of public

Items

2023/38 Election of the Chairman

It was agreed by vote that Cllr Lead would remain as Chairman

2023/39 Election of the Vice-Chairman

It was agreed by vote that Cllr McNealey would remain as vice-chairman.

2023/40 To receive and accept any apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Baynham Honri, Cllr McNealey, Cllr Noon and District Cllr Smith

2023/41 To invite and receive any declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

There were none

2023/42 To offer an open forum to members of the public for discussions and questions

Member of public brought up overgrown branches along A46 which were not within the parish. Agreed that clerk would share Highways report it link with member of public.

The verges and vegetation around Frogmarsh and the junction of A46 was raised as an issue due to sightlines being obstructed. Clerk will raise with Highways. It was noted by council

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that they had recently been reviewing the maintenance contract and this area was noted as an area for upkeep.

2023/43 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 2nd March 2023
The PC agreed the minutes and they were signed by the chair

2023/44 To receive County and District Councillor reports
Cllr Robinson discussed the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal for yellow lines around St. Mary's Hill. He noted the importance of moving quickly with the requested payments to ensure that the project can go ahead.

It was noted that the services previously supplied by Appetito has been taken on by the Long Table Grace Network to continue to support those unable to safely prepare a hot meal.

2023/45 To receive the Clerk's report on actions and correspondence following previous Parish Council Meetings and agree any further actions (appendix 1)
Council confirmed receipt of the report and had no further comment. Copy of report will be added to PC website.

2022/46 To discuss receipt of the following Notice and agree any actions:
"LOCALISM ACT 2011 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A RELEVANT DISPOSAL THE RAM INN, HIGH STREET, SOUTH WOODCHESTER, STROUD GL5 5EL ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE REFERENCE 2018/0004/ASSETC"
Chair invited representative of the Ram Supporters Group to lead discussion.
Member of public gave detail on background on the discussions of the Ram. Including details of the terms of sale of the lower portion of the car park. It was noted that the previous owner had passed away in February and that the family have since put the property on the market.
Ram Supporters have had a separate valuation report carried out by David Morgan who has indicated that the pub would be valued lower than the current advertised price.
It was noted that Onslow holdings (company who bought the convent) had spoken to previous landlord about incorporating the Ram within their holdings and have indicated to Ram Supporters that they may still be interested.
The SDC response deadline for comment on the disposal is 18th May and the Asset of Community Value (ACV) expires in October.
Supporters are feeling that they are not going to make a community bid for the property due to shortage of funds and may not try to renew the ACV.

Chair summarised that the Ram Supporters have done all they can within their power and budget that all the community can do is to encourage brewerys etc. to take it on and keep it a as a pub.

2023/47	<p>To consider and comment on the following planning applications/enforcements, decisions and appeals:</p> <p>a) S.23/0880/HHOLD Erection of garage. Home Ground Church Road North Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5PF The PC discussed the application and agreed to make no comment</p> <p>b) S.23/0516/LBC Replace windows & enlarge opening in internal partition wall. Rooksmoor House (Klan) Rooksmoor Hill Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NB The PC discussed the application and agreed to make no comment</p>
2023/48	<p>To note decisions made by Stroud District Council on planning applications/enforcements and appeals since March Meeting (Appendix 2)</p> <p>The council noted the decisions. A copy will be made available on the PC website.</p>
2023/49	<p>To agree instruction for internal audit</p> <p>PC agreed to instruct GAPTC</p>
2023/50	<p>To agree renewal of SLCC membership</p> <p>The PC agreed to fund Clerk's SLCC membership</p>
2023/51	<p>To review annual contracts and agree further actions</p> <p>PC agreed to discuss with wider council and report back decision at next meeting</p>
2023/52	<p>To review and agree Policy Review Timeline (appendix 3)</p> <p>PC agreed to discuss with wider council and report back decision at next meeting</p>
2023/53	<p>To review and agree councillor responsibilities and areas of interest</p> <p>PC agreed to discuss with wider council and report back decision at next meeting</p>
2023/54	<p>To discuss Play Area feedback and agree any further actions</p> <p>Generally, PC have received very positive feedback on the play area. One comment was received re the lack of baby a swing, but this was discussed at planning stage and there were safety reasons for the decision.</p> <p>Sadly the Lavender plants put in place by the children of the local school were stolen. They have been replaced by donation of member of public and are now protected by wire.</p>
2023/55	<p>To receive Road Safety Matters Update from Cllr Dunbar and agree further actions</p> <p>Cllr Dunbars Annual report was available to view. (will be posted on PC website) Cllr Dunbar gave a verbal report on the traffic use on the A46 and noted that we are 7000 vehicles per annum less than in 2019. It was noted that the VAS system looks at the V85 speed (The speed most road users use), it is currently 41 mph, in 2018 it was 47 mph.</p> <p>Cllr Dunbar discussed feedback received from members of public following Woodchester Word article about reducing the speed limit on a stretch of the A46 through Woodchester. He proposed that he embark on a project to put this into action. Council agreed that Cllr</p>

Dunbar can carry out investigations and prepare a report to present to the council at a later date.

The council agreed that the TRO mentioned in APM and by Cllr Robinson in item 2023/44 would be discussed via email and the agreement for expenditure of £3000 would be permitted should the other councillors be in favour of this decision.

- a) To discuss 20mph speed limit resolution for county campaign and agree any action
PC confirmed that they are in support of the campaign
- b) To discuss Bin stickers and permanent speed signs and agree any action
Proposal that council spend £120 plus fixings costs to have the signs put onto

2023/56	To approve expenditure and sign cheques as per payment schedule (appendix 4) Expenditure was agreed. Cheques to be signed.
2023/57	To review and agree bank reconciliation (appendix 5) The bank reconciliation was agreed and the chair carried out an internal audit of finances
2023/58	To review and agree online banking options and signatories PC agreed that clerk can request online banking with Lloyds for the PC account management and payments. It will still be necessary to have the approval of two signatories for any payments made. Cllrs Lead, McNealey, Baynham-Honri and Dunbar to be granted signatory rights.
2023/59	To receive verbal reports from councillors It was noted that the Litter Bin at Bospin Road needs to be replaced. Clerk to raise with GCC. It was suggested that a trial of putting litter pickers and bags in the phone boxes for volunteers to access and use on their walks before returning them to the phone box. Chair to write a piece on this in his Woodchester Word report.
2023/60	To confirm date of next Parish Council Meeting It was agreed that the PC confer and arrange around holidays