

SOUTHROP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2023

Present: Cllr Guest Cllr P Brickley
Cllr C Brickley Cllr Giles

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), District Cllr Stephen Andrews,
County Cllr Dom Morris, Kate Holland, David Fowles, William Owen

Cllr Guest introduced Kate Holland who attended in her capacity as a representative for Health & Wellbeing (CDC). She explained that her role was working to provide fitness activities in outlying villages where there is currently no provision. Activities cater for the over 18's and for predominantly older individuals. A questionnaire will be circulated shortly to villages to establish requirements.

101 22/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones.

102 22/23 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None declared

103 22/23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th November 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th November 2022. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr C Brickley – all in favour.

104 22/23 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present - there is a 10 minute time limit
N/A

Members of the public did not have any questions.

105 22/23 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.
N/A

106 22/23 Clerks Report
None

107 22/23 Chairman's announcements

- The Chair reported that all the legal work has been done to upgrade the title deeds for Jubilee Close to 'File Absolute'. The Parish Council agreed to grant fund the J.C Committee the amount for this and have paid £560 towards this. The Title Absolute removes named individuals and replaces it with the name of the Charity.
- Litter pick – to take place on the 25th and 26th March. Jerry Hibbert will be taking the lead on this. The litter pick will commence at 10.00am and details will be advertised accordingly.
- A replacement bench for the green has been ordered and is due to be delivered early in February. The current bench is no longer fit for purpose.

108 22/23 To receive report from District/County Councillor

County Cllr Morris' report for December below:-

1. County council saves 350,000 bus journeys

Following an exercise to find new providers for bus routes cut by Stagecoach Gloucestershire County Council have announced the results.

2. Local Councils United's goal to recruit foster carers during World Cup

Gloucestershire County Council is joining up with local authorities from across the UK to form a new virtual team for the World Cup, with the aim of achieving just one goal – to recruit more foster carers.

3. Gloucestershire stands against Domestic Abuse

Gloucestershire County Council and the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board are continuing their work to prevent violence towards women and girls by taking part in the international awareness campaign, 16 Days of Action, and aiming to become 'White Ribbon' accredited.

4. Four days of free festive family fun

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is returning for four action packed days this winter to help keep children in Gloucestershire happy, healthy and entertained during the school holidays.

5. Go-ahead for first Fire and Police stations

It has been talked about for some time, but now Gloucestershire's first mixed Police, Fire and Rescue Stations have moved a step closer.

6. Recycle your food to help cut waste and carbon

A new campaign is being launched aimed at encouraging people in Gloucestershire to reduce their food waste and help the environment.

7. Gloucestershire Libraries celebrate £750k funding award

Gloucestershire Libraries have been recognised as a National Portfolio Organisation and awarded £750,000 funding over three years by Arts Council England.

8. Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service staff recognised at Awards Evening

9. Inspections ensure drivers get a fair deal for fuel

Gloucestershire County Council trading standards officers have carried out checks at petrol station forecourts in the county to ensure drivers are not being short-changed.

Cllr Morris also reported on a serious road accident that occurred near Aldsworth and the issue of road safety on the connective roads. Increases in accidents have been attributed to bad behaviour of motorists who are flouting rules relating to overtaking on bends and using mobile phones. Southrop councillors confirmed that an application for new style speedwatch cameras has been made to GCC. Due to the higher than expected demand applications are being repeated with another survey required, even though this was carried out in July 2022, this to satisfy new documentation. Cllr Brickley reiterated that the speed of traffic through the village is very bad. Cllr C Brickley reported that a request to GRCC has been made for a representative to attend a meeting of the council to discuss the flood warden

scheme. Helen Richards from GRCC will hopefully be able to attend the next meeting in March. Other issues relating to the dangerous road surfaces due to ice were brought to Cllr Morris' attention. He was advised that Glos Highways are aware of the areas of concern, but as yet have not come back to the Council with any solutions.

Cllr Morris asked if the school was still short of Governors. Councillors confirmed that the school was missing 2 governors and Cllr Morris said that he would check how this situation can be remedied.

District Cllr Andrews reported as follows:

Cabinet Meeting: 9th January

- Lease of land at Station Road Kemble [Comment: Decision "called-in" to Overview & Scrutiny]
- Budget Consultation Feedback

Council Meeting: 18th January –included:

- Peer Review [Comment: Complementary on Vision. Critical of Leadership and Management]
- Programme of meetings – election period
- Amendment to Constitution – include to limit Public Questions
- Dispensations
- Motions to include:
 - Climate and Ecology Bill

Overview & Scrutiny Meeting – No meeting since 22nd November

Implications of Elections Act 2022 (Voter ID implications) [Comment: CDC Ad campaign just started]

Cotswold Constituency Boundary Change

- Decision made by the independent boundary commission – not government.
- Coln Valley will be in the North Cotswold whilst Fairford/Lechlade/Kempsford will be in the South Cotswold constituencies.
- Implementation July 2023

MP Public Flood Meeting 21st October

- Draft Minutes now issued.

Health

- Urgent and Acute Emergency Care/Ambulance response times. Update on sub-group activity.

Appointment of CDC Community Support Officer – Jane Gibney

- Invited to attend meeting of Fairford PPG 19th January.

GCC Community Speedwatch Fund

- Phase 2 open to 31st January

Cllr Andrews also reported: -

- that he was pushing for public questions not to be just in person at CDC. --
-ID will need to be provided at the next elections. There is a way round this by obtaining a certificate from CDC- details on website.

- He reiterated that Southrop would remain in the Nth. Cotswolds for the Constituency boundary changes and that there would be no difference to Cotswold District.

- Flood meeting minutes (21st October2022), would be forwarded as these have not been received as yet.

- Thames Water canal, although out of area might be of interest. A meeting is to be held with Thames Water on the 9th February, which will cover all matters water related and would be an opportunity to raise any concerns including any issues relating to sewage discharge into the River Coln.

-Planning still under pressure as is enforcement with only one planning officer at present.

FINANCE

109 22/23 To approve, retrospectively, any payments made since the last meeting and to approve any current payments.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively payments made and to approve payments to be made (£1241.76). Proposed Cllr P. Brickley, seconded Cllr Guest – all in favour.

110 22/23 To consider and agree cashbook & reconciliation figures at end of December 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the cashbook & reconciliation figures at the end of December 2022. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr C Brickley – all in favour.

111 22/23 To consider and agree Budget for 2023/24

Cllr Guest queried amounts registered against expenditure attributed to the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Clerk confirmed that an error had been made in that some of the costs should have gone towards the Jubilee celebrations. The budget figures to be amended to reflect changes. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2023/24. Proposed Cllr Guest, seconded Cllr C Brickley – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to amend budget sheet and re-circulate.

112 22/23 To receive the Tax Base figure from CDC

The tax base figure (158.6) was received with explanation from Cllr Guest as to how this figure might be arrived at.

113 22/23 To consider and agree the Precept figure for 2023/24

Following debate, where the budget was considered and the current financial climate it was agreed that a small increase should be made to the Precept to cover potential grants, costs for elections, possible help for improvements at Jubilee Close and for playground equipment. It was **RESOLVED** to request a figure of £13500, an increase of £3.32 on a band D property or 4.05%. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr Guest – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to complete form and submit to CDC.

114 22/23 To consider and agree to open a deposit/savings account.

The Clerk reported that she has found it extremely difficult to find a suitable bank account that would provide a reasonable interest rate. It seems that better rates can be obtained by using a Business Building Society account. Cllrs agreed to invest some of the reserves and the Clerk was asked to check for suitable Building Society accounts and to report back. However, it was **RESOLVED** to open a savings account if a suitable account can be found. Proposed Cllr C Brickley, seconded Cllr Giles – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain details for suitable Building Society accounts and to add this item to the Agenda for the next meeting in March to decide the amount that should be put into savings.

PLANNING

115 22/23 To receive Decision notices:-

22/03510/FUL | Removal of condition 7 (finish and colour of the new/replacement windows, doors, lantern and rainwater goods) of planning permission 15/04212/FUL (Proposed alterations, remodelling and extension (amendments to planning permission ref: 15/00670/FUL)) to retrospectively allow the installation of windows, doors, roof lantern and rainwater goods without prior approval | Tiltup Barn Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PL - Expiry 15/11/22 - **PERMITTED**

22/03847/FUL | Full Application for Erection of a veranda to the side of the dwelling at Boxwood Cottage Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PH - Expiry 8/12/2022 - **PERMITTED**

21/04317/COMPLY: Compliance with conditions 3 (roof and wall samples) and 4 (external walls) and 5 (window and door details) relating to 18/02358/FUL & 18/02359/LBC at Culls Cottage Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PF - **PERMITTED**

22/02985/FUL: Erection of Victorian-style greenhouse in rear garden at Boxbush Cottage Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PH - **PERMITTED**

116 22/23 New Planning Applications

23/00032/LBC & 22/04341/FUL: Conversion of outbuilding, addition of outdoor swimming pool and relocation of garden wall at Elmtree Cottage Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3PD - Expiry 2/2/2023 - **No objection**

23/00031/TCONR: T1 - Lime - fell, T2 - Beech - fell at Southrop Manor Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire GL7 3NX - Expiry 19/1/2023 - **No objection**

22/00418/FUL & 22/00419/LBC : Full Application for Change of use from an office to 1 no. residential dwelling at Fraser House Wadham Close Southrop Lechlade Gloucestershire - Expiry 22/11/22 - **AWAITING DECISION - No objection**

OTHER MATTERS

117 22/23 Update on Highways matters

Cllr P Brickley reported that thanks were extended to Glos Highways for the work carried out in resurfacing through the village. County Cllr Morris was advised that the issue of Stanford Road junction had been raised with Glos. Highways, with this junction being very dangerous due to pooling of water, turning to ice, and bad signage which has caused several accidents. A couple of solutions were discussed, but as yet no action has been taken to try to remedy the problem. Cllr P Brickley thanked the Clerk for the information circulated regarding gateways, which might help in prompting motorists to reduce the speed at which they travel through the village. Four gateways would need to be installed at a cost of £600 each. Cllr P Brickley will be contacting Dan Tiffney (Glos Highways) to discuss this further. Cllr P Brickley also reported that the road to Filkins was treacherous in the bad weather and would be contacting West Oxon Highways.

ACTION: Cllr P Brickley to contact Glos Highways & W. Oxon Highways

118 22/23 To consider and agree response to S106 LBY Leisure Centre proposals.

Cllr Guest reported on a Zoom meeting he had attended regarding the S106 agreement set out some years ago. 6 communities were included in the agreement, Southrop being one of these. Some Cllrs had not seen the information circulated regarding the recent proposals relating to the possible usage, costs etc. The Clerk re-circulated the information and asked Cllrs to respond as soon as possible, as their feedback was required by the 20th January. Cllrs wanted to know whether schools would be included i.e. would they be able to use the facilities. Need to ensure that

the pool is reasonably priced. CDC would be meeting with developers upon receipt of feedback from the 6 communities.
It was **RESOLVED** to forward a response to the Clerk by the 20th January – all in favour.

ACTION: Cllrs to report to the Clerk by the 20th January.

119 22/23 Update from Jubilee Close Committee
Nothing further to report. The Committee are continuing to assess the response from the recent questionnaire.

120 22/23 Anything the Chair considers urgent.

121 22/23 Date of next meeting 6th March 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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