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Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 09 December 2015

**Present: Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mrs L Moule; Mr B Findlater; Mr C Bierer, Mr R Apperley; Mr C Bartlett, Ms G Delbos (Clerk)
3 members of the general public attended**

- 011015 Public Question Time**
No items were raised by the general public.
- 021015 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Harrower and DC Jones.
- 031015 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda**
All Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary or personal interests to declare regarding items on the Agenda.
- 041015 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 28 October 2015-** Approved
- 051015 Council Governance, roles and co-opting**
None outstanding
- 061015 Finance**
All cheques approved

Payee	For	Amount
Severn Grass Services	Grass Cutting	143.15
J Lundberg	September village event	47.26
J Smith	September village event	15.00
S Harrower	September village event	29.38
GAPTC	Councillor Training	95.00
G Delbos	Administration of Council	259.72
G Delbos	Toners, Paper	133.76
Discovery Timber	Erection of Framilode Notice Board	90.00
AC Planning Solutions	Planning Advice	1152.00
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Play Inspection Company	Playing Field	90.00
R Apperley	Christmas village event	27.65

- 071015 District Councillor News**
At the Special Council meeting on 19th November, the main item on the agenda was the Local Plan. This was recommended for adoption by the Planning Strategy Manager.

Having had due regard to the appointed Planning Inspector's report, and after receiving replies from the Manager on a couple of questions from Members, the Local Plan was voted through unanimously by those Members present. The Plan came into effect immediately, which means that the LPA will now have much more clout in its armoury to withstand speculative applications by predatory developers on land not included as strategic development sites within that Plan. There is a statutory 6 week consultation

period for minor amendments to be made, if necessary, but Strategic Planning is not expecting anything significant to come forward.

It's worth noting the Robert Hitchins withdrew their Appeal against refusal to build 95 houses on land adjacent to School Lane in Whitminster, just before the Local Plan was adopted. They obviously thought that they couldn't win the Appeal, after reading the Inspector's Report, and having their land West of Stonehouse allocated in the Report for development.

The LPA can now demonstrate in excess of a 5 year land supply for house building, which is a requirement of planning legislation. There will be a review of the Local Plan, starting in about 2 years' time, to see how it is progressing. To start that off, a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) will have to be carried out, as was done in about 2011 for this Plan. I fully expect many landowners will be putting forward parcels of land, as they did previously, that have not been included in this Plan.

A progress report was given on Devolution to Gloucestershire. The signs at the moment are looking positive. There is one stumbling block, if the Whitehall Mandarins insist on Gloucestershire having an Elected Mayor, which none of the participants in the bid want, then that could scupper the whole process. Time will tell on that.

The final item on the agenda was to delegate authority to the Environment Committee to streamline the process for those parishes or neighbourhoods wishing to work up and adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. This will enable those parishes to be able to do it more quickly than at present, without the previous "red tape" to have to overcome. Again, this went through unanimously.

I am currently working with Officers at Ebley Mill, in Licensing, Environment Protection and the Legal Team, to make the General Public more aware of hazards caused by "Chinese Flying Lanterns" and late night firework displays, particularly those taking place at wedding venues in rural areas, and where local neighbours are not notified, so that they would be able to keep pets and animals, eg, horses, indoors. While not wanting the Council to have by-laws which are probably unenforceable, or to become a "nanny" Council, some of us feel that the public in general ought to be more aware that fireworks can cause problems for pets etc, and that flying lantern remains, particularly the wire frame if it goes through a forage harvester when making silage, can have a devastating effect on livestock if ingested.

081015 Planning Applications

Application Number: S.15/2521/HHOLD

Location: Victoria Place, High Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Application Type: Householder Application

Description: Proposed two and part one storey extension to rear

No objection from Council.

Application Number: S.15/2515/LBC

Location: Lock And Lock Gates On Stroudwater Canal, Saul Junction, Church Lane, Saul.

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Description: Replacement of lock gates, repairs to masonry, addition of stop plank channels, pond dipping platform and new interpretation panel, vegetation removal

No objection from Council.

Application Number: S.15/2430/FUL

Location: Hoopers Farm, High Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Description: Retrospective application for creation of access tracks, paddocks, field shelter and stables, and proposals to erect additional field shelters and extend stables to provide implement shed and feed

store.

No objection from Council.

- 091015 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**
Burglary in Church Lane. Glass out of patio doors, wall safe and valuables taken. Neighbourhood watch announcements will be provided. Walk in thefts in Arlingham and local area whilst people at home.
- 101015 Stroud Water Canal**
Reed spraying completed. Council to contact local farmer re - reeds to be cleared and recycled.
ACTION: C BIERER
- 111015 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges**
Cllr Harrower attended Sandfield Bridge Advisory Group meeting on Monday 2 November. Report as follows:
The meeting was positive. CRT have delayed the roll-out plan to accommodate all the investigation required before full implementation. Yellow double lines will be painted on the approaches to the bridge. CRT are also looking at improving the car park and have also taken on board providing lights to delay people leaving the road by the café etc. after the bridge has been closed. There is an additional set of wig wag lights pointing down the road by the café already and CRT advise that they are going to put a STOP line by the car park. This should ease congestion. Also the Control Centre for the entire Canal automation will be Fretherne Bridge – a huge improvement.

ACTION: S HARROWER for follow up
- 121015 Severn Voice Meeting**
Nothing further to report.
ACTION: L MOULE for follow up
- 131015 Website Maintenance**
Site has been re-loaded and this has eased problems. End of Year figures have been uploaded to site.
ACTION: C BARTLETT
- 141015 Emergency Plan**
Community emergency plan CD from GRCC to be looked at by Council. This will be done in the New Year.
ACTION: C BIERER
- 151015 Parish Plan / Questionnaire**
Plan in final stages. Council hope to get this delivered to every house in Parish before the New Year.
ACTION: A LUNDBERG / Clerk

Community asset forms for Ship Inn and Garage. To be completed in New Year.
ACTION: A LUNDBERG
- 161015 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**
Climbing Frame safety material. Installation date to be chased.
ACTION: C BIERER
Dog warden contacted re spraying 'pick up or pay up' signs on pavements.
ACTION: CLERK
- 171015 Transparency Code**
Council to look at costs for scanner and projector (for use in meetings) that could be applied for under this Code. Application form to be completed and sent off.
ACTION: C BIERER / Clerk

- 181015 Charity Donations**
Council agreed that this would have a figure placed within the next year's budget. The three Churches within the Parish would be eligible for a donation on a 3 year cycle. Other Parish charity policies to be looked at.
ACTION: A LUNDBERG / Clerk
- 191015 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**
Each policy (Code of Conduct / Freedom of Information / Complaints / Transparency Code) is near completion.
Working group to meet.
Completed policies to be presented and adopted at next Council Meeting.
ACTION: PGP working group
- 201015 Village Matters / Improvements**
Upper Framilode Church and Canal Bridge Bins – ordered.
- 211015** The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.....Chairman