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Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 24 February 2016

Present: Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mr B Findlater; Mr C Bierer, Mr C Bartlett, DC J Jones, Mrs S Harrower, Ms G Delbos (Clerk)
4 members of the general public attended

010216 Public Question Time

A question was raised by two members of the public via the Clerk. They were asking about a swing for young babies in the playing field. They feel that the current one is isolated from the remaining play equipment and is also not suitable for very young babies as it does not have a bar to stop them slipping out.

Clerk to contact Jane Bolton (Memorial Hall)

Ian – Frampton on Severn sports centre. Ian gave an update regarding the planning application into SDC for planning. Application has hit a first brick wall in that the cost would be approximately £12,000. This is because of the size of development. They need support of local Parish Councils as children from all parishes will use it. There would be a reduction of fee of approximately 50% if the application is made by a PC. The PC wouldn't pay the fee but it reduces as PC are applying on the Sports Centres behalf. The Sports Centre has applied for various grants but can't apply for funding for the centre until the Planning is in.

FOS have been approached at THEIR last meeting but no response yet. FOS should be leading support but FWS are happy to support with FOS. Next meeting of FOS 4 March for confirmation of support. Pc remains supportive of project. The Council felt the most appropriate action was to wait for FOS to vote as they should lead if they vote positively. It will be put to FWS Council vote once FOS make decision, FWS PC may make a full vote to make a contribution.

Ecotricity

Ecotricity meetings. Councillor B Findlater attended the latest meeting and asked the panel what volume of water they anticipate the run off would be for the area they are building on. No answer was received from the Panel. Cllr B Findlater also went to Eastington PC meeting and asked same question. Hydraulic experts say there is no problem but there has been no evidence of any experts investigating. They plan to run 'run off' down culvert behind garage down into Frome. Mr Davies will look into this further as representative of Eastington. If there is excessive water pouring into the Frome and pump is shut down, this water will flood into Saul. What is the plan from Ecotricity to control this flow?

020216 Apologies for absence

Councillors: Moule; Apperley and Bierer.

030216 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 except Cllr Bierer who declared an interest in the item regarding ditches.

040216 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 27 January 2016 - Approved

050216 Council Governance, roles and co-opting

None outstanding

060216 Finance

All cheques approved

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070216 District Councillor News

First, an apology, I gave you the incorrect collection day last month for the new garden waste service, it is the opposite week to the green bin dry recyclable and cardboard collection, not as I said, the same week. Last month's Council meeting approved the budget, with an increase in the SDC proportion of Council Tax to rise by 1.99% Tomorrow night's Council meeting will set the amount of Council Tax everyone in the SDC area will be paying from April 1st. Added to the SDC 1.99% will be the County Council's 3.99%, the Police and Crime Commissioner's 1.99% equivalent on a Band D rate, plus the Parish and Town Councils' individual rate. In FwS parish, a Band B property will be paying a total of £1233-95, a Band D property will pay £1586-51, and top of the range Band H will pay £3173-02. The rise in Council Tax across the County for an average Band D property is 3.54%. The average increase in the Stroud District for Parish and Town Councils' share is 7.48%

You may have seen in the Press this week that Council will be asked to approve a recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members Allowances. The basic rate of Allowance for Members is recommended to stay the same for this year, with a proposal to increase it in coming years by the same percentage as Council employees will receive. The increases proposed for this year affect the Special Responsibility Allowances, (SRA), of Chairs of Committees, with the Vice Chairs actually getting their SRA's reduced The Leader of Council will also get his SRA increased, as it is recognised that the Leader's workload is getting heavier each year. The overall cost to the Council Taxpayer for these allowances will reduce by around £500-00 in the next financial year, as against this one To wind things up, a motion will be presented for Council's approval on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Act, and another concerning the Trade Union Bill, currently going through Parliament.

080216 Planning Applications None

090216 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch Next co-ordination meeting at FOS 7pm last Weds in March 2016.

100216 Stroud Water Canal Reed spraying completed. Council to contact local farmer re - reeds to be cleared and recycled. **ACTION: C BIERER**

110216 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges Meeting to be held on 2 March 2016. **ACTION: S HARROWER for follow up**

120216 Severn Voice Meeting Next meeting on 18 March 2016. **ACTION: L MOULE for follow up**

130216 Website Maintenance Jigsaw support of S DC Website will be withdrawn in December. Councillor Bartlett has spoken to SDC to ask if we can migrate the current website to another host but advice given was not unless it is another Jigsaw. PC need to create a new website. Chalford PC has already disconnected from Jigsaw and they are developing their own website. Cost is the design and set up. We could make a new website much more community friendly. Share community news, portals for memorial hall, churches etc. Speak to Jane Bolton (SH) re would they be interested in this option? First need to discuss what functionality we want from it. Working group to be set up for this to hopefully include Jane Bolton (Memorial Hall) and John Swann (Church). Transparency funding to be applied for. **ACTION: C BARTLETT**

140216 Emergency Plan Council to look at the possible risks eg. Flooding, trees etc and work out who is responsible for these. Councillors to send information to Cllr Bierer to collate. Working group may need to be set up to discuss further. **ACTION: C BIERER**

- 150216 Parish Plan / Questionnaire**
 Collation in process.
ACTION: A LUNDBERG / Clerk
- Community asset forms for Ship Inn and Garage. To be completed in New Year.
ACTION: A LUNDBERG
- 160216 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
- 170216 Transparency Code**
 Funding to be applied for in connection with new Website start up costs, etc. and scanner.
- 180216 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**
 Updated policies to be uploaded to website.
ACTION: C BARTLETT
 Outstanding policies are Finance Regulations and Vacancies.
ACTION: S HARROWER / CLERK
 GAPTC contacted re training on new CoC. Information forwarded to Councillor Bierer.
ACTION: C Bierer / CLERK
- 190216 Village Matters / Improvements**
 Ditch maintenance – drains have been cleared but still problems with land drainage. There are ditches by Hoopers Farm that are overgrown and therefore not draining. Farmer to be contacted to confirm he owns the ditches.
ACTION: B FINDLATER
 If he says he does not, then Councillor Apperley needs to meet with Highways and water resources at Ebley Mill.
ACTION: R APPERLEY
 A plaque for soldiers killed during the World wars – Jane Bolton confirmed that Memorial Hall committee supported this idea. A wooden plaque with painted names and space for other names to be inserted. Draft list to be sent to relevant parishioners to check names.
 List also to be placed on website and FB.
ACTION: C BIERER / C BARTLETT
- 2020216 Allotments**
 Letter has been sent to all allotment holders to ask if they wish to continue renting their allotment. This will be followed by the yearly contract.
ACTION: CLERK
- 210216 Tree Inspection and Tree Works**
 Enquiry from SDC to see if FWS would be interested in having access to the contractors for work in the village. SDC to be contacted to advise that FWS would be interested and the costs would be in the region of £200 – 400 per annum for the tree works in the Parish.
ACTION: CLERK
- 220216 The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 30 March 2016 at 7.30pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.....Chairman