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Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 27 September 2017

Present: Councillors Mrs S Harrower (Chair); Mrs L Moule; Mr B Findlater; Mr R Apperley

DC J Jones; Ms G Delbos (Clerk)

Register of General Public attending meeting: Mr S Robbins. Mr A Brown

010917 Public Question Time

1. Mr Robbins advised that the Stroudwater Canal water level is very low. Cllr Findlater to investigate and top up if necessary.

ACTION: CIIr Findlater

020917 Apologies for absence

Cllrs: C Bierer. C Bartlett

030917 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda

Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary or personal interests to declare regarding items on the Agenda.

the Agenda

040917 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 30 August 2017– Approved (Proposed by Cllr

Findlater and seconded by Cllr Moule)

050917 Council Governance, roles and co-opting

Mr A Brown had applied to the Council for the vacant post of Parish Councillor. Council had considered his application. Cllr Apperley proposed that Mr Brown be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Moule seconded the proposal. Mr Brown was then asked to join the Council meeting.

060917 Correspondence Received

Freedom of Information request from Mrs V Hughes. This was responded to within the agreed 20 working days. This was apart from one part of her query regarding subject matter and date. This has now been clarified and the Council will respond.

070917 Finance – Invoices to be paid

The Invoices were presented for payment:

Proposed by Cllr Harrower and seconded by Cllr Moule.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid:

CHEQUES SIGNED AT 27 September 2017 MEETING

Payee	For	Amount
Severn Grass Services	Grass Cutting: Inv:	£ 94.20
G Delbos	Clerk	£ 251.00 SO
G Delbos	Expenses Village Event	£188.77



	Postage stamps and recorded delivery	£18.45
		(202.22)
D J Davies	Verge Cutting 2 nd cut	£ 422.70
Keep Britain Tidy	Dog Fouling posters	£ 54.00

All payments for verge cutting have been made. Clerk to now raise invoice to Gloucestershire County Council.

Cheques written out in-between meetings: None

080917 Audit

Still awaiting full external auditor report.

ACTION: Clerk

090917 District Councillor News

County Council report: CII Davies

There is now a recovery plan for Children and Families Services to address the "Inadequate" OfSted rating. I am on the scrutiny committee for this.

There was a move by the Police and Crime Commissioner to take over control of the Fire Brigade. After spending £100,000 he has decided not to do this which is good news as it would cost rather than save money. Full Council recently voted unanimously against this, a rare event.

I would like a list of those Properties not covered by Fastershire Phase 2 and will be chasing a response on these.

Finally I pointed out that Dale Vince and David Drew blaming Gloucestershire Highways for delaying the Ecotricity Application is completely unfounded as Ecotricity were slow to provide Traffic modelling beyond Shipmans Platt Roundabout. Their comments are an unfair attack on hard working local government employees.

District Council News: Cllr Jones

In keeping with the Council's objective to channel shift towards self- serve, SDC are changing the Bulky waste collection booking service to be online only from next Monday 2 Oct. Customers will be able to use a quick and easy, user friendly online process on our website to book a bulky collection. They will book, pay and get confirmation of collection date in one online transaction. This online facility will be available 24/7. So customers can book when it's convenient to them including all weekend. Users who find it difficult to access a personal online device will be encouraged to use public online PC's at libraries, at Ebley Mill Reception and help from family and friends. Phone callers will be advised to book online. Staff will support users to buy in to the advantages of the online self service route.

Stroud Taxi Drivers Assn are asking for a hike in fares, due to fuel, insurance, general costs rising. This will be dealt with by the Community Services and Licensing Committee, a Task and Finish cross party group will meet a couple of times to look at the details, which will include comparisons with fares in adjoining Councils in the County. A report will then be presented to Committee with the group's recommendation.

West of Stonehouse development, the latest Reserved Matters application has been lodged for the land south of the new spine road that is under construction off of Grove Lane. This application will be out for consultation before a decision is made.

The Ecotricity application for a business park and football stadium off of J13 off the M5 has stalled, so now just the stadium will be applied for, this time on the opposite side of the A419



The LSIDB pump on Framilode pound is likely to be renewed in January or February of next year, tenders for the work have gone out, a temporary pump is expected to be put in place while replacement works are carried out.

100917 Planning Applications

Application Number: S.17/1715/HHOLD

Location: Somerset Lodge, High Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Application Type: Householder Application

Description: Rear single storey extension and garage conversion.

Respond date: 25 September 2017

No objection from Council

Application Number: S.17/2098/HHOLD

Location: Somerset Villa, High Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Application Type: Householder Application

Description: Removal of single storey extensions and erection of two storey side extension

Respond by date: 18 October 2017

Extension of respond date to be applied for by Parish Council as paperwork only received on day of Council

meeting. Council to discuss fully at October meeting.

110917 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

No update.

There is now a new Neighbourhood warden. Clerk has invited him to attend a council meeting when he is available. There were 3 reported crimes within the Severnside area. Two of which were in Moreton Valence.

120917 Highways

The house on the corner by Sandfield Bridge was discussed as they are in the process of moving the boundary fence which will make access to the Stables Café etc difficult for larger vehicles. The Council are not going to pursue this. This is up to CRT, the Stables Café, Willow Trust, Wycliffe etc. Council did contact Dan Tiffney, Highways. His response was that the owners are quite within their right to do this. Although the road has been tarmacked, GCC have not adopted the road. The only way forward would be for the relevant affected businesses discuss this with the owner. If they wished to take it further legally, they would have to prove that the piece of land had been used by horses, people and vehicles for over 20 years.

Council to be kept up to date with this.

ACTION: Cllr Harrower A38 / Perryway Junction

No further updates. Dan Tiffney, Highways may be able to put cameras at Junction to see how many people are turning left, using roundabout or Garage, to turn right.

ACTION: CIIr Moule

130917 Stroud Water Canal

No update on future of canal.

ACTION: CIIr Bierer

Clerk has requested SDC to inspect and advise on cost of extra bin on left hand side of Moor street on

the Canal path.

ACTION: Clerk

140917 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges

Public Consultation Notice now received. Comments have to be in by 19 October 2017.

Additional markings and signage are now underway.

ACTION: CIIr Harower



150917 Website Maintenance

Financial Regulations now updated on website.

ACTION: Clir Baetlett

160917 Emergency Plan

On hold

ACTION: CIIr Bierer

170917 Severn Voice

Next SV meeting will be hosted by Slimbridge Parish Council in October. 1 agenda item will be buses

to Tesco, Quedgeley.

ACTION: Clir Harrower

180917 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground

Council agreed to purchase 2 new rubbish bins for the Playing Field to be placed either side of the

dog waste bin. Proposed by Cllr Findlater, seconded by Cllr Moule.

ACTION: Clerk

The gate will be locked from 8pm ever night and opened at 7am. A list will be sent out to all

volunteers for opening/locking of gate. A date to be set for this to start.

ACTION: CIIr Harrower

190917 Grass Cutting

Grass cutting contract. Error by Clerk. This is on the second year of a 3 year contact.

Council agreed to pay for the additional cuts needed and also for the disposal of the cut waste on first and last cuts. This is to avoid more waste being put on the Allotments. Proposed by Cllr Findlater,

seconded by Cllr Harrower.

ACTION: Clerk

Garage parking on high street. Council to write to lan Silvey and Dave to ask for a plan of what is to

be done and the timeframe.

ACTION: Clir Harrower

200907 Village Matters / Improvements

Local event at Village Hall – 25 people attended and it was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to all on the

Events Committee and also our volunteers. Report to be put in local magazine.

ACTION: CIIr Moule

210917 Allotments

Letter sent to allotment holders regarding dogs running loose and untidy allotments.

ACTION: Clerk

Pond – Jane Bolton to obtain further quotations from JPR environmental, wildlife trust. It was suggested that the Council ask allotment holders if they would be interested in helping clearing. Mr Robbins has produced a draft quote including the liner. Only two companies produce a liner that size. Could reduce the size which would reduce the cost. Cllr Harrower to discuss with Jane Bolton. Steve Robbins to provide alternative cost for smaller linings. The work on the pond has to be done in

November and December because of the newts.

ACTION: Cllr Harrower

220917 Parish Churches



The work for the Garden of Remembrance is to be further discussed by the Parish Council. The landscaping costs could be up to £10k. Cllr Harrower to discuss further options and next steps with the Diocese.

ACTION: CIIr Harrower

230617 The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 7.30pm.