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**Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 27 November 2019**

**Present: Councillors; Mr A Brown (Chair) Mr B Findlater; Mr R Findlater; Mr C Bierer; Mr R Cowley; Mrs P van der Hoof; Mr S Davies;**

**Register of General Public attending meeting: 5 Members of the Public attended.**

**011119 Public Question Time**

I member of the public raised a query re rumour of the gates being removed to make the Frome River tidal.

**ACTION: Cllr B Findlater to contact the Environment Agency**

**021119 Apologies:** Cllr C Bartlet; Cllr J Jones

**031119** James Thomas and James Druett from the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board  
**Re new pump installed:** Working efficiently, but needs to cut in sooner despite the recent level change. Water levels do rise quickly with the rain etc. New pump starts at 70% then increases to 100%. This can be amended so that the 100% kicks in quicker. Now monitored remotely by IDB but not necessarily 24 hour/7 day. Need out of hour contact. No formal standby with any of the 5 pump stations. Taken to Board re this issue. May be sourced out to an external company. This would be the company that installed the new pump. In the meantime, we need an alternative as to how we deal with a potential issue of the pump not kicking in. IDB are looking at if the pump has to be put on manual, then it should run immediately at 40%. One temporary answer would be to give Cllr a key in order to be able to override. One problem is the reset which goes back to the original sensor levels instead of the new levels that were set. Provision has been made for power failure. A generator can be set up. Council asked IDB to provide some assurance that the pump will deal with the water. There have been several issues with logs blocking the fish and eel flap. The flap cannot be released until the waters go down.

Commented [GD1]:

**041119 Declarations of Interest:**  
None

**051119 Minutes:** to consider the approval of the minutes of the last Council which was held on 30 October 2019.  
Proposed: Cllr B Findlater; Seconded: Cllr R Findlater

**061119 Council Governance, roles & co-opting**  
Responsibilities of Council – Cllr R Cowley to set up meeting to allocate responsibilities. Councillors to indicate what areas of interest. Meeting to be set up.  
**ACTION: Cllr R Cowley**

**071119 Correspondence Received**  
Email from Parishioner regarding flooding at Fretherne.  
IDB have brought this to the attention of Dan Tiffney, Highways.  
**ACTION: Clerk to reply to email.**

**081119 Finance:** to consider payments to be made as on list below:  
Approved and Proposed Cllr R Cowley, seconded Cllr R Findlater.

Payee	For	Amount
G Delbos	Clerk	£ 340.01 SO
Mr S D Robbins	Severn Grass - Fit Bin Inv: 589	£ 250.00
G Delbos	Payment for Christmas Disco	£ 180.00
G Delbos	Stamps	£ 8.40
	Envelopes	£ 1.25
	<u>Expenses for Christmas Event:</u>	
	Paper	£ 1.49
		£ 279.60



	Printer Ink for flyers	£ 45.50	
	Tin of Sweets x 2	£ 9.00	
	Mince Pies	£ 13.88	
	Mulled Wine x 10	£ 30.00	
	Mulled Wine x 8	£ 24.00	
	Decorations	£ 36.26	
	Lights	£ 6.82	
	Santa clause Outfit Hire	£ 25.00	
	Change of Banners	£ 72.00	
	Cups x 100 plastic	£ 1.00	
	Cups x 50 Insulated	£ 5.00	
RBL Poppy Appeal	Christmas Wreaths x 3		£ 60.00

**Cheques written out between meetings – None**

**091119 Parish Council and Clerk**

All Councillors now on Gmail. Cllr Bartlett to set up central Gmail Calendar.  
ACTION: Cllr C Bartlett

**101119 Audit**

Adjusted audit figures as per Accountant to be confirmed and signed off at next meeting. PC queries to be sent to accountants following audit report.

**Action: Clerk and Cllr Rawdon.**

**111119 District / County Councillor's News**

**Cllr S Davies:** Local plan out for review and any response must be done by 22 January 2020. Most of development is by Sharpness, Hardwicke.

Ecotricity planning application has been submitted again to planning control, this might get approved.

The automation of the Canal bridges has now been abandoned.

Speed cameras mobile to move around the six Severn parishes. Scheme hopefully to be up and running quite quickly. Will be in each of 6 parishes 4 times a year. Monitoring speed only. Full CC meeting today. Motion on planning more trees. Debate on pension invest money into fossil fuel companies. All of Cotswold into national park unanimously voted.

Fences on Moor Street – Dan Tiffney Highways. Speed sign has been knocked down. Highways very busy with flooding issues.

**121119 Planning Applications**

Address: Former Church Of England School, High Street, Saul, Gloucestershire.

Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area

Description: T1- Weeping Willow- Reduce north east side of tree by 3-4m to remove over hang from eco house.

Reduce laterals on west side of crown to re-balance by 5-7m (not touching top)

T2- Maple - reduce back from road by 1-2m and shape in to crown; T3- Horn Beam- reduce back from road by 2-

3m and shape into crown; T4- Lime- reduce back from road by 1-2 m and shape into crown; T5- Copper Beech-

Reduce 3 limbs (NE side) by 2-3m back in line with crown; T6- Ash (by junction) - Reduce back from road by 1m

up to height of 12ft; T7- Willow (Behind N7 canal row)- Pollard at 6ft (374865 - 209366)

*No objection from Council*

**131119 Police report and Neighbourhood Watch**

None

**141119 Stroud Water Canal**

Canal – A meeting was set up to discuss the Stroudwater Canal on 26 November. 40+ attended. Proposal has been sent to Council. State of canal and balance of wildlife and making it into a working state. Committee set up. Cost for stakes to be put into bank, £300. Short window available now. Survey sent to immediate locality. Good response 46% returned survey. 30metres to start with by hand.

Parish Council working sub group. 2 from PC allocated to budget instead of spraying we spend it on this. Sign off £300 and ongoing basis, lead person has authority without coming back to Council up to pre approved budget figure for maintenance of canal.

Proposed: Cllr C Bierer; Seconded Cllr R Bartlett. All Council in favour.



GAPTC – need advice of H&S and check insurance. PR and informing people, suggestion that a couple of notice boards go up. Before and after pics.  
Proposed: Cllr R Findlater; Seconded Cllr C Bierer. For notice board. Clerk to look at double sided notice boards.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- 151119 Gloucester & Sharpness Canal Bridges**  
Cllr S Davies advised trials etc. had been stopped by CRT.
- 161119 Website Maintenance**
- 171119 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**
- 181119 Village Matters / Improvements**  
Canal / Upper Framilode and Saul Pound – Fencing - with P Gardner  
Moor Street – fencing – with Dan Tiffney  
Phone box – painting. Awaiting quote.
- 191119 Pound and Canal Trees**  
All in hand with planning application. Will be carried out in January.
- 201119 Parking on Roads next to Canal – all areas**  
Awaiting work to be carried out by Highways
- 211119 Cyclists in our area**  
Signage to be discussed.
- 221119 Parish Churches**
- 231119 Date of next meeting – 29 January 2020**

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.....Chair**

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