

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD 19 SEPTEMBER at 6PM

IN CHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Mike Mitchell, (Chair); Cllrs Peter Workman; Kevin MacMahon and Henry Arden and Babs Maloney (Clerk).

Also present: CDC Ward Councillor Tony Slater and Glos County Councillor Stephen Hirst.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Kate Gegg.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 13 JUNE 2023 PC Meeting were approved by Council and signed by Chair.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Henry Arden declared an interest in planning application 23/02834/TCONR

4 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting on this occasion

Chair amended Agenda to receive report from CDC Ward Councillor as his time was limited

5 CDC AND GCC REPORTS

5.1 CDC Ward Councillor Tony Slater

The Chair welcomed Councillor Tony Slater to the meeting as the new Cotswold District Councillor for the Ward of Grumbolds Ash with Avening, having been elected in May 2023. Cllr Slater provided the PC with the following report:

- No CDC Meeting in August
- Planning Dept is currently experiencing a lack of trained staff as remuneration in the private sector more attractive to qualified personnel.
- Cllr Slater has been appointed to the Scrutiny Committee Sub Committee for 'Public Toilets' – a review is in progress
- Visitor Information Centres are threatened with closure – Cllr Slater is raising a petition to object
- Coach Parks/Parking continues to be an issue
- Villager Magazine is available online – suggested link to it on CPC website – to be actioned by Clerk.

5.2 GCC Councillor Stephen Hirst

PC thanked Cllr Hirst for his help in securing funding for upgrade to Village Hall and provided him with brief summary of works to be undertaken shortly.

Cllr Hirst responded to Parish Council queries re condition of local roads.

- PC put forward that Laybys used to be repaired but now have too many potholes to be used safely.



- Trees at Nags Head Junction obscure visibility – Cllr Slater will approach GCC
Hwys re contact with landowner

Cllr Slater left the meeting at 6.35pm.

6 FINANCE

As Clerk's Report was primarily financial it is incorporated here.

The Clerk as RFO advised review of uncashed cheque amount from previous financial year. Cheque has not been presented and is now out of date. Councillors discussed and agreed

Motion: to remove £480 debit from the account records; **proposed** by Cllr Arden and **seconded** by Cllr Kevin Macmahon. Balance of funds in PC financial records now in line with Lloyds Bank balance.

CPC Balance of Account at 26 June 2023 = £4,950.35; Lloyds: £5,430.35 (actual funds)

Outgoings: (cheques written)

- GAPTC Internal Audit: £146.75
- Clerk – SLCC Planning Summit: £36
- SLCC Membership: £56
- Clerk Salary 3 months: £520

CPC Balance: £4,191.60

Amended by above motion: **£4,671.60**

Budget Review

- **Earmarking Funds:** recommended to cover possible costs e.g. contested election costs – approx. £1,200. Savings plan suggested – to be discussed and included in next budget.
- Increased costs this financial year to be reflected in Budget due January 2024. GAPTC and SLCC subscriptions and training costs have decreased as Clerk eligible for sharing cost between two parishes. Draft Budget to be tabled at November meeting.

Risk Management Policy and Asset Register: Updating of documentation in line with recommendations by Internal Auditor is ongoing. Risk Management Policy added to website as recommended. Cllrs discussed items to be added/insured. **Decision:** Both documents to be reviewed at November Parish Council Meeting.

7 TO REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cllr Arden **declared an interest** in the following application. He was allowed to remain and refrained from comment.

23/02834/TCONR

T1: Acer "Crimson King"; Fell Ts2 to 16: 15 Leylandii to be reduced in height to approximately 7 meters and the lateral spread to shape. Ts 17 and 18: 2 x Lawsons Cypress, Fell.

Coxs Farm Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SW

Ref. No: 23/02834/TCONR | Validated: Wed 13 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

21/01610/COMPLY

**Compliance with Condition 9 (bat survey report) of permission 16/02422/FUL -
Refurbishment of Coach House and Stables for use as stables; construction of boundary
walls and fencing; restoration of Croquet lawn to include new boundary walls**

The Carriage House Cherington Park Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SN
Ref. No: 21/01610/COMPLY | Validated: Wed 28 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

No resolution to comment on either of the above applications was made.

8 VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1

Cherington Show Committee Update: Cllr Mitchell presented report from Cllr Kate Gegg. Successful event. Gross takings on the day were £11,901 (2022 was £9,162). Astounding effort made possible by the whole community working together. Village Hall and Church to benefit from proceeds. Reserve retained for next year in case of bad weather/replacement of equipment etc. The PC thanked the committee for their efforts before during and after the event.

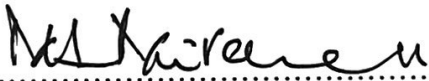
8.2 Lake Car Park – privately owned. In need of resurfacing. Cllr Arden to approach owner re gravel.

Villager Magazine: Cllr Gegg to be approached for contribution.

9 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 6PM AT TOAD HALL
(DUE TO VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION)**

Meeting ended 7.00pm

Signed..........Date.....16.1.24.....
(Chair of Cherington Parish Council)

Signed..........Date.....16/01/24.....
(Clerk: B Maloney) Minutes 19 September 2023

Please note these Minutes are not a valid record until signed at the next Parish Council Meeting in November