

Minutes of the meeting held 10 June at War Memorial Hall, Cleeve Prior

Present: Councillors: P Howe (Chair), P Turner, N Brown, S Robinson, H Stewart-Davies, B Rhodes and R Lasota

In Attendance: S Arble (Clerk), WCC Cllr A Adams, WDC Cllr R Lasota and 13 members of the public.

096 No apologies received.

097 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** – none declared.

098 The Council resolved to approve the **MINUTES** of the meeting held 13 May 2015 at War Memorial Hall, Cleeve Prior.

099 **WCC CLLR REPORT:** Cllr Adams reported the following:

A. Due to damage caused by an accident, Bidford Bridge will be closed to vehicles until further notice. Temporary bus schedules will be released when available. For now see below:

247 (Redditch – Alcester – Bidford – Evesham) : From Bidford, the service is diverting via the B439 – Welford on Avon – Barton Road, then resuming its normal route towards Cleeve Prior and Evesham. The same diversion applies in reverse, and a temporary timetable is being developed for the ongoing closure. The service is operating with delays, but all bus stops will still be served.

EV31 school coach service (Bidford – Chipping Campden School): This school coach service will divert from Bidford via B439 – Welford on Avon – then direct to the school.

B. Broadband cabinet installed.

C. Discussion re rubbish bins on CPO land. Cllr Adams suggested the Council decides upon a strategy then meets with WDC officers.

100 **WDC CLLR REPORT:** Cllr Lasota reported the following:

A. Bidford Bridge damaged, closed for foreseeable future. Buses behind schedule. With the diversion Welford is struggling to cope with the traffic. Meadow near caravan site has been made available for parking. A temporary sign at Fish & Anchor Hill should be erected. **ACTION:** Clerk to request passes be made available for Cleeve Prior parishioners to park on Big Meadow to access shops in Bidford.

B. Apologies for notifying the Council for missing the last meeting due to holiday.

C. WDC is operating an anti-litter campaign. J Hagerty offered to donate £500 toward clearing the tyres off plot 1, adjacent to CPO land. The Residents Association may donate £100 toward the cause. Mr J Evans is willing to do the work and it is thought the skip and disposal of the tyres will cost £270. The skip for scraped debris will cost £160. There is the possibility the ditch could be dug out.

101 **Chairman moved: The meeting now adjourned to hold Public Question Time, notes of which are at the end of the minutes.**

PROGRESS REPORTS**Lengthsman/Flood Prevention/ Footpaths Work**

102 **12.14:** On 3.12.14 the Clerk reported rubbish in the ditches near The Manor to WDC; #6462454. The ditches were not cleared of rubbish on 25.03.15. **ACTION:** Clerk to request P Childs arrange for ditches to be cleared.

CPO Land

- 103 **Clearance 03.14:** The Clerk emailed a letter to G Albutt on 24.02.15 and requested a solution to resolve the CPO Land conflict. On 02.03.15 an email reply was received; G Albutt believes the works have been carried out as per the quotation. In an 11.03.15 letter the Clerk requested a meeting to resolve the situation. **ACTION: Chair Howe is to meet G Albutt during the week commencing 14 June.**
- 104 A Thomassen-Telle declined to quote for the job of digging the ditch. Another contractor failed to return three phone calls. WCC does not have a list of contractors which is suitable for this job.
- 105 **Refuse 02.15:** On 16.03.15 WDC stated it is under no obligation to go onto private property to collect rubbish; residents are requested to present waste at the nearest point of public highway. WDC would consider individual property pick up if a turn-around was provided on CPPC land.
- Cllr Brown reported that D Nelson will not give permission to allow refuse vehicles to turn around on his land.
ACTION: Clerk to enquire if it is possible that the refuse can turn around on CPO land (due to dry conditions) and/or reverse the vehicle up the track so turning around isn't necessary.
- 106 **Cleeve Prior NDP:** T Carr reported the Draft Policy Statements are currently in public consultation until 30 June. The survey was designed not to need IT, available help is indicated on the survey, self addressed and stamped envelope are provided. He apologized for the planning language of the document, but it couldn't be avoided.
- 107 **Footpaths Report:**
A. Riverside path 546 towards Offenham, Parish Wharf, path 545 and 533,534,528 towards Marcliff all cut during the last month.
- B. Initiative to extend the Parish Wharf did not meet with the approval of Birmingham Anglers, but they did confirm permission to access the area with grass keep machinery.
- C. Initiative to create a 'historical stopping point' of interest, at the head of Mill Lane, has been approved by Worcestershire County Land Management. The escarpment of woodland behind the Gypsy site is now within the tenancy agreement of Mr Barry Parkinson. The footpath team hope to set to work on this project in the near future, following an introductory meeting with Mr Parkinson.
- 108 **Evesham Road Speed Survey 06.14:** J Franey received the current survey.
- 109 **Allotment Agreement:** Two contracts received. **ACTION: Cllrs Howe and Rhodes to meet with N Bratt.**
- 110 **Hoden Lane Sign:** Repaired; matter resolved.
- 111 **Smart Water Signs:** The Clerk gave the signs to Chair Howe. It is unclear where the signs will be erected.
- 112 **Tractor Sale:** On 14.05.15 the Clerk informed B Taylor of CPHT that the Council resolved to sell the tractor to CPHT for £3206.07 plus the cost of insurance in December 2015. To date there has been no confirmation of the agreement.
- 113 **CALC Training:** The following training sessions are booked: 15 June 4Ps: Cllr Turner, 22 June 4Ps: Cllrs Stewart-Davies, Rhodes & Robinson; 24 June 3Ms: Cllrs Stewart-Davies, Rhodes, Robinson & Turner. The cost of training is £200.
- 114 **Insurance:** The Clerk discovered the Fishing Platform was not included in the policy. The additional premium is £5.70 per year. Payment added to the schedule; matter resolved.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 115 The Council resolved that it supports the Kings Arms, believe it a benefit to the community and it is reasonable to grant rural tax relief given that this will be partly funded by Council Tax payers in Cleeve Prior. **ACTION: Clerk to include £190.27 on next payment schedule.**
- 116 The Council resolved to consider the School Playground ground cover after receiving the latest inspection report due to be conducted shortly. **ACTION: Clerk to include item on next agenda.**

FINANCE

- 117 The Council resolved to approve the payments listed in Appendix A of the June 2015 Agenda with three additions and one amendment.
A. Cheque #279 (not 276) to pay AON invoice.
B. Cheque #276 to pay T Hunt for June Lengthsman.
C. Cheque #277 to pay OHL for parish magazine flyers (£80) and NDP supplies (£44.49)
D. Cheque #278 to pay OHL for NDP supplies (£55.14) and the Post Office for stamps for NDP consultation (£358.40)
- 118 Cllr Lasota confirmed the May 2015 Reconciliation is accurate.
- 119 The May 2015 Income & Expense Report was noted by the Council.
- 120 2015 Internal Auditor's report was noted; no actions required.
- 121 The Council resolved to approve 2015 Annual Return and completed the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2 of Annual Return). **ACTION: Clerk to forward Annual Return to External Auditor.**

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 122 **Correspondence for Consideration - none**
- 123 **Tabled Correspondence**
- A. NPower 28.05.15 letter: Electricity Market Reform Charges**
B. R Patten (WCC): Traveller Site enquiry email thread
C. B Taylor 08.06.15 email: Tree clearing near wharf ACTION: On 15.06.15 cllrs to investigate. Will also investigate Bridle path behind Traveller Site and perhaps CPO Land.
- 124 On 19.05.15 the Clerk reported on the poor condition of Mill Lane; ref #6662073. WCC response was as follows: "Given this stretch of road has no property access and is a rural single track lane; it is not cost effective to attempt extensive repairs. No immediate safety concerns; road to be monitored via routine scheduled inspections." Matter resolved.
- 125 Rooftop investigated the three caravans in the garden of #8 Evesham Rd. One was devoid of contents and up for sale (has since been sold), one is used as a storage area and one is temporarily in the garden as a residence for a relative. Matter resolved, but may require future monitoring.
- 126 The Council resolved to form an Anti-Social Behaviour Working Party whose members include cllrs Lasota, Robinson, Rhodes and Stewart-Davies. The term of reference is to liaise with the police to create an environment where more anti-social behaviour is reported.
- 127 Evesham Rd 30 MPH Sign: Repaired, matter resolved.

PLANNING

For Council Consideration

128 The Council resolved to object to planning application **W.15.01004.PN**; **Mr Dyson:** Erection of a wind turbine with a tower hub height of 29.5m and a blade diameter of 24m (resubmission of W.13.02508.PN). Reasons for objecting include light refraction, noise, health, animal welfare and visual impact on landscape.

WDC Cllr Lasota intends to request the application is decided by full planning committee. He expects a member of the public and Council to speak at the meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs to forward comments to Clerk. Comments due 15.06.15

WDC/WCC Approvals

129 **W.15.00821.PN**; CPHT: Proposed extension to existing toilet block to provide wc

130 **WDC Refusals - none**

WDC Pending

131 **W.15.00472.PP**; **Mr G Vale:** 46 The Close: Single storey extension
By delegated decision to the Clerk the Council resolved not to object to this application.

132 **Appeals - none**

Enforcement

133 **IN.00357:** 3 caravans in #8 Evesham Road garden; Conferred with Rooftop (see 9D); the caravans are not being used as an unauthorized gypsy encampment **MATTER RESOLVED**

COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

134 Cleeve Prior Nature Trail – Cllr Brown

135 Cllr Brown apologies for July meeting.

136 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** 8:00pm on 8 July 2015 at the War Memorial Village Hall, Cleeve Prior.

137 Meeting closed at 10:35pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Parishioner commented there is no water supply for allotments. Severn Trent may provide funding. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Severn Trent.**
2. A parishioner suggested that G Albutt should be made to complete the work he is contracted to do. The job as it is now is a mess.
3. WCC Cllr Adams reported the public Traveller Site lease expires in 2018. WCC is undecided if it will pursue a lease renewal with the seven land owners.
4. A parishioner would like to know if CPPC is investigating the idea of developing the Traveller Site with WDC. The Clerk responded that the NDP is currently on consultation and that it will be down to the NDP Working Party to decide if there is significant parishioner demand to develop the site before entering into discussions with WDC.
5. A parishioner complained that the NDP consultation may not result in a strong response because the form is difficult to complete.

6. A parishioner asked if the Council will object to the wind turbine application. Chair Howe responded that the matter will be discussed later in the meeting.
7. A parishioner commented that only recently have plastic bags been a problem on the CPO Land.

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, on 02.07.15