

**Minutes of the meeting held 14 January 2015 at War Memorial Hall, Cleeve Prior**

Present: Councillors: P Howe (Chair), K Mellor, J Franey, B Rowland, N Brown (late, 8:15pm) & P Turner

In Attendance: S Arble (Clerk), 7 members of the public, WDC Cllr Lasota and WCC Cllr Adams

303 No Apologies.

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

305 The Minutes of the meeting held 10 December 2014 were approved.

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

A. Happy New Year.

B. Government granted £78 million to repair pot holes. £2 million spent thus far on road repairs.

C. Cleeve Prior scheduled for February with surface treatment in March; key area near pub.

D. Jerry Brienza is new Highways Liaison Officer.

E. Fence on bridleway is intact.

F. Bidford Road closure a Warwickshire CC issue, however, it is apparent bus isn't stopping in Bidford, this leaves Cleeve Prior stranded.

G. Broadband: exchange in Warwickshire, but cabinet in Worcestershire. Broadband may be upgraded between January and July. Public appeal via emails is important to keep this issue on the front burner.

Cllr Mellor reported that £4 million was made available to improve rural transport. The concept is to support community organization rather than more buses.

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

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

A. Since Christmas 47 crimes reported in Cleeve Prior and Littletons. In one instance, kids were caught.

B. Believes there are now only two officers policing the area; seeking more resources from police.

C. To meet with WDC officers on 20 January; would like a police officer present.

D. Middle Littleton is keen to share a cctv system.

E. Street Lights out outside #7 Evesham Road & outside Birchwood on Mill Lane. **ACTION: Clerk to request lights are repaired.**

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

309 **12.14:** On 3.12.14 the Clerk reported rubbish in the ditches near the Manor to WDC; #6461489. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate.**

**CPO Land**

310 **03.14:** The clearance of CPO land started, but not complete. **ACTION: Clerk to write a letter to G Albutt to**

**1. Request location of live wires**

**2. Request ditch be dug to boundary once live wires are dead**

**3. Burn brash in middle of the field.**

311 **04.14:** Mr Quine of the Environment Agency last reported that the occupant of Plot 2 cannot be located. Therefore, no action can be taken. No update.

**Cleeve Prior NDP**

- 312 T Carr reported that the Traveller Site Development Scheme is not included in the NDP as it is not part of the remit.
- 313 **Defibrillator:** The box doesn't open for the defibrillator; it has been sent back to the manufacturer.
- 314 **Footpaths Report: 12.14:** On 10.12.14 the Clerk requested the Lengthsman to weed/widen paths leading to and in front of #11 The Close. The Lengthsman stated the paths are too badly disintegrated and that there is no path beyond the weeds. Matter resolved.
- 315 **Evesham Road Speed Survey 06.14:** No update.
- 316 **Precept:** Emailed to J Jones; matter resolved.
- 317 **St Light Near Churchyard Gate:** Repaired; matter resolved.
- 318 **Village Green Kerb 11.14:** The Clerk requested WCC replace the kerb with like for like materials on 13.11.14; #6438817. WCC confirmed that work would be like for like, but does not consider the current condition of the kerb a high priority safety hazard. Matter resolved.
- 319 **Street Light Survey 11.14:** The Clerk issued a work order on 11.12.14. The work should be carried out in January.
- 320 **Superfast Broadband 12.14:** On 15.12.14 S Ashton replied to CPPC correspondence. Are-engineering work is currently being planned. Until it is finalised no confirmation concerning benefits to Cleeve Prior can be guaranteed. The Clerk registered CPPC with [www.superfastworcestershire.com](http://www.superfastworcestershire.com) Parishioners can also register to receive updates. **ACTION: Clerk to mention this in the next parish magazine article.**

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

- 321 The Council decided not form an NDP Working Party. It will instead meet to discuss the draft NDP and make recommendations at the next Council meeting.
- 322 The Council resolved to approve the Footpath Officer £388.84 plus VAT grant request to purchase a hedge trimmer. **ACTION: Clerk to purchase hedge trimmer.**

**FINANCE**

- 323 The Council approved the payments listed in Appendix A of the January 15 Agenda with one alteration. Due to the CPO land work not being completed to Council satisfaction, the Council decided to pay £3792 (75% of the original £5100 invoice). See Minute 310 for a further explanation.
- 324 Cllr Mellor confirmed the December 2014 Reconciliation (Appendix B of the December 2014 Agenda) is accurate.
- 325 The December 2014 Income & Expense Report was noted by the Council.

**CLERK'S UPDATE**

- 326 **Correspondence for Consideration** - none
- Tabled Correspondence**
- 327 L Conneeley: 13.12.14 email RE Allotment Agreement – **ACTION: Chair Howe to respond that agreement is sound and that organic material can be burned.**

**PLANNING**

- 328 **For Council Consideration** - none  
 329 **WDC/WCC Approvals** – none  
 330 **WDC Refusals** - none  
 331 **WDC Pending** - none

**Appeals**

- 332 **W.13.01794.OU:** Froglands Lane – Outline application for a residential development of 20 dwellings. On 20.11.14 the Clerk and Chair Howe **used emergency powers** to instruct E Mitchell to write a letter on behalf of CPPC.

- 333 **Enforcement** - none

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 334 Cllr Franey reported on Security:  
 A. Met M Stevinson; he is happy to attend a village meeting to discuss security measures; 18 February is the target date. **ACTION: Cllr Franey to write a notice for the parish magazine.**
- 335 Cllr Mellor reported on Smart Water:  
 A. Spoke with S Summers, Territorial Policing Volunteer.  
 B. Will sell Smart Water packs for a one-off price of £20 to Cleeve Prior Parishioners.  
**ACTION: Clerk to include item on February Agenda; To consider reimbursing £10 for each pack bought. Total liability is £2060.**

- 336 Cleeve Prior Nature Trail – Cllr Brown

- 337 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** 8:00pm on 11 February 2015 at the War Memorial Village Hall, Cleeve Prior

- 338 Meeting closed at 10:10pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- A. A parishioner reported that three cars were broken into on 10 January. Is it worth exploring a camera system for the parish? The Council responded that the issue will be addressed later in the meeting.
- B. A parishioner requested an update on the speed survey. CPPC is on the list.
- C. A parishioner stated he had three offers for his plot on the Traveller Site. Others have also had offers. Once the Traveller Site lease is up he intends to sell to highest bidder if the proposed development is not approved.