

# ARLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

Present: Cllrs J. Shaw (Chairman), J Burcher, D Merrett, N Rowntree, J Wilkinson, K Withers. District Cllrs J Jones and S Davies. Clerk Sheila Murray  
There was one member of the public present.

### **01-39/17 Parishioners' Forum**

None

### **02-40/17 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith-Lyons.

County Cllr Blackburn was bound by purdah rules requesting item 12 County Councillor's Report be removed from the Agenda.

### **03-41/17 Declaration of members' interest**

*None*

**04-42/17 Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

### **05-43/17 Planning Matters**

#### **New Planning applications**

S.17/0667/TCA - Ash Grove, High Street, Arlingham. Trees in a conservation area Ash T1 fell – T2 pollard. Cllr Burcher proposed support for this application seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. Vote: unanimous.

#### **Planning Decisions**

S17/0361/HHOLD – Victoria House, Church Road. Replacement roof to existing conservatory. Application permitted.

S17/0259/FUL – Wick Court, Overton Lane. Erection of two Roundwood structures to provide outside study area and associated toileting, showering and hand-washing facilities. Application permitted.

S17/0426/DISCON – Abclift Farm, Overton Lane. Discharge of condition 2 (materials) ref:S13/2191/FUL – Application permitted.

### **06-44/17 Arlingham Roads**

The Clerk confirmed that Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council have been contacted about the issues reported last month. The outstanding items have been added to the Action Log. It was confirmed that prisoners from Leyhill Prison carried out local pathway clearance and it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of thanks to the Governor of Leyhill prison. Cllr Burcher advised that one of the Church wardens is raising a proposal at the PCC that they approach the prison authorities to see if they could be hired to assist with the Churchyard maintenance. The Clerk also contacted Mr Browning who confirmed he would be continuing with his contract work and he confirmed that he had arranged assistance whilst he underwent an operation.

Resurfacing works have been carried out in Overton Lane but councillors are concerned about water coming off the hill adjacent to Saltway and discharging onto the highway. Cllr Shaw requested that the Clerk contact GCC to investigate the source of the water and any potential blockage.

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## **07-45/17 Playground**

Cllr Wilkinson advised that a group of volunteers is required to freshen up and treat the woodwork in the Playground. Other works required to effect those repairs deemed necessary as set out in the inspection report by District Councillor John Jones to be arranged by Cllr Wilkinson under delegated authority up to the £220 playground repair budget approved for 2017/18.

Cllr Burcher recommended consideration be given to the installation of a bridle gate, whilst Cllr Shaw felt that the existing gate was satisfactory subject to minor works being carried out in accordance with the recommendations set out in the inspection carried out by District Councillor John Jones. The Clerk confirmed that ROSPA will inspect the playground during April.

*Cllr Merrett joined the meeting at 8.05pm*

## **08-46/17 Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllr Shaw previously circulated draft display boards for the APM for councillors' comment. Cllrs Rowntree and Withers agreed to prepare some information regarding the progress of Rural Broadband. Cllr Shaw gave an update on the Severn Voice meeting relating to speed control methods on the A38 which he suggested be raised at the APM or parishioners' comment. In summary Hardwicke have successfully received a grant for a fixed and a mobile speed control unit. SV councillors felt there was an opportunity to raise grant funding to provide mobile speed control units that could be shared around the parishes. Cllr Rowntree confirmed a website presentation would be available and refreshments will be managed by Cllr Merrett.

Cllr Burcher confirmed the Arlingham Combined Charities Annual Accounts will be available for viewing.

## **09-47/17 Financial Matters**

**09-47.1/17** A financial statement was tabled for comments. Cllr Shaw requested that the budget be updated to reflect the Verge Cutting contractual financial arrangements.

**09-47.2/17** The Clerk previously circulated a set of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for comment. She further explained that under the Annual Governance Statement it was necessary for council to adopt these policies to reflect the Parish Council's compliance with mandatory and best practice procedures.

Cllr Burcher proposed The Standing Orders be adopted seconded by Cllr Wilkinson vote: unanimous.

Cllr Burcher proposed The Financial Regulations be adopted seconded by Cllr Wilkinson vote: unanimous.

**09-47.3/17** The Governance Statement was presented for signature. Cllr Merrett proposed the document be signed seconded by Cllr Rowntree vote: unanimous. The Governance Statement was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**09-47.4/17** Cllr Shaw requested the Clerk investigate whether it is possible for Councillors to use a mobile phone dial in or skype to participate in meetings. Whilst awaiting advice councillors expressed reservations about this suggestion, including the inability to control access to information as and when the Council went into closed/confidential session and would not be able to ascertain as to who was accessing the meeting via telephone line or computer link/

## **10-48/17 Action Log**

The Action Log was updated.

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## **11-49/17 Correspondence**

A request for funding received from SARA was deferred by councillors until the next meeting.

## **12-50/17 District Councillor's Report**

District Cllr John Jones advised that Lower Milton End Farm enforcement order was still with the SDC legal department and would keep council updated.

He further reported:

- The Stroud Sub-Rooms consultation was due to report on its findings but confirmed that the Café would not be closing.
- The Ecotricity planning application will not be with the Development Control Committee until the Autumn.
- Reserved matters for the West of Stonehouse Development were still outstanding.
- The newly appointed Community Safety Officer is Mr Brian Clifford.
- There is a 'White goods' warning from the county's fire service and they are offering free checks of all white goods in the home as part of their Safe and Well campaign.
- He requested Cllr Shaw check if the local Life Belt standby had been replaced.
- In relation to the Playground, he raised concern about the gaps between the slabs as they create a risk of tripping.
- There is a planned road closure in Eastington from the Co-op roundabout to Chipmans Platt for resurfacing.

## **13-51/17 Councillors' Submissions**

Cllr Burcher enquired if the council's comments have been submitted to SDC regarding the Ecotricity amendment to their traffic arrangements. Cllr Shaw confirmed that they have.

Cllr Withers raised the issue of School Funding and confirmed that the consultation bid has now closed. He encouraged Cllrs to follow up any political contacts they had initially approached as the issue of future funding was far from closed.

Councillors were reminded that the next full meeting is the Annual General Meeting and is changed to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm