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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.

Present: Councillors; Mrs C Dawson – In the Chair, Mr L Allan, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Dr F Bowie, Mr B Bowshall, Mr S Ford, Miss S Gregory, Mr A Hossack, Mrs G Kirkpatrick, Mrs H Molyneux.
Officers; Mrs C Hinton (Clerk).

1. ATTENDANCE

- a). **There were no apologies for absence received.**
- b). **No apologies for consideration.**

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a). **Resolved to receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members from Councillors Birch, Bollen and Ford only in respect of item 10, Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall.

b). **Resolved to consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a). **Resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2015.**

b). **The Council considered** any questions arising from those minutes.

Letter to Mrs Cordon still to be sent by Chairman

4. COMMITTEES

a). **Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees.**

i). Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 25th February 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Birt, Chairman of the committee

ii). Amenities Committee meeting; meeting held on 11th March 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Ford, Chairman of the committee

iii). Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 4th March 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Allan, Chairman of the Committee

iv). Mopla Cottages Committee meeting held on 4th March 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Allan, Chairman of the committee

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.

6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no questions from the public.

7. POLICING IN THE PARISH

No report had been received from PC Asserati of the Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Resolved to note.

8. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved to note.

9. **FINANCE**

a). **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for February 2015.

b). **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for February 2015.

c). **Resolved to** ringfence the sum of £5000.40 committed to Greenfields for tree works to carry over to next year.

10. **SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Resolved to accept quotations for maintenance at the Hall. Contractors to be instructed to commence work after 1st April 2015. Councillors Bollen and Ford did not take part in the vote.

Resolved to approve quotation from Monmouthshire Windows, subject to damage to window not being covered under warranty. Councillors Bollen and Ford did not take part in the vote.

Councillors Bollen and Ford left the room whilst the Council considered the next item.

Resolved to accept a donation of £85 from the Hall Committee to the Council.

11. **AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

There was much discussion about the implications of recording future Council meetings.

Resolved not to approve recording of future meetings.

12. **LOCAL BUS SURVEY**

Resolved to ask Councillor Birch to complete survey.

13. **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Resolve to appoint Internal Auditor from GAPTC Internal Audit Service.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolved to note correspondence detailed in the Clerk's Report.

Councillor Ford reported email correspondence from the Churchwarden reference making safe the Madocke Memorial at Tidenham Church.

Resolved to note

Councillors discussed the house fire in Wyebank Road on 12th March 2015 and the delay in arrival of the Fire Service from Lydney. Concerns were raised about the lack of cross border liaison with the Welsh authority and the fire station in Chepstow.

Resolved to note and instruct Clerk to write letter expressing Council's concerns and requesting results of the investigation launched by Gloucestershire Fire Service for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

15. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Birt commented on the delay and safety issues with the completion of the safety islands at the Tutshill junction of the A48.

Councillor Bowie expressed concern about the rapid deterioration of the road surfaces in Gloucester Road, Castleford Hill and Beachley Road

Councillor Gregory reported skip on Castleford Hill where repairs to a wall have been done which has no warning sign and is not lit at night, presenting a safety hazard.

Councillor Bowshall expressed concern that the percentage increase of 4.9% of the Parish Council cost as shown in the District Council Council Tax demand is not correct. Councillor Allan will investigate.

Councillor Hossack reported that the lines now painted outside of the school have begun to come off. Also that the speed sign at Woodcroft is still not working after approx. 2 years.

17. FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 25th March – Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee.

Wednesday 8th April – Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15th April – Full Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 20:00