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

Present: Councillors; Mr G Birt – In the Chair, Mr L Allan, Mr R Birch, 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). Apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend were received from Councillor Dawson.

b). Resolved to accept those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillor Dawson.

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 21st January 2015 with amendments as follows:**

Page 20 Item 3 (a) - Councillor Gregory also asked for her abstention to be recorded.

Page 22 Item 11 – To read ‘...a written report from Councillor Ford..’

Page 24 Item 21 (e) – Also resolved to send letter to Mrs Cordon thanking her for her service.

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

Resolved to ask the Chairman to send a letter to Mrs Corden as per amended Item 21 (e).

4. COMMITTEES

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

i). Planning, Development Control & Highways committee meeting held on 28th January 2015.

There were no questions to Councillor Birt, 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 Aserati of the Gloucestershire Constabulary.
Resolved to note.

8. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerks report was considered by the Council.

Councillor Ford updated councillors on the situation with CCTV. The final quotation from Redhand had been received by FDDC and the final draft of the Hire Agreement produced.

Clerk to contact Council Insurers regarding implications when hiring out equipment.

Councillor Ford felt that the Neighbourhood Plan should cover the whole of the Parish.

Councillor Ford expressed concern that the Letting Agent for Mopla Cottages had used rental money to pay a contractor.

Councillor Hossack asked that a copy of the Standing Orders should be present at a full Council meeting.

Councillor Bowie asked that information regarding funding opportunities be circulated more widely in the Parish. This will be included on Website and in Newsletter.

Resolved to note.

9. FINANCE

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

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

Clerk to hold cheque for Mark Bearcroft until Councillor Ford has inspected wall at St John the Evangelist Church at Beachley.

10. SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Council considered Plans for internal improvements to the Hall for which the Committee are seeking grants of approximately £15,000 and for which quotations are being obtained.

Resolved to approve the internal improvement works to Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall
Councillors Birch, Bollen and Ford did not take part in the vote.

11. TUTSHILL RECREATION GROUND

Councillors considered a request from Tutshill WI for confirmation that the Council will provide maintenance for equipment they are looking to buy through grants for the Recreation Ground. Councillors questioned the type and quality of equipment, its expected lifespan and its eventual ownership.

Resolved to confirm agreement to provide maintenance for new play equipment on Tutshill Recreation Ground subject to approval of detailed designs by the Parish Council and the Tidenham War Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Charity.

12. NEW CLERK'S TRAINING COURSES

Resolved to approve training courses for the new Clerk

13. MOPLA COTTAGES

Resolved to obtain periodic condition survey with particular reference to damp in No.1. Quotation for survey received from Simon Moore for £495.

14. WASTEWATER UPGRADE SCHEME – WYEBANK ROAD

Resolved to note letter to residents from Welsh Water.

Admin Assistant to check Agreement with Welsh Water with regard to the planting of hedging around the area of concrete hardstanding.

The replacement of the kerb stones to be dealt with at the Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note correspondence detailed in the Clerk's Report. There were no further items of correspondence.

16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Resolved to note any matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.

Councillor Ford reported that road at the bottom end of Buttington Road has broken up. Councillor Ford questioned why Two Rivers Housing are putting parking spaces in front gardens – for those with or without cars.

Councillor Hossack reported that the Woodcroft speed sign is still not working – he had been informed that when a contractor is in the area it will be repaired.

Councillor Bollen reported a large pothole in Grahamstown Road.

Councillor Bowie reported large quantities of boxed and bagged beer cans being thrown into the verges along the St Briavels road and the A48.

Councillor Birch reported the appearance of a gap between the two layers of tarmac on Gloucester Road from the cross roads to the garage.

Councillor Birt reported that the Safer School Campaign will be launched at Tutshill School on Monday 23rd February. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be attending and Councillors Birt, Bollen and Dawson will represent the Council.

Councillor Bowie reported the felling of a large copper beech tree. The Admin Assistant is looking into a current list of Tree Preservation Orders.

17. FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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

Wednesday 4th March – Finance Committee meeting followed by Mopla Cottages Committee

Wednesday 11th March – Amenities Committee

Wednesday 18th March – Full Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 20:23