

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7.00pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.

Present: Councillors: Birch, Bollen, Bullivant, Ford, Gregory, Molyneux, O’Toole and Powell.

Officers: Clerk (Carol Hinton)

Admin Assistant (Kevin Duffin)

Also present – Lisa Lovering, Tutshill WI

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
- b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence.

All Councillors present.

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.

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a). **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2016.

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

There were none.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Lisa Lovering, Tutshill WI, gave details of phase 1 of a proposed project to provide to provide exercise equipment for older age groups not currently provided for on the recreation ground. Details of the positioning of the initial equipment and the equipment itself were given. The WI has been awarded a grant to pay for the equipment which will subsequently be gifted to the Parish Council to be added to the Asset register for insurance and maintenance purposes. Lisa will notify the Clerk when the final site meeting is to take place so that a councillor may attend and agree final installation locations.

5. TUTSHILL WI – PLAY EQUIPMENT RECREATION GROUND

Resolved to accept installation of Phase 1 of grant funded equipment as per quotation number 113696 dated 23/02/16 from Wicksteed Playgrounds to Tutshill WI.

6. COMMITTEES

Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees.

i) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 24th February 2016

There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the committee

ii). Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2016

There were no questions to Councillor Bollen, Chair of the Committee.

iii) Amenities Committee meeting held on 16th March 2016

There were no questions to Councillor Bullivant, Chair of the Committee

7. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chair.

8. PARISH CLERK’S REPORT

Resolved to note the Parish Clerk’s Report.

9. **POLICING IN THE PARISH**

Resolved to note no report received

10. **FINANCE**

a) Resolved to receive the Financial Statement for February 2016.

d) Resolved to approve payments according to the Financial Statement for February 2016.

c) Resolved to note Income and Expenditure update as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee, budget monitoring sheet for 2016/2017 to be presented April 2016

d) Resolved to adopt Investment Strategy as proposed by Finance and Probity Committee.

e) Resolved to approve earmarking of funds as requested by the Amenities Committee, already committed to ingoing projects which will not be invoiced before the end of this financial year (but not the quotation for tree removal at Buttington Road play area) as follows:

i) Monmouthshire Windows – S&BVH window replacements -	£1589.89	inc VAT
ii) WM Garden Services – Weld mesh fencing S&BVH	£ 540	inc VAT
iii) New slide at Danes Hill recreation ground	£4536	inc VAT
iv) General repairs to play equipment	£1164	inc VAT
v) Tree maintenance	£2832	inc VAT

11. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – GAPTC AND SLCC**

a) Resolved to renew membership of GAPTC 2016/2017 £1330.68

b) Resolved to defer consideration of renewal of membership of SLCC 2016/2017 to April meeting.

12. **M48 CLOSURE**

Resolved no action be taken regarding suggestion by Councillor Powell that Clerk request the notified closure be publicised in national press now that the closure has been well publicised.

13. **WOODED QUARRY**

Resolved Clerk to investigate cost of registration of the 3 previously identified quarries with the Land Registry including legal costs.

14. **HM QUEEN 90TH BIRTHDAY**

Resolved to purchase 420 commemorative medals @ £1.99 each plus £7.50 postage to be distributed to primary school children in the Parish, to include playgroups attached to schools.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

16. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Resolved to note the following raised by councillors:

Councillor Bullivant reported that the required faculty is now being applied for by the church and that the relationship between the Parish Council and the church has improved greatly. She also reported that the issue of who owns the bus shelter near Beachley Barracks is being investigated by Kevin Duffin and that a Parish walkaround will take place in the next week or so. Councillor Bullivant informed councillors of a surprise party to celebrate Mrs Blunt's 90th birthday is to be held on Sunday 20th.

Councillor Bollen reported that Sedbury Rainbows had won 4 tickets to London for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in the Mall.

Councillor Birch had heard that Biffa was to be taken over by Ubico and joining with Cheltenham Council – Cllr Molyneux will look into. Councillor Birch also reported that the road sign outside of St John's school is obstructed by the bushes – Admin Assistant to deal with this, also that there has been a noticeable increase in parking problems in the Parish.

Councillor Powell asked for articles for the next newsletter (Cllr Molyneux to provide article on Poor's Allotment, Clerk on new councillor vacancies).

17. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

Wednesday 23rd March – Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee

Wednesday 13th April – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall)

Wednesday 20th April – Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm