

DOWN AMPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021, 7.00PM

Present : Cllrs Jenkins (RJ), Tappern (GT), Cope (GC), Higson (AH), Bellamy (LB), Matthews (AM) and Gregory (MG); Cllr Spivey – CDC; Cllr Parsons - GCC (SP); Clerk – Gail Dillon. 4 member of public.

Apologies :

	Action
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting: These were circulated and approved by the meeting.</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-op works to village - RJ - work ongoing• Poulton junction triangle to be repaired (again) - RJ• Policing funding query - SP• Camera survey of drains - RJ - completed• Satmar path maintenance - RJ	
<p>3. Election of Officers The election of officers was approved as per Appendix A.</p>	
<p>3. GCC Report Cllr Parsons confirmed he had very little to report but that the main thing of note was that the police are to decide a policy on the ANPR cameras in the near future.</p>	
<p>4. CDC Report See Appendix B. Related queries raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GT queried the new appointments and what they relate to – LS confirmed the Head of Economic Development will look at supporting local businesses, attracting businesses to the Cotswolds and developing opportunities for young people amongst other things. The Sustainable Transport Manager will look at ways of encouraging people out of their cars and onto public transport or other more sustainable means of transport. It was pointed out that bus routes from Down Ampney are minimal and LS confirmed this is one of the things which will be looked at, although bus routes are actually a County Council matter.• GT also raised the issue again that he feels notice is not taken by CDC of local parish councils' opinions regarding planning decisions and queried the review of the planning department mentioned in LS' report. LS confirmed the review is actually of the department's internal procedures and how best to make improvements to how it functions. RJ confirmed that a number of local parish councils feel	

<p>that there is a distinct lack of communication between CDC and parish councils on major planning applications.</p>	
<p>5. Chairmans Report See Appendix C.</p>	
<p>6. Planning See Appendix D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ampney St Peter sewerage works has sewage capacity problems, and yet development is allowed to continue. Action must be taken now. GT proposed that we ask GCC to set up a meeting where Thames Water present their plans on upgrading sewerage plants at Ampney St Peter and (list to be sorted out of other sites). Thames Water to give timescales, and a responsible contact person. Environment Agency to be present on how they will monitor the existing system, and present the data to the public. How can regular testing of Down Ampney brook be carried out? What is needed to carry out tests. Tests need to check also on chemicals from farm spraying and fertilizers. We need a meeting including Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown, The Standard, Gloucestershire County Council, CDC, Environment Agency, Thames Water, and interested parishes and towns. Timescale for meeting two months. GT is to supply details to Shaun Parsons who will contact relevant people in GCC. • Ampney Brook – Villager, Mr D Reinger (DR), and secretary to Cotswold Flyfishers has circulated a note to DAPC regarding issues with the Ampney Brook – see Appendix E. As far as DR is aware, no formal testing has been carried out but he does not believe it to be a healthy-looking river. He does feel it is a national problem and the money just isn't being spent to combat it. RJ advised that CDC cannot exert any pressure on Thames Water as it is a separate profit-making business. SP advised that GCC can ask Thames Water what they are doing/planning to do in relation to flooding. LS advised she has been looking at raising questions around the issue that if local people are advising of regular sewage problems why are plans approved to build more houses adding more pressure on the system. She has found that CDC can do little about it as the rules are set down by central government. RJ proposed that he and GT would try to find a way forward on this matter • Dukes Field – LS advised she will pushing all four points raised on the DAPC objection to the application (see detail in appendix D) to ensure they are contained within the conditions of any planning consent on the development. They all need to be enforceable. 	<p>Cllr Tappern</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins/ Tappern</p> <p>Cllr Spivey</p>
<p>7. Finance Report Appendix F.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The AGAR and annual governance statements were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. They were approved unanimously. 	

<p>2. The AGAR Certificate of Exemption document was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and was approved unanimously.</p> <p>3. The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 were also circulated to all councillors. GT requested the amount that has been budgeted but unspent for the Neighbourhood Plan project be specified in a separate line on the accounts. Subject to this addition the accounts were approved unanimously – See Appendix F</p> <p>4. The clerk advised that the insurance renewal has been received. DAPC is currently within a three year long term agreement for the insurance and the price should be held subject to any claims or additions. As the Arnhem memorial has been added this year there is an increase in the premium for the final two years of the three year agreement. The premium will be £760.70. All councillors approved this renewal figure.</p> <p>The clerk is now to arrange for the internal audit to be carried out and then submission of all documentation to the external auditors.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>8. Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways: Charlham Lane drains have been surveyed and no problems have been found. There are a large number of potholes to be repaired shortly. A new stretch of footpath is to be repaired in due course running from the village green to (approximately) Well House. • Street signs: CDC have commenced replacing a number of street signs in the district. GT believes it is the wrong time for this to be done, with so many other issues to solve currently. However AM suggested that it is a good way to instil community pride. • Parking issues by Co-op cottages on High Street: MG raised the problem that 2 large vans are parking on the footpath while work is being carried out on the properties. It doesn't appear to be vans belonging to Sanctuary Group. GT believes there may be parking available at the rear. RJ will look at and try to work out a solution. • Car park repair and retrieval of costs: a contribution of £450 has been received from the village hall and another of £256 from DAFFERS. As this essentially covers all of the cost of the recent repairs it was decided not to request a contribution from the school. • Gravel planning application and 'Cross Border Alliance' update : RJ has requested a full copy of the planning application documents which will be submitted shortly. The Cross Border Alliance aims to ensure enforcement of planning conditions on gravel applications. The various parish councils affected are coming together again to ensure Wiltshire and Gloucestershire County Councils ensure conditions are met. • Speed camera report: see Appendix G • Playground update: see Appendix H. RJ expressed his thanks to AH for all her work in getting the fundraising project to this point. He 	<p>Cllr Jenkins</p>

<p>also expressed thanks to Kelly Keene for organising the cake sale at the weekend which has raised almost £1200 for the project. AH reinforced the point that the project needs more visible support from the councillors and village if we are to have a chance of securing donations from larger funds/bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUGA – littering/benches: see Appendix H. RJ has tried to repair the bench but it is still frail. The table probably needs sanding back. It was suggested that perhaps the table and bench be moved to outside the village shop and tennis court respectively, where they could be used more extensively and would also be more visible to avoid further damage. LB agreed to try to arrange these matters. LB also requested that we thank the villagers who routinely pick up litter in the next newsletter • Village trees update: LB has sent photos of the trees with TPOs to GT. LB is to replace one of the trees outside of the community garden as it has sadly died. • Footpaths update: MG reported there is a new fence along the footpath that runs alongside Satmar. RJ advised that Mr Crellin in the village has been maintaining this path FOC and should be thanked. • Tennis club update: nothing to report. • Neighbourhood Plan update: see Appendix D. • Arnhem memorial update: RJ confirmed that he has now had permission from the MoD to use certain insignia on the information board being planned for the memorial area. Various pieces of information have already been approved so the project is moving forward. RJ will update in due course as it develops. 	<p>All councillors</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy Cllr Jenkins</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins</p>
<p>9. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hills have confirmed they have lodged the gravel planning application 	
<p>10. Meetings/Training Attended</p> <p>The clerk advised that the PC must now return to face-to-face meetings as the legislation permitting the use of remote meetings will not be renewed when it expires on 6th May 2021. The annual parish meeting can therefore be arranged as a face to face meeting. Clerk to arrange</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 8.20pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 – time and place to be confirmed depending on Covid-19 guidance nearer the time. 	

Position/ Responsibility	Proposed	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Chairman	Ray Jenkins	Geoff Tappern	Gareth Cope
Vice Chairman	Geoff Tappern	Gareth Cope	Ray Jenkins
Planning committee	Lead - Geoff Tappern	Ray Jenkins	Gareth Cope
	Ray Jenkins	Antony Matthews	Geoff Tappern
	Gareth Cope	Ray Jenkins	Geoff Tappern
	Liz Bellamy	Geoff Tappern	Antony Matthews
	Antony Matthews	Gareth Cope	Liz Bellamy
Footpaths	Maureen Gregory	Ray Jenkins	Gareth Cope
Transport/Highways (inc Lorry Watch)	Ray Jenkins	Gareth Cope	Liz Bellamy
Finance	Ray Jenkins/Antony Matthews	Geoff Tappern	Ann Higson
Tennis Club	Maureen Gregory	Geoff Tappern	Ray Jenkins
Health & Safety (inc Playground/MUGA)	Ann Higson	Ray Jenkins	Antony Matthews
Tree Warden	Liz Bellamy	Gareth Cope	Antony Matthews
Village Hall	Liz Bellamy	Gareth Cope	Ray Jenkins
Website/Mapping	Gareth Cope	Ray Jenkins	Geoff Tappern
Compliance	Gareth Cope	Ray Jenkins	Antony Matthews
USAF Liaison	Geoff Tappern	Ray Jenkins	Maureen Gregory
Fundraising	Ann Higson/Antony Matthews	Gareth Cope	Ray Jenkins
Cheque signatories	Ray Jenkins/Geoff Tappern/Antony Matthews/Clerk	Ann Higson	Gareth Cope

What a year this has been for us as individuals, families, public and private bodies, indeed as a nation and as an entire global community. The effects of the pandemic have hit hard with personal loss, financial loss and uncertainty, erratic schooling, and the toll on general physical and mental health and wellbeing being amongst the numerous adverse effects the virus has leashed upon us.

On a positive note, we have been relatively “lucky” here in the Cotswolds that the rural nature of our lives has meant that we have been so far spared the terrible case numbers and subsequent deaths, although every life lost is a tragedy. We have also witnessed, and in many cases, been part of, a tremendous community effort to look after the most vulnerable amongst us and to rally whenever help has been needed. It was heartening to know that in both the thick of the pandemic, and during the recent vaccine rollout, the number of volunteers has way exceeded the number of people requiring help. What a fantastic testament to the caring nature of Cotswold District residents which has been echoed all over the UK.

From a District Council perspective, the action plans put in place last February/March carried us through the last year. Staff were re-deployed, moved to working from home, adapting and continuing to deliver everyday services for residents as well as picking up the extra responsibilities required to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents faced with the pandemic.

Here are a few of the highlights of work done:

- 716 Residents given emergency support via the Help Hub
- £39.2million worth of business grants paid out
- £18.6million of rate relief paid out to support local businesses
- 90,485 telephone enquiries dealt with by customer services during the various lockdowns
- 152,737 waste and recycling containers emptied weekly
- 1,157 extra tonnes of recycling collected
- 3850 Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents were contacted during the November lockdown alone
- over 400 residents were visited in person to ensure that their needs were being met and that they were safe
- almost 90% of staff were working from home
- over 120 staff were re-deployed to support the Council’s Covid response

The last year has seen some new faces at the District Council, including a new Chief Executive, Rob Weaver, a new Climate Change officer, Chris Crookall-Fallon, Paul James heading up Economic Development, the creation of a Sustainable Transport manager, Hannah Fountain and a Head of Communications, Mark Pritchard to name but a few. These people have been brought in to ensure the safe running of the council after an LGA peer review carried out in late 2019 suggested some changes were necessary and also to help deliver on the Council’s priorities. These individuals are working hard and have begun to

show their worth with Chris Crookall Fallon in particular, securing £1.2million of funding to install carbon reduction and energy saving measures in Council buildings.

Key strategy documents were published on Green Economic Recovery, Affordable Housing Delivery, Climate Emergency and Leisure for the Cotswolds, as well as the annual budget which managed to balance maintaining high quality service delivery, along with investment for key priorities whilst mitigating the severe losses brought about by the pandemic.

A new fleet of waste collection vehicles, with new routes and additional kerbside collections was introduced just as we entered the first lockdown in March last year, and whilst there were inevitable teething problems compounded with large numbers of staff being off sick with Covid or self-isolating, the service managed to find its feet and was generally back on track by the end of the first period of lockdown. The service has been under enormous pressure as people have either been in full lockdown or generally working from home for over a year, with household waste streams seeing a minimum 20% increase. Every time a review is suggested, we seem to go back into lockdown, and finding a new “normal” or “baseline” is difficult for the time being.

Keeping the wheels of local government turning has been a challenge, and I commend all Parish Councils for adopting virtual meetings and grappling with previously unknown technology (who had even heard of zoom, pre March 2020?!). The Council has taken this opportunity to ensure that not only have virtual meetings been possible and streamed live to residents, with the already approved upgrading of technology in the Council Chamber, we will be able to continue to facilitate this widening of democracy as we move back to in person meetings from the 7th May 2021.

I look forward to seeing whether the new Crowdfunding scheme – Crowdfund Cotswold will help to deliver for communities with exciting plans for their villages and towns. It has been successful in similar areas to the Cotswolds and offers the potential to maximise our existing community grants scheme with pledges able to be made by businesses, individuals, other public bodies etc.

I also have great hopes for the Civic Pride programme which will roll out over the next 2 years. Boosting officer resource to tackle low level environmental crimes such as littering and dog fouling as well as increased street and verge cleaning will hopefully begin to restore some pride in our district which has become rather shabby looking in some areas.

The Cotswolds continues to have very low levels of crime and we are lucky that our community police officers from Inspector Simon Ellson through to our local PCSOs work hard to do what they can with limited resources and a large geographical area to cover. I have met with them regularly this year and in particular have asked for increased speed patrols with their speed guns to catch motorists breaking the limit and endangering lives. We have talked about holding community meetings as lockdown eases further so that everyone can have a chance to meet their local police team.

A great deal of work has gone on in my own portfolio- Housing and Homelessness – to help the most vulnerable in our community and to try to prevent homelessness. We took out a

lease on a property in Tetbury with 9 self-contained units for emergency/temporary accommodation which has been very useful. We have also committed to a Housing First scheme to help the most complex people sustain a tenancy and have joined in a number of County wide schemes which should help reduce homelessness.

We have also put money into 2 schemes which will deliver on our commitment to social rented homes in the District as well as reducing carbon emissions with funding for better insulation, air source heating systems and PV panels.

We continue to demand more from large agencies over flooding and sewage discharges which were exacerbated over Christmas by the heavy rainfall. The Council stepped in quickly and helped the residents most affected by offering hotel accommodation, co-ordinating pumping and

Of course, these have been trying times and not everything has been easy. The planning department in particular has found adapting to working from home very challenging given the number of large documents involved and there has been an increase in planning applications which has led to some applications taking much longer than usual to be determined. It was felt that the department was not functioning as it should and is currently going through a thorough review to identify where the problems are and how best to solve them.

It has been an honour to be your ward member for 2 years now and I look forward to working with you over the next year.

Wishing you, your families and communities all the best.

Lisa

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This last year has brought some high points and some low. The effect of C 19 has restricted our face to face interaction, it being far better than relying on Zoom. However, we have coped and here we are in another year of trying to manage affairs in Down Ampney. Thank you all for your contributions and hard work.

Approaching the new fiscal year we shall be seeing the effects of development in the village. Broadway Farm has reached a point where we await Sanctuary to trigger a start whilst Duke's Field will almost certainly happen as the developer is anxious to make the start there.

Hills Aggregates have lodged their application to extract gravel on the old airfield which will make significant changes to the landscape over the next 25 years. DAPC is to make comment on this in due course.

The sale of both the cottages adjacent to the War Memorial and those at the entrance to Broadway Farm remain tied up in bureaucracy, but at some stage will complete and be redeveloped. So many changes in the offing.

One of the biggest disappointments, this last year, has been the lack of willingness by CDC planners to engage in dialogue with DAPC, even following the meetings held with senior members of CDC and an indication that such engagement was possible and should be encouraged. The example given is that we have had highly constructive discussions with Cotswold Homes over their proposal at Duke's Field, only to find that CDC had other ideas regarding social housing and types of dwellings.

i confirm to you that the degree of frustration within our planning committee and my own feelings lead us to consider what our futures are to be.

Promises of greater input by local parish councils in housing allocation, design and densities have been pushed aside and we fear for our village that is tarnished with the brand of being 'sustainable'.

There is a promise of repairs being made to footpaths by the Highways Authority but major potholes are still evident. A meeting has been arranged with the Area Manager to further identify these as they have been deemed as not falling below the safety standard?

Good progress has been made in upgrading the Arnhem Memorial. Cllr Matthews has succeeded in having the area registered as a Memorial site and we now hold a licence for its use as such.

Hills Aggregates have kindly cleared the site and between Farmcare and Hills have refenced the section.

With the help of the 1944 Normandy and Market Garden Association, we are progressing with an information board that will serve to both highlight and inform what the site was.

However, the area is still an attraction to youths that leave litter. The police now make regular visits there at night.

The Parish Councils Cross Boundary 'committee' has been in action concerning both planned and unplanned mineral extraction areas that are close by our communities.

Letters have been written to Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP and Mr. James Gray MP asking pointed questions related to restoration of open quarries, planning conditions of all sites, road condition related to HGV movements and speed of traffic and the threat of flooding caused by changes in water table and quarrying.

Both MPs have taken this up with the senior planning officers in Glos and Wilts who have replied but give little indication as to when open quarries that should have been restored (e.g. Roundhouse Farm) will be so. Other issues remain unresolved. I have indicated that a precept should be made on gravel extraction companies to pay for road repairs such as that needed on the Latton, Whelford, Fairford road.

May 2022 will bring a call at election for councillors to run the village affairs.

It may be prudent to make an early start in seeking young entrants who will have greater energy to carry on here.

It appears that being a Parish Councillor means that you do all the work, fielding complaints, rescuing dead sheep and clearing up drug sites.

The village has a number of wonderful volunteers but they are mainly the older generation. It is time now for some younger people that benefit from these unsung heroes to get their hands dirty. So how can we chivy them up?

Thank you all

Cllr Ray Jenkins

Chair

Planning and Neighbourhood Plan report for Parish Council meeting on May 4th 2021

Planning:-

a). 20/04016/FUL | Erection of single storey garage | 6 The Pheasantry Down Ampney.

The Parish Council has objected to this application for two reasons:-

- 1). Regards construction materials and has asked for the wood to be replaced by stone materials to match the house.
- 2). Position of the garage should not be in the front garden and gives poor visual impact to the neighbourhood.

b). 21/00949/FUL Duke's Field application for 10 dwellings:-

The planning application by Cotswold Homes has been sent to CDC on 1st March. Response date is 29th April. There are four particular concerns:-

- 1). The reduction of car parking spaces in the affordable house region from 10 to 6.
- 2). Surface water flooding.
- 3). Sewage capacity.
- 4). Access to dwellings from Duke's Field.

Feedback has also been given to the developer regarding fencing boundary materials, and potential noise.

The developer seems very keen to work with the Parish Council and residents.

Expect the same from CDC but only time will tell.

c). 21/00681/FUL. Proposed side extension to Bow Wow in Poulton Road.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

d). Rooktree Farm application:-

No further information to that circulated in January.

e). Broadway Farm:-

There appears to be some activity on site near the entrance. There are rumours that construction may start in May.

f). Sewage:-

The capacity of the existing sewerage treatment plant at Ampney St Peter gives major concerns. This must be taken seriously and action taken. Gathering information and try and focus on facts available. Need to see plan, dates and responsibilities from Thames Water.

Neighbourhood Plan:-

Progressing well with first draft at an advanced stage. Looking at detailed points, for example, surface and foul water issues, challenging the Principal Settlement status, impact on Climate effects. **Principal Settlement:-** By being designated a Principal Settlement (PS) CDC is destroying our rural village. The main reason we are a PS is because we have land available for sale. There is no useful dialogue between the Parish Council and CDC regarding planning procedures or Social Housing allocation. This has been going on for over two years.

Ten dwellings should never have been allocated to Duke's Field which has now resulted in poor parking, very close proximity to existing dwellings and the usual concerns over surface water and sewage issues. Nothing can be done about numbers as in the Local Plan 2011-31. The Local Plan was supposed to be to 2031 – why isn't it?

The population of the Down Ampney in 2011 (last census) was 644. Total of PS is 55078. DA is 1.17% of CDC area. New housing standard (Dec 2020) requires 487/year dwellings to be built in CDC area. That is 5 per year for Down Ampney.

Cllr Geoff Tappern

28th April 2021

DRAFT

Cotswold Fly Fishers have rented approximately three kilometres of the Ampney Brook from the Welcome Trust for the past eight years. In 2020 it was noticed that there appeared to be a marked deterioration in water clarity (turbidity) and that many of the high value macrophytes were coated in filamentous algae, an indicator of phosphate enrichment.

Enquiry to the Sustainability Director of Thames Water, following observation at the outflow of the Ampney St Peter Sewage Treatment Works, elicited a response suggesting that there was not a problem with the discharge. Subsequent follow up using data supplied by Thames Water under an EIR request showed that the company spilled untreated sewage into the Ampney Brook for a total of 2,316 hours during 2020. As revealed in a recent Panorama programme, illegal discharges of sewage is occurring nationally on an industrial scale, with little enforcement action by the Environment Agency of regular breaches by Water Companies of their consent to discharge conditions.

This Spring 2021 the turbidity problem appeared to worsen and for the second year running the writer of this note asked Ashley Smith of Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP) to carry out turbidity testing, commencing at the spring head of the river in Ampney Park and finishing at Down Ampney House. Underwater filming resulted in a short video clip showing the difference at the two sites, which members of the Parish Council have seen.

The question of sewage dumping in the Cotswold water courses has been raised with MP's on a number occasions by the Cotswold Flyfishers, the Upper Thames Fisheries Consultative and WASP. Locally the situation will require massive investment by Thames Water to sort out problems with ground water infiltration at Ampney St Peter, Fairford & Cirencester. It is surely reasonable to ask CDC how reliable are assurances that further connections to these regularly polluting STW's will adequately treat sewage from approximately eighty planned newbuilds in Down Ampney alone.

David Reinger
Rivers Secretary
Cotswold Flyfishers.

Down Ampney Parish Council

**APPENDIX
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Income and Expenditure Report

For the year ended 31/03/2021

	2020/21 Budget	2020/21 Actual to date	2019/20 Actual
<u>INCOME</u>			
Precept	20,910	20,790	20,500
Grants rec'd Re Neighbourhood Plan		-2,468	4,095
Licence receipts	100	25	0
Insurance claim		0	3,350
Donations		0	0
Interest		70	99
TOTAL INCOME	21,010	18,417	28,044

EXPENDITURE

ADMINISTRATION

Clerk Honorarium & Expenses	3,250	3,250	3,250
Subscriptions/Memberships	200	344	15
Website, IT, software	900	187	1,227
Insurance	700	740	585
Village Hall Hire	200	0	0
Auditors Fee	200	0	200
Printing, Postage & Stationery Expenses/travel	50	90	0
Training	150	0	130
	5,650	4,611	5,407

DONATIONS/GIFTS

British Legion	60	60	30
Churchyard extension			3,000
Church Remembrance display		0	0
<u>Others:</u>	200		25
DA News volunteers' retirement gifts		200	0
Gardening Club competition donation		100	
Donation towards village masks		57	

260	417	3,055
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GRASS CUTTING and GRAVEL LAYING

Gravel laying at Village Hall

Contractor	Grasscutting	7,000	8,060	5,620
	Additional requests			
	Hedgecutting	400	1,480	0
		<u>7,400</u>	<u>9,540</u>	<u>5,620</u>

OTHER PAYMENTS

Neighbourhood Plan costs		3,000	290	2,171
ROSPA		95	155	83
Other expenses				
Village Planting		0		
Defibrillator annual fee/Costs		200	243	100
Village assets			0	449
Repairs & Maintenance		4,000	1,525	4,232
		<u>7,295</u>	<u>2,212</u>	<u>7,035</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>20,605</u>	<u>16,781</u>	<u>21,117</u>
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SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>405</u>	<u>1,636</u>	<u>6,927</u>
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Neighbourhood Plan Note

Monies allocated by DAPC in 19/20 and 20/21 c/fwd as not spent				<u><u>5,676</u></u>
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Balance Sheet

As at

31-Mar-21

Account	As at 31.03.2020	As at 31.03.2021
ASSETS		
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts</u>		
A&L Business Deposit Account	£ 12,585.00	£ 12,654.94
A&L Current account	£ 15,774.00	£ 16,775.22
Down Ampney Community Fund	£ -	£ -
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	£ 28,359.00	£ 29,430.16
Other Assets		
DAPC Fixed Assets	£ 575,523.00	£ 575,523.00
VAT Refund due	£ 1,407.00	£ 1,972.88
Loans	£ -	£ -
TOTAL Other Assets	£ 576,930.00	£ 577,495.88
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 605,289.00	£ 606,926.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	£ -	£ -
VAT Control	£ -	£ -
TOTAL Other Liabilities	£ -	£ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	£ -	£ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	£ 605,289.00	£ 606,926.04
Represented by:		
Balance b/fwd	£ 598,835.00	£ 605,289.00
Transferred to fixed assets	£ 449.00	
Surplus for the year	£ 6,005.00	£ 1,637.04
	£ 605,289.00	£ 606,926.04

Fixed Asset Register

02/03/2007	Playground Equipment	£42,805.00
02/03/2007	MUGA	£47,627.00
02/03/2007	Village Hall Rebuild Cost	£450,000.00
02/03/2007	War Memorial	£4,520.00
02/03/2007	Play Area Gates and Fences	£4,768.00
02/03/2007	Bus Shelter	£11,693.00
02/03/2007	Tennis Courts and Fences	£1.00
02/03/2007	Land in Linden Lea	£1.00
02/03/2007	Car Park, Gardens, Village Hall etc	£1.00
02/03/2007	Stone Cross Memorial	£1.00
31/03/2014	Defibrillators x 2	£3,850.00
30/06/2017	Resilience shed	£2,000.00
19/12/2018	Village noticeboards	£4,640.00
21/09/2018	Playground fencing upgrade	£3,167.00
09/01/2020	Laptop	£449.16

£575,523.16

April 2021 ANPR report

APPENDIX G

A second Skype Business web meeting was hosted by Inspector Simon Ellson on 22nd April, 2021, attended by his colleague Inspector Paul Cruise (Stroud district), Charles Pedrick (Safe-Speed.com) and several parish councillors, including Brian Clifford (South Cerney) who is keen to install up to four cameras on their side of the A419, and work in association with Down Ampney.

It had been hoped that a firm decision on policy would have been made by Gloucestershire Police by the time of our meeting but this has been delayed, despite the enthusiasm shown by Inspectors Ellson and Cruise. On the positive side, progress has been made on creating the centralised system for sending out letters to speeding motorists: this is critical in ensuring consistency and allowing an effective administration to support individual officers. There is further work to go but it appears promising, and the police recognise that cameras only have a deterrent value if offenders are notified promptly, otherwise the cameras end up appearing as (very expensive) dummy units!

Although the Safe-Speed system was awarded compliance by the Commissioner at the Home Office, it appears considerations remain to be 'signed off' at Police HQ, to the frustration of the Inspectors who are going to chase the matter up again. They remain enthusiastic about helping us control the speed of vehicles passing through the village, and welcome the crime tracking potential of the system. I reiterated our enthusiasm for this additional element to combat crime but made the obvious point that councillor colleagues would not want to authorise the spending of important reserves on a system until we knew it had full and irreversible support for its primary use. I queried where the problem lay, as Down Ampney councillors were keen to expedite matters, and it was frustrating to hear of an unanticipated problem. I felt it would not be considered appropriate for Inspector Ellson to reveal where (or with whom) the delay existed but I had hoped Charles Pedrick might be able to cast some light on it; clearly, a degree of sensitivity exists and discretion prevailed. Suffice to say there is 'bureaucracy' at work and a senior officer is still to decide if they are content with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) issues within the county, despite the HO Commissioner's approval many months ago.

According to feedback from Charles Pedrick's, the current Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in Gloucestershire, Martin Surl, has been very supportive and should he be re-elected it is to be hoped the remaining GDPR issue will not take long to resolve; indeed, it might be sorted out before the election. I note another PCC candidate, who sent a flyer through my letterbox, is also very supportive of ANPR; however, with regard to this issue, if elected they will be new in post and it will take time to develop relationships and get to grips with various policy matters.

Consequently, it was decided to host another Skype on 20th May, when the PCC election result will be known and there will have been time for the police and PCC to liaise, and probably for Charles Pedrick to meet the PCC, should a new one be elected.

Watch this space.....

Antony Matthews

28/4/2021

1. PLAYGROUND

Funding for playground re-surfacing

Following extensive work by Gail and myself the playground re-surfacing campaign with Crowdfund Cotswold is now live and has so far attracted 16 backers equalling £5890 (£5k is pledged from the PC) so a disappointing start.

Backers have received a thank you. The campaign closes on 31 July – so still time...

All councillors are asked to support this campaign.

Where are all our wealthy families and/or businesses? Look at the backer amounts on <https://www.spacehive.com/nauntonplayground> - is Down Ampney a poor village?

Some people have shown concern that if we do not reach the target the donations will get used elsewhere. It is important to stress that backers to our campaign are 'pledging' their chosen amount to the playground (and only the playground) – if the target is not achieved then no money is taken, and the project does not go ahead.

Promotion:

The Standard newspaper (great coverage last week) and online

DA Newsletter – May issue

Down Ampney Online (FaceBook)

Down Ampney Website – news

Primary School

Poster on noticeboards

Supplier: As agreed, the preferred supplier is Wicksteed, they have been informed (with the understanding that funds need to be raised before we can commit).

To further endorse that Wicksteed is the better supplier – DCM (a company who had quoted) called me a couple of days ago to say that as from May their prices were being increased by 5-10% (as a result of Brexit and Covid) she explained that this was industry wide.

Wicksteed when approached confirmed 'the quotes are held for 3 months but sure we can extend that if needed to help'.

Good news: A remarkably successful cake sale was held on 2 May by Kelly Keene – she raised over £1100. The villagers who bought cakes/tea/coffee were very generous and it was wonderful to see everyone come together to support the village. Big thanks to Kelly and her team. Kelly has offered to host another cake sale in July!

2. MUGA

Unfortunately, the bench outside the MUGA has been broken and the table burnt presumably by someone having a barbecue! The bench had recently been repaired but the verdict's out as to whether it is repairable or should be scrapped.

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