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Approved by:

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Chairman

Date

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**Present:** Cllrs Jenkins (RJ), Matthews (AM), Tappern (GT), Job (JJ), Cope (GC), Higson (AH) and Dangerfield (KD); Cllr Fowles - CDC (DF)(part); Cllr Parsons – GCC (SP)(part); Clerk – Gail Dillon. 3 members of public.

**Apologies:** None

	Action
<p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting:</b> The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved. The minutes of the meeting held on 04/09/18 were also approved by the meeting following an amendment.</p>	
<p><b>3. GCC Report</b> SP confirmed that the Budget Consultation report has been released. There are larger increases mainly due to Childrens' Services. A new incinerator will come into operation in the summer which will take all waste from Gloucestershire. The Police Commissioner wants to take over control of the Fire Service and this is under consultation at the moment. RJ expressed Down Ampney's thanks to Richard Grey who is back working in Highways for all his efforts on behalf of the village. However the flood issue at Broadleaze has yet to be resolved. RJ will follow up with Jill Portlock. We are hoping for more funds towards repairing the footpaths as well. KD enquired about more footpath signs. SP thought it wouldn't be covered by his remit. SP then left the meeting.</p>	<b>Cllr Jenkins</b>
<p><b>4. CDC Report</b> Budget Consultation – this has been detailed in the Cotswold News and all are welcome to comment on it. It is proposing a small increase in council tax in order to provide better services. There are upcoming changes to the waste collection currently under discussion. The proposals are: changes to the green waste collection; separation of food and garden waste into separate containers; a larger cardboard bag; Tetrapak collection at kerbside. The changes proposed to the green waste collection are that they will reduce this collection in the winter months to fortnightly and possibly also in the summer months OR to increase costs to keep the service on a weekly basis. After discussion DAPC advised that it would be much better to pay slightly more in order to retain the weekly service. AM enquired whether Fosscross recycling unit would be open 7 days a week again at any point. JJ raised the issue that following the Christmas period the cardboard was not collected and residents were being turned away from Fosscross. This inevitably would lead to increases in fly-tipping as people have no way of disposing of refuse. RJ requested that DF organises a meeting with him and the new Leader.</p>	<b>Cllr Fowles</b>
<p><b>5. Matters arising:</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Highways:</i> RJ reported that road repairs have been completed but some of the edges still need to be tarmacked. Footpaths repairs between Acacia Cottage and the school are due to be done but no confirmed date as yet. GC reported that a number of people had commented to him about the limited parking at Broadleaze and had enquired as to whether the grassed area on the main road could be turned into additional parking. This was mentioned to SP when he arrived at the meeting and RJ will detail more fully to him and Richard Grey.</li> <li>• <i>New signs and noticeboard update:</i> the two main noticeboards have been delivered and installed. The old noticeboards have still be to be disposed of and the fingerposts are to be erected. With regard to the information boards, these are currently being worked on and the information being produced for them. GC is co-ordinating. Acknowledgment must be made on the boards to both Hills and Farmcare for their donations to the signage. GT raised the issue that signs and pins that he had put up on the Broadleaze noticeboard had been removed. KD suggested the possibility of asking local residents living beside the boards could perhaps be asked to look after the boards – remove old signs and keep tidy etc. KD and AH will approach some possible helpers.</li> <li>• <i>Emergency Plan:</i> JJ has reviewed this against new guidelines issued by GRCC and other bodies and updated where necessary. She will put a note in the next DA News asking for new volunteers to on the emergency list for various tasks. New plan will need to be uploaded to the website.</li> </ul>	<p>Clr Jenkins</p> <p>Clr Cope</p> <p>Clr Dangerfield /Higson</p> <p>Clr Job</p>
<p><b>6. Chairmans Report</b> Attached in Appendix A.</p>	
<p><b>7. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No planning applications to report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Finance Report</b> The current year is showing a substantial deficit due to the many areas of maintenance being carried out. The proposed budget was reviewed and discussed in order to agree the precept for the coming financial year 2019/20. An initial proposal to increase the precept by £1000 in order to reflect increasing cost burdens on the village. However it was felt that this was too low an increase due to the large maintenance costs that are expected with the playground surfacing and the likelihood that a contribution will need to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan works until a grant can be obtained for this. GC therefore proposed an increase of £2500 (which equates to approximately £10 per household although the exact increase per household is determined by the council tax banding so will be less for some and more for others). JJ seconded this proposal and all approved. Clerk to submit precept request to CDC by 31<sup>st</sup> January. It was agreed that reasoning behind the decision should be communicated to the village via the next DA News – AM to draft entry.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clr Matthews</p>
<p><b>9. Village Matters</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Playground repairs/Health &amp; Safety:</i> AH report attached in Appendix B. AM raised the issue of funding for the resurface of the playground and the possibility of gaining funding externally. DF confirmed there was the possibility to access information at Cirencester Town Council for a small monthly fee. He will provide contact details. Thanks were passed to AH for all her hard work in repairing and improving the MUGA and playground area.</li> <li>• <i>Neighbourhood Plan:</i> The first steering group meeting is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019. More volunteer forms will be placed in the shop. Mapping software is to be used and a package needs to be selected. GT to review options.</li> <li>• <i>TPO plan and pathways report:</i> KD is continuing to update the plan and it will be framed once it is complete. DF received a complaint from a dog walker who had found gates locked up on public footpaths and sheep in some twine. It was pointed out that the gates are locked because dog walkers leave them open for the sheep to escape and go onto the road. It is however a public right of way so they should not be locked. DF to forward details to KD.</li> <li>• <i>Village Hall update:</i> KD reported that Paul Vince has now been appointed and that David Job will continue as vice Chair while he settles into the role. However she was unable to attend the AGM herself due to illness.</li> <li>• <i>Location of Cotswold Chippy:</i> GC reports that many residents had asked whether the location of the Cotswold Chippy could be moved to the village hub now they have demonstrated reliability. However it was noted that the village hub car park is always busy. JJ suggested the layby in front of the school. The village hall committee needs to be consulted. RJ will consult with them and report back at next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Clr Fowles</p> <p>Clr Tappern</p> <p>Clr Fowles</p> <p>Clr Jenkins</p>
<p><b>10. Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Meetings/Training Attended</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH to be booked onto next councillors training course</li> </ul> <p><b>Others matters raised:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident raised the issue of the dry stone wall on Church Lane which has still not been repaired. RJ will continue to follow up.</li> </ul>	
<p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Wynne Room.</p>	

Little has happened over the last two months other than the following;

1; Meeting held with Sanctuary to discuss 'progress' related to Broadway Farm.

It would appear that the company will reconsider displacement of a number of units to satisfy DA's requirements. However this would need to be agreed by CDC planners in the form of Minor Amendments which is being discussed with them.

DAPC will have an opportunity to consider such proposals in due course.

2; Works were agreed with GCC to repair the roadway which has been executed. We have been promised work to be done on footpath but await this to happen.

Cllr Ray Jenkins

**Health & Safety report for 8 January 2019****APPENDIX B****1. Playground equipment repair & painting**

Equipment repair has now been completed (by Wicksteed). Cost £4481.79 + VAT.

This comprised of the original repair cost of £4049.79 plus an additional cost of £432 as the structure of the commando net equipment was found to be insecure so had to be re-fixed and wet pour applied.

The equipment now needs cleaning and re-painting – volunteers will be advertised for so that a working party can undertake the work in the better weather.

**2. Training**

- a) How to be a better Councillor training day tba
- b) H & S training tba