

DOWN AMPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DOWN AMPNEY VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017, 7.30PM

Present : Cllrs Sillett (PS), Job (JJ), Matthews (AM), Skinner (DS), Dangerfield (JD), and Jenkins (RJ); Cllr Fowles - CDC (DF) and Cllr Parsons – GCC (SP), both present for part of meeting. Clerk – Gail Dillon; 2 members of public.

Apologies : Cllr Cope (GC).

Welcome	Action
2. Minutes of last meeting: These were circulated and approved by the meeting.	
3. Matters arising: Highways and related issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SpeedWatch – DS has been in contact with the school to discuss getting the children involved with the initiative. PS and RJ raised health and safety concerns about them taking part in the actual Speedwatch sessions but various other possibilities were discussed as to how to make both adults and children more aware of speeding and its consequences – these have also been raised with the Police. RJ/DS to follow up• White linings – RJ confirmed he has been told these will be done in the new financial year.	Cllr Jenkins/ Skinner
Village hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed hump maintenance – Clerk to continue trying to make contact with Ampney Developments to review the speed hump as it is starting to deteriorate again.• Tarmac area to the side of the speed hump is worn away (perhaps within the grass area) and is thus a trip hazard. JD to discuss repair with the grasscutter as it may just require infill with soil and grass seed.• Gravel needs replacing again – clerk to obtain quotes• MUGA pitch damage – will be repaired when there is a guarantee of no frost during work or in 48 hours after repair carried out. Pitch will need to be locked for 24 hours following repair so patch can set properly without risk of further damage.• Textile recycling bin – this has now been put in place by CDC. They are notoriously slow at coming to empty so they must be telephoned for collection as soon as the bin is filling up.	Clerk Cllr Dangerfield Clerk
Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Castle Hill development – DS to carry on following up –	Clerk

<p>expectation is work will start in late spring so suggested school children to go to site just prior to this to view it prior to the changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly-tipping – this hasn't been removed yet. SP believes it might be CDC's responsibility. Clerk to write to CDC and copy SP in. 	<p>Cllr Skinner</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>4. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A419NAG – RJ advised he had been in contact with Geoffrey Clifton-Brown who had sadly confirmed the Government would not be resurfacing the A419. • Application for minor variation to DAVH Premises License – unanimously agreed that DAPC has no objections to the proposed changes to the premises licence. 	
<p>5. Finance Report</p> <p>The main payments made in the period were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk salary - £625 • Village hall room hire £28 <p>The surplus for the year to date is £4,729. Taking account of known receipts and payments until the end of the financial year the expected surplus is currently in the region of £1,949. However there are various maintenance matters which will need addressing in the near future and costs are unknown at this stage.</p> <p>Bank balances are currently £33,411.</p> <p>So far there is £276 of VAT to reclaim for the current financial year.</p> <p>The proposed budget for 2017/18 was then circulated and discussed. PS proposed a precept for the coming year of £17,500 based on the budget, which would equate to a £2 per household per year increase and is due to the increased maintenance costs which DAPC are having to meet and which were previously met by GCC and other organisations. This was voted on and approved (5 councillors were in agreement and 1 abstention). Clerk to submit precept claim to CDC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>6. Meetings/Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-operative Group meeting – PS and AM met with representatives of the Co-op in December to discuss their plans for no 55. An illustrative plan was shown at the meeting but this is by no means a final design. They plan to apply for permission for two 3-bedroom homes. Parking and Highways safety are major concerns. Photographs of the original site should be retained for assistance with DAPC response to the planning application when it is submitted. The issue of the site still needing significant tidying up still needs to be raised with the Co-op. There is also the problem of the dry stone wall now disintegrating. On the roadside opposite no 55 the pillar at 	<p>Clerk/Cllr Jenkins</p>

<p>the end of the dry stone wall here is also disintegrating. Clerk/RJ to write to the Co-op to advise on these outstanding points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beechcroft Homes – PS, RJ, AM and the clerk met with representatives of Beechcroft Homes in December. They have purchased the Broadway Farm site and are now in the process of putting together their full planning application. They are carrying out extensive drainage surveys and are aware of the Down Ampney Design Statement. They advised they will be putting up fencing in the near future to secure the site. 	
<p>7. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No applications to discuss at this stage. 	
<p>8. GCC report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP advised he is still hoping to contribute to the pavement work required around the village in the new financial year. JJ advised the worst area is from the Church Lane end of the village along to the centre of the village and also has a bad camber. • Planning application for over 2000 homes Chesterton development in Cirencester will be going before the full committee in April 2017 so may be decided by July/August 2017. • Thames Water are not permitted to apply for more funding to aid infrastructure improvements until 2020. • AM queried whether there was an increase in GCC element of council tax this year in relation to the Care in the Community initiative – SP confirmed this is likely to be approved. <p>9. CDC report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update on the Local Plan at the moment. • DF has requested a list of infrastructure upgrades from the recent Cirencester and Fairford developments but has not received this yet. • Castle Street in Cirencester is to close soon to complete the town centre renovations • Free parking after 3.00pm is to end at the end of March 2017. • JJ raised specific concerns with regard to parking in the Brewery car park and implications for the Brewery Arts Centre. 	

10. AOB

- Emergency Plan – New volunteers are required as a number of those on the list have moved from the village now. A note should go into the newsletter. The website should also be directed to the current Emergency Plan. An up to date list of CDC contacts is also needed and the equipment must be checked. The generator needs to be started on a dry day and the resilience shed contents must also be checked. A new map is required for the Battle Box, which has already had its contents checked by the Clerk. PS and RJ agreed to check the resilience shed and report back.
- JJ proposed a map of the village in a prominent place detailing house names to aid delivery drivers. A villager has already offered to carry out this task.
- A member of the public raised the issue of postcodes in the village and two houses having the same name. RJ to pass details of postcode office to villager.

Clerk**Cllr Sillett/
Jenkins****Cllr Jenkins**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next meeting is on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Wynne Room.