

DOWN AMPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DOWN AMPNEY VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 13th MARCH 2017, 7.30PM

Present : Cllrs Sillett (PS), Matthews (AM), Skinner (DS), Dangerfield (JD), Cope (GC) (arrived partway through meeting) 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 Job (JJ).

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 – It was generally agreed that everyone would be happier involving the schoolchildren in the SpeedWatch campaign under Police supervision only. DS to make contact with Garrett Gloyn to move this forward. SpeedWatch sessions are going to be scheduled in again now the mornings are getting lighter. Another volunteer resident has come forward – RJ to make contact. Clerk to provide email address.• Potholes – are an ongoing and increasingly worsening issue and were discussed at length with Cllr Parsons when he arrived. SP requested a more detailed timeline of when potholes have been repeatedly repaired to no avail so he can follow up the issue with Highways.	Cllr Skinner Cllr Jenkins/ Clerk Cllr Jenkins
Village hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed hump maintenance – The clerk confirmed that she had now made contact with Ampney Developments but they were not interested in carrying out the work. An alternative quote has been provided. This was discussed and approved by the meeting. Clerk to inform contractor and arrange works.• Tarmac area to the side of the speed hump – a quote has been received for this work and again was discussed and unanimously approved by the meeting. Clerk to inform contractor and arrange works.• Gravel replacement – the clerk presented 3 quotes which had been obtained, 2 including spreading the gravel and one which did not include spreading the gravel. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote of JC Tye. Clerk to inform supplier and arrange delivery and co-ordinate with shop and village hall.	Clerk Clerk Clerk

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resilience shed – again Ampney Developments were not interested in carrying out this work so an alternative quote was obtained by the clerk. This was discussed and decided that the councillors were happy in principle with the quote but that RJ should follow up with the contractor as he may be able to source some cheaper materials for the work. Clerk to forward details of quote to RJ. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fly-tipping – RJ has contacted CDC and the rubbish has been removed. However it has been noted that they do not go down the road just off the roundabout at the A419 junction towards the Brakes. DF took note of this and will follow it up with CDC.	<p>Clerk/Cllr Jenkins</p> <p>Cllr Fowles</p>
<p>9. CDC Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CDC report was moved up the agenda so Cllr Fowles could attend another parish council meeting.• There will be no council tax increase by CDC for 2017/18 but there will need to be a 1.99% rise in 2018/19 and 2019/20 due to rising costs.• Publica is a new company which is going to be providing shared services to CDC as part of the 2020 Vision project and should result in a saving of in excess of £1m for CDC and there would be a possibility to extend this service to other councils to achieve more savings. GC queried why the shared services centre already in place in Swindon hadn't been considered – DF to query and report back.• There will be a leadership election next week for the position of Leader of CDC.• The Free After 3pm parking initiative is to continue beyond 31st March 2017.• A feasibility study is to be carried out for the possibility of building a decked car park on the Waterloo site. £225K has been allocated for this study.• Local Plan – it should be submitted to the local Council to sign off on 16 May 2017 and will then go to the Inspector to formalise. However this part of the process can take anything up to 2 years. There has been no change to Down Ampney's position. The point at which it is submitted to the Inspector is the point at which planners can start to take the Local Plan into consideration when making planning decisions.• Cllr Fowles then left the meeting.	

4. Correspondence

- Access request for gate from pre-school area to village hub – Karen Powell (KP), treasurer to Muddy Wellies, updated the meeting on the proposed new pre-school which is hoping to start up on the existing site previously known as Muddy Wellies. The school and GCC, who owns the land, has granted permission but have made various conditions. One of these is having a separate access point from within the pre-school grounds direct to the village hub in order to safeguard the school’s own access and responsibility to its own pupils. This matter was discussed by the meeting. Concerns were raised about children running straight out onto the car park. KP advised any gate would be locked and children would never be accessing or leaving the pre-school without being under the supervision of adults. It was unanimously agreed to grant permission to create the new access point.
- RIAT meeting – DS to attend
- GAPTC subscription for coming year received – approved by meeting to carry on with membership. Clerk to arrange payment
- Cirencester Car Club Rally to take place on 29 April – issue was raised about bridlepath and that it should be marshalled. Clerk to write to organisers advising them.

Cllr Skinner
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8. GCC Report

- The GCC report was moved up the agenda so Cllr Parsons could leave the meeting early.
- SP confirmed the bus stop would be moved to enable the elderly residents of the village to use the service more easily.
- Pavements – SP is still hopeful that at least part of the pavements in the village will be repaired in the new financial year.
- Potholes – the issue was discussed at length as noted above.
- 20mph limit outside school – RK raised the issue that we have requested this but have been told by Amey that we cannot have it. SP advised that the criteria has changed and it may be that DA does not fall within the criteria for this restriction now.
- Cllr Parsons then left the meeting.

5. Finance Report

Only one payment was made in the period since the last meeting:

- External auditor fee - £100

<p>The surplus for the year to date is £4,629. However there are various maintenance matters which need addressing as noted above so there is an expected deficit for the year of around £700. Bank balances are currently £33,291. So far there is £296 of VAT to reclaim for the current financial year.</p>	
<p>6. Meetings/Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors requested details of upcoming courses – clerk to circulate• It was agreed to continue with the Parish Council meetings being held on the second Monday of every second month. The dates for the coming year will be: 8 May 2017, 10 July, 11 September, 13 November, 8 January 2018, 12 March.• Annual Parish Meeting – various dates were discussed. Clerk to confirm availability with village hall.	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>7. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No 55 Down Ampney – objections submitted.	
<p>10. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PS announced that Cllr Dangerfield has decided to resign his position effective 30 April 2017. The councillor expressed their thanks to Cllr Dangerfield for his time as a councillor and for all he has done for the village during that time.• Clerk to advertise co-opted councillor position. <p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting is on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Wynne Room and will be the AGM.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>