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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill

Present: Mrs C Dawson – Chairman, Mr L Allan, Mr R Birch, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mr S Ford, Miss S Gregory, Mr A Hossack, Mrs H Molyneux, Mrs Kirkpatrick and the Clerk. Cllr Molyneux arrived at Item

1. To Elect a Chairman for 2014/2015

Mrs Dawson was proposed and with no other proposals was elected unopposed

2. The Chairman to Sign the Declaration of Office

Duly signed

3. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Mr Blunt

4. To Elect a Vice Chairman

Resolved to re-elect Mr G Birt

5. To Appoint Standing Committees

Resolved to adopt as follows:

Amenities: Mr Blunt, Mrs Bollen, Mr Bowshall, Mr Ford, Mrs Kirkpatrick, Mr Hossack, Mrs Molyneux and the Chairman and Vice Chairman

Finance & Probity: Mr Allan, Mrs Bollen, Mr Bowshall, Mr Ford, Mr Hossack, Mrs Molyneux and the Chairman and Vice Chairman

Molpa Cottages: as above

Planning, Development Control and Highways: Mr Birt, Mr Birch, Mrs Bollen, Mr Bowshall, Miss Gregory and the Chairman

Newsletter Committee (when needed): Mr Allan, Mr Hossack and Miss Gregory

NCG: Mrs Bollen and Mr Hossack

6. To Consider Remit of Committees

Resolved to adopt as 2013/2014

7. To Consider Appointments to Public and Charitable Bodies

Resolved to adopt as follows:

Poor's Allotment: to 2017 Mrs Dawson, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Cracknell; to 2015 Mr Blunt, Mrs O'Toole and Mrs Molyneux

Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall: Mr Birch, Mrs Bollen and Mrs Hamilton

Tidenham War Memorial Hall: Mr Hossack, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Miss Gregory

Severn Area Rescue: Mr Birch and Mr Blunt

CAB: Mr Birch and Mr Blunt

8. To Confirm Approval of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolved to delay until final document available when Mr Allan, Mr Birt and Mrs Dawson will examine

9. **To Confirm Appointment of Bankers (for all accounts) and Signatories**
Resolved to confirm Lloyds Bank Ltd as bankers and all existing signatories to remain (Mr Birch, Mr Birt, Mrs Bollen, Mr Ford, Mrs Dawson together with the Clerk)
10. **To Confirm Adoption of Complaints and Provision of Information under FOI**
Resolved to adopt both as 2013/2014
11. **To Confirm Content of Asset Register**
Resolved to adopt as confirmed in the Annual Accounts
12. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** (*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should one become apparent*)
None
13. **Adoption of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16th April 2014**
Resolved to adopted and duly signed
14. **To Consider Matters Arising from Previous Parish Council Meeting above and not on the Agenda**
None
15. **To Consider Requests for Dispensations**
None
16. **To Allow Public Consultation**
None
17. **To Receive the Clerk's Report**
A book has been given to the Parish by the Historical Society
18. **Policing in the Parish**
No reply received from the Commissioner of Police
19. **To Receive the Financial Statement**
Resolved to approve the monthly financial statement and approve payments
Resolved to approve the Annual Accounts and to sign the Declaration. Mr Birch asked for thanks of Council to be made and recorded to the Clerk for her quality work
20. **To Consider the Planning Application which St Briavels and Newland Parish Councils have Written to Tidenham Parish Council Asking for Assistance**
Resolved to write and enquire about the approved route and any extra quarries using the route from Gloucestershire County Council before writing to St Briavels and Newland Parishes. It is not thought that the B4428 will be used
21. **To Consider Cutting Down Trees/Bushes in Sedbury Hall Field**
Resolved to accept the quotation in the sum of £365 from Greengrafter to cut down the trees and bushes as required by Gloucestershire County Council (note: Mr Ford and Mrs Bollen did not vote)

22. To Consider Writing to FoDDC Concerning the Local Development Plan and Requesting a Letter be Issued re: Land Behind Wydean School and the Refusal of Planning Permission Resolved to write as requested by Mr Ford

23. To Consider Correspondence Received to Date:

- Darren Bryce has written to Council asking to address them in respect of a future planning application re Sustrans and a Zip Wire across the Severn. **Resolved** that the Clerk write to Mr Bryce saying that he would be welcome
- New houses consultation is in – 130 homes behind the Vicarage in Tutshill. The Council had a discussion about housing in the vicinity

24. To Receive Committee Drafts and other Reports:

Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee – noted

25. To Receive Councillor's Reports on Local Matters and Matters for the next Agenda

Mrs Kirkpatrick – bushes to be cut back in Mopla Road, Clerk to inform GCC Highways

Mrs Kirkpatrick – cars had had windows broken in Mopla Road

Mr Birch – reported that the footpath in Bigstone Grove has been cleared by parishioner

Mr Hossack – asked for his thanks to be passed to Mr Bowshall for his work at the Village Hall

Mr Ford – tree down in Madocke Road – report to GCC Highways

Mrs Bollen – brambles behind the chip shop and the hedges Wyebank/Buttington Road

Mrs Molyneux – pot hole filled in Stoulgrove Lane

Mr Bowshall – attended A48 meeting. Mr Watkins considering an island at the junction of Gloucester Road with A48

Mr Birt – Black cameras on A48 near Tesco – Clerk to find out what they are for from Chepstow TC

Mrs Dawson – there was a Rave at the Chase over the weekend

26. To Consider: that, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted; and therefore the meeting should resolve that the public and press be temporarily excluded and be instructed to withdraw

27. a) To Consider a report from the Clerk regarding her employment contract – a discussion took place with a view to appointing an Administrative Assistant for approximately 15 hours per week while the Clerk reduced her hours to 17 per week. **Resolved** to proceed on this basis; the Clerk working 17 hours per week and the Administrative Assistant working approximately 15 hours per week

b) To Consider arrangements for Parish Council Officer succession planning – this was taken in confidence

28. To Note the Following Dates: 28th May Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee, 4th June Finance and Probity Committee and Mopla Cottages Committee, 11th June Amenities Committee and 18th June full Council Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed

