

Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Amanda Rossiter, Parish Clerk
Date: 5th October 2020
Meeting Commenced: 19:35
Meeting ended: 20:25

Present:	Mr Ken Brown (Chair) Mr D Purnell Mr K Larkin Mr D Palmer Mr R Symons Mrs J Burton
District Councillors:	Mr K Tucker Mrs C Braun
County Councillor:	Dr J Cordwell
Clerk:	Miss A Rossiter
Other:	One member of the public

1. To receive and accept any apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr James accepted

2. To invite and receive any declarations of interest

There are none

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the Council's 7th September 2020 meeting

(Previous minutes are available to view on the Parish Council website)

Approved by all

4. To note any matters arising from the meeting held in September and not covered by agenda items (item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)

Additional Comments:

i) Churchyard report has been received. Decision was made during meeting to put work out for tender.

Agreed Actions:

- Clerk to work with Cllr Purnell and Cllr Symons draw up a tender document to be agreed in November/December meeting
- Clerk to communicate findings from survey with neighbouring landowner

ii) Bank accounts for charity funding hasn't been paid in yet. Cllr Symons has had difficulty in opening account as banks are not opening new accounts during current Covid climate

5. Meeting for Public Discussion and Questions

Meeting opened to public

No comments from public

Meeting closed to public

6. To Consider and Comment upon the following Planning Application(s) / Appeal(s):

- a) ***S.20/1901/HHOLD | Erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation | 7 Warren Croft North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6EN***

PC discussed the plans and agreed to submit a response of no comment to SDC

- b) ***S.20/1895/FUL | Build a wood shed for the storage of cut timber, extracted from the nearby woodland. | Field East Of The Reservoir And North Of The New Inn North Nibley Gloucestershire***

The council noted that the wood storage building was proposed to be sited in a very prominent position in an open field within the AONB and would be visible from a wide distance including from adjacent footpaths. As such this would result in a structure that would appear isolated in the open countryside and would result in an unwarranted encroachment into the open countryside away from existing buildings and would adversely impact on the character of the AONB. This would be contrary to Local Plan Policies CP 15 ii ,E15 criterion 2 and ES 7.

The council agreed to write to SDC in view of the above and comment that if there is a proven need for the building then the PC considers this should be relocated to the south adjacent to the existing compost bins up against the edge of the woodland where it would be less prominent and better blend into the landscape .

The council further agreed that it would include a note within it's letter to SDC that if the owner is unwilling to agree to this then the parish council considers planning permission should be refused for the reasons mentioned above.

- c) ***S.20/1896/AGR | Extension of an agricultural / forestry track into woodland to facilitate extraction of timber. | Field East Of The Reservoir And North Of The New Inn North Nibley Gloucestershire***

It was noted that Stroud had determined that prior approval was required for these works.

There was a need to assess the impact on the ancient woodland, the key wildlife site, the AONB and nearby rights of way

The PC resolved to write to Stroud supporting this decision and requesting that it be consulted on future submissions relating to this and other proposals on this site

d) S.20/1749/CPE | Confirmation that an existing building (Building A), associated access, metal gate and surrounding hardstanding is lawful. | Building A Swinhay Farm Vernals Lane Swinhay Wotton-Under-Edge Gloucestershire

The PC discussed this and a previous application and decided to make no comment

e) S.20/1790/HHOLD | Single storey extension and associated landscape works. | Road Green House Road Green North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6BA

PC discussed the plans and agreed to submit a response of no comment to SDC

f) Appeal - APP/C1625/W/20/3257927 | Barn To East Of Pitt Court North Nibley Gloucestershire | Re-submission of withdrawn application S.19/0820/AGR - Erection of a storage shed storage (retrospective)

It was noted this application had been refused by Stroud in June as being contrary to Local Plan policies CP 15 criterion ii , E 15 criterion 2 and ES 7.

After discussion it was agreed to write to PINS in support of this decision but to add that in the event the Inspector was minded to grant permission this should be subject to a condition restricting the use of the building for storage use only related to the use of the site and for no other purpose.

7. The Council to note the following Planning Application Decision(s)

(a)S.20/1233/HHOLD | Replacement of garage building with kitchen extension; additional outbuilding and garden wall | Purnell House Lower House Lane North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DN - Permitted

(b)S.20/1485/LAC Consultation on removal of BT Telephone Box. - Telephone Box Wotton Road North Nibley Gloucestershire - No Objections

(c)S.20/1486/LAC Consultation on removal of BT Telephone Box. - Telephone Box Pitt Court North Nibley Gloucestershire - No Objections

Additional comment:

Council agreed that now we have this decision from SDC, clerk should begin actions to purchase the phone boxes through BT's adopt a kiosk scheme as agreed in August pc meeting

8. Parish Council Finances

a) To approve and pay clerk's wages for period 7th September to 4th October 2020 (£468.60)

Agreed

b) To reimburse Cllr Palmer for Zoom licence fees (£114.63)

Agreed

c) To approve and pay invoice for essential pc website maintenance from VisionICT (£54)

Agreed

Late addition to agenda:

d) To approve and pay invoice for Churchyard Wall Engineer visit from MDHP (£600)

Agreed

9. The Council to receive the following reports from Councillors

a) Verbal reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Brown confirmed that Highways has marked out the Potholes that he was reporting on

Cllr Burton reported that Crossroads at Church Lane Pothole has been filled in, but has now sunken following recent rainfall.

b) Written report from District Councillors

Additional Comments:

Cllrs discussed the position and role of the planning review panel in regards to the planning white papers. Cllr Tucker agreed to provide further detail following concerns raised by NNPC.

Cllr Braun agreed to raise publicity concerns re the "Be A Councillor" event and the need for volunteers. Date and format of event to be sent to clerk shortly.

c) Written report from County Councillor

No further comments

Chair thanked all for their reports.

10. The Council to receive and approve a written Cemetery Report

Additional comment(s):

Council agreed new plaque

Council agreed that memorial plaque wall should be painted

Proposal agreed that the council look into placing a seat on the knoll for the Hale brothers in recognition of their support to the village

11. To receive for information details of any Correspondence received (written report supplied by clerk)

No additional comments

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd November 2020, at 7.30 pm

Chair thanked all for their attendance, participation and work throughout the past month