

Maugersbury Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 19 December 2022 at 5.30pm At Stow Youth Centre, Fosseway, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1DW

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs R Boyens (Chairman), M Lutman and R Warmington

In attendance: Ms E Sajewicz (Clerk), County Cllr M MacKenzie-Charrington, Ward District Cllr D Neill and 3 members of the public

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs A Root and H Totham
Mr S Meyrick
- 2. Declarations of interest:** Members were reminded to declare any or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting at the relevant time.)
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting**
Item deferred because the meeting was inquorate to approve the minutes of the 26 September 2022 meeting.
- 4. County Councillor's report, if present (Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington)**
Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington's two written reports had been circulated to members and residents. He spoke about the junction of A436/Pound Lane/Bledington Road, saying Bob Skillern of GCC Highways would be taking this up with Atkins as they had been instructed to come forward with solutions quite some time ago. Members expressed concern that the contractor relationship should be delivering value for GCC. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington will keep on the case. He said in his view the contract needs to be scrutinised. He also spoke about issues with quarry traffic around Ford and said he was in touch with the GCC cabinet member responsible for both of these matters.
A resident asked whether Pound Lane gets gritted by GCC, and was advised that it doesn't, but is done by Maugersbury's Snow Plough Operator, and there are grit bins available for residents to use on public roads.
Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington was thanked for his report and for attending the meeting.
- 5. District Councillor's report, if present (Cllr Neill)**
Cllr Neill's written report had been circulated to Councillors and residents. Cllr Neill apologised because her report had Stow Town Council in the title although it had been updated specifically for MPC. She said CDC published three newsletters: Cotswold News, Cotswold Roundup and Business Matters, and she would not repeat anything covered by those.
She spoke about CDC's plans to borrow and invest in green energy projects, saying the financial situation had changed and CDC would not be doing that in the near future. She said CDC's largest cost was staff costs and a pay rise was being looked at. The budget would be decided at CDC's February meeting which anyone could attend virtually.
Cllr Neill highlighted the possibility of local green waste composting and that this could generate income for parish councils or others.
Waste collections had been affected by last week's snow and details of new dates as well as Christmas/New Year collection dates were on CDC's website.
MPC members noted that Tesco now has a collection point for plastic bags/film/etc and would like to highlight this to residents who might not be aware.
Cllr Neill was thanked for her report and for attending the meeting.

6. Gypsy gathering – To receive an update on the October gathering and the pre-event meeting attended by Cllr Lutman

Cllr Neill said no reports or issues had been received so a post-fair meeting had not been held. Cllr Lutman agreed that the gathering had been relatively uneventful. Cllr Neill said a stolen car had crashed into the listed bridge at Upper Swell. There had seemed to be fewer people than in the past and not so many groups of youngsters intimidating people in the town. The Bell's windows had broken as usual and there had been damage to the wall by the public toilets. A meeting would be arranged before the next event in May.

7. Parish environment

a) Pound Lane junction

Covered under item 4 above.

b) Highways works, lengthsman projects and any other work in the parish

In Cllr Root's absence the clerk gave this report:

Low-hanging trees and protruding vegetation on Mangersbury Road had been reported to GCC Highways in August together with landowner information. GCC had carried out a safety inspection and advised that some vegetation was cut back at the time of the inspection, and that the Arbs Team would be asked to ensure that the issues would be addressed when the trees are dealt with in the cyclical schedule.

MPC's Snow Warden is concerned that the tree branches splay out into the road when laden with snow and that prevents the snow plough from clearing the road properly.

This would be reported to GCC Highways.

Residents had contacted MPC about the state of the Arch Road surface and will provide photos to the clerk so it can be reported to GCC Highways.

Reminder about planned road closure. Digbeth Street, Stow on the Wold. This road will be closed from 11/01/23 to 16/01/23 to allow for new water connection work by Thames Water. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained.

Cllr Lutman noted that a couple of Road Closed signs had appeared in Mangersbury but no works had taken place and this seemed to be a waste of GCC's resources.

c) Litterpick/leaf clearing

There was a fantastic turnout of 30 volunteers, including visitors from the US. Following CDC's charging MPC for the sacks, it was clarified that this was because CDC can be requested to carry out leaf clearing. It was agreed to try that approach.

d) Broadband

Cllr Warmington said he was dealing with Gigaclear to change his connection from one pot to another. Cllr Lutman said there was nothing to report but the second set of contractors seemed to have been putting right the earlier work.

8. Snow clearing: To consider a proposal to make a gesture of thanks to the parish snow plough operator using the Village Fund

Deferred in order to cover Planning before Cllr Neill had to leave – see item 11A.

9. Planning

a) To consider current planning applications

- i. **22/04004/FUL – Grafters, Fosseyway, Lower Slaughter** – Change of use of existing dwelling and erection of extensions to create 40 bedroom hotel and associated works.

It was resolved that MPC wishes to object and to get Cllr Totham's input on the wording before submitting the objection.

- ii. **22/04007/LBC – Sycamore Barn Mangersbury** – Alteration and realignment to existing stone garden wall.

It was resolved that MPC supports the application because the proposal is in keeping and will not result in any detriment to the historical fabric of the village.

- iii. **22/03763/FUL – Land Parcel South of Meadow View, Stow Road, Bourton-on-the-Water** – Change of use of land from equestrian to residential caravan site with provision of additional 3 traveller pitches (partially retrospective).
It was noted that this was considered a fait accompli and therefore MPC resolved to submit comments of no objection.

b) **To note decision notices received for the following planning applications:**

Applica-tion	Address	Description	MPC Comments	CDC Decision
22/03392/ TCNR	Byrig House Maugersbury	T1. Beech Tree 1 - reduced by at least 30%. T2. Beech Tree 2 - reduced by at least 30% and ensure it is clear of adjacent stable block to reduce growth and root spread. T3. Lilac Tree - trunk has split so will be tidied and shortened up. T4. Indian Bean Tree - Canopy tidied up to stop growth of branches into garage roof	No comments made	Permit
22/03421/ FUL	Broom Cottage, 3 Maugersbury Close	Installation of 3 rooflights with associated roof space accommodation	No objection	Permit

Cllr Boyens noted that Rowan Gate had now been beautifully finished and he would thank the owner on behalf of MPC.

c) **To receive update from Cllr Neill about caravans at Spring Bank**

Cllr Neill said there had been a big shakeup in CDC's Planning Enforcement team. A concerted effort was being made to tackle the backlog of cases and an officer had been tasked with working through them. He had been in touch with the owner of Spring Bank in June and been told that there had always been a caravan there and this was just a different one. Cllr Neill said MPC or residents might be able to confirm whether this was so.

d) **To receive a report from Councillors who attended CDC's forum in July**

Not discussed.

10. **Finance:**

a) **To approve payments as per the payment schedule**

Payments were approved as per the payment schedule: M Penfold, grass cutting £195.00; Youth Club hall hire £10.00; E Sajewicz clerk's salary £480.80; A Root reimbursement for leaf clearing sacks £94.00.

Receipts in the period were £999.00 precept payment.

b) **To review and adopt proposed budget for new financial year effective 1 April 2023**

The proposed budget had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Warmington said the majority of the proposed increase was for the new election costs which unfortunately parish councils had no choice but to budget for from now on. It was resolved to approve and adopt the budget as proposed.

c) **To set the precept for the new financial year effective 1 April 2023**

It was agreed the precept for 2023/24 would be £4648.00. (This is £42.68 for a band D property.)

11. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): To note that Council has £209.54 of CIL funds to be spent within 5 years

Noted.

11A Snow clearing: To consider a proposal to make a gesture of thanks to the parish snow plough operator using the Village Fund

MPC wished to thank Paul Bartlett for his fantastic work keeping the streets clear. Expenditure of up to £200 was agreed. Cllr Boyens offered make the arrangements. It was noted that the two private roads needed to look after themselves.

Post meeting note:

MPC's Snow Warden has made the following request: To allow the snow plough operator to clear the roads effectively, when possible would residents and visitors please park vehicles in driveways when snow is forecast.

12. Elections: To note elections timetable, key dates, and election charges information from CDC

The key dates to note are 20 March–4 April 2023 for candidates to deliver their nomination papers to CDC.

Council members would like to encourage more residents to come forward as candidates. Anyone who would like to know more about being a councillor is welcome to contact any existing councillor about what is involved.

13. GAPTC Executive Committee vacancy for two Cotswold district representatives: To consider candidates' statements and decide which two candidates MPC wishes to vote for

It was agreed the candidates' statements would be re-sent to Council members for response by email before the 6 January deadline.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 13 March 2022

Meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed by Chairman: _____

Date: _____