

# Maugersbury Parish Council

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## Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 6 December 2021 starting at 6.30pm  
At Stow Youth Centre, Fosseyway, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1DW

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr H Totham (Acting Chairman), Cllr R Boyens, Cllr M Lutman, Cllr A Root, Cllr R Warmington, and Liz Sajewicz (Clerk).

**In attendance:** District Cllr D Neill and 4 members of the public.

**1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Totham was elected Acting Chairman to chair the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Ward County Cllr M MacKenzie-Charrington, Mr S Meyrick, Mr H Tollemache, Mr & Mrs R Fisher & Mrs B Russell.

**3. Declarations of interest**

None.

**4. Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 20 September 2021 were confirmed as an accurate record and approved to be signed by the Chairman.

**5. County Councillor's report (Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington)**

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington was not present. *Post meeting note: His written report had been provided but was not seen until after the meeting because the email went into a spam folder. His report will be circulated with these minutes.*

**6. District Councillor's report (Cllr Neill)**

Cllr Neill's written report had been circulated. She made the following additional points: All ward councillors are provided with a briefing by CDC which Cllr Neill amends and forwards as her report.

The Stow Fair washup meeting was a short meeting because two of the key people were not present. The event went off with very little incident. It was thought this was due to better policing and the smaller size of the event. Cllr Neill had also met with the field owners and manager of The Bell for a helpful discussion. There is now an established pattern of meetings before and after each event.

Holiday lets – Cllr Neill had not heard anything from CDC's working party and would ask a question at the next meeting.

Cllr Neill had been asked about people claiming second homes were holiday lets to avoid council tax and said she would give an update for the next meeting.

CDC's budget is a major issue. Income is only £12m/year and with no increase for about ten years and less funding from central government the money is running out. CDC is allowed to increase council tax by 2% which would be 10p a week on a band D property.

There is a proposal that town and parish councils pay for contested elections, but Cllr Neill said some details were circulated prematurely and the amount of £2000 for MPC was more likely to be in the region of £400. No decision had been made yet and more details would be forthcoming.

Rowan Gate appeal – Cllr Neill intended to object and hoped the appeal would be dismissed. A council member said it would be nice to speak to the owners and emphasise the camaraderie in the village and say that MPC did not object to the original application.

Alleged use of site off Fosseyway as a scrap metal yard – Cllr Neill is trying to get hold of someone in the enforcement team for an update. Clerk to formally contact CDC to report.

Cllr Neill said Stow Town Council was in the process of declaring a climate emergency and setting up a working group which she would be involved in. She offered to keep MPC informed.

Cllr Neill was thanked for her report.

**7. To receive an update on the October Gypsy gathering including Silver Group meetings of 12 October and 1 December 2021 attended by Cllr Lutman**

Cllr Lutman said the October event had been fairly quiet. Meetings had been held before and after the event. The Police had found a stall selling underage puppies and kittens and they were removed by RSPCA and rehomed.

The Clerk read out an interim report provided by Mrs Russell, giving approximate numbers of 50 stalls and 34 caravans.

**8. Parish Environment**

**a) To note road closure notices received (for installation of fibre optic equipment by Gigaclear)**

i) Pound Lane – from 29/11/21 to 07/12/21

ii) Mangersbury Road from its junction with Chapel Street to outside Rowan House – from 8/12/21 to 10/12/21

iii) The Crescent – from 07/02/22 to 11/02/22

iv) Oxleaze Farm Lane – from 14/02/22 to 18/02/22

v) Chapel Street – from 03/03/22 to 09/03/22

Noted.

A resident had sent photos of the condition the verge had been left in. Members observed that verge works always made a mess but verges recovered quickly.

**b) To receive an update on Highways works, lengthsman projects and any other work in the parish including the annual litter pick**

Cllr Root thanked residents who made up the doughty working party on Saturday for their hard work doing leaf clearance. Cllr Boyens would blow the rest of the leaves when it was dry.

There were no outstanding tasks for lengthsman at present.

Clerk was asked to continue to chase GCC Highways about the Pound Lane junction new layout design.

**c) To note response about smart traffic lights at Unicorn Junction**

Clerk read out the following response from the GCC Highways local area manager: "The signals at this location are running the latest Mova controls to aid traffic flows and links the junction together. Some of the issues faced at this junction are due to volume of traffic."

**9. Planning**

**a) New urgent item: Rowan Gate planning appeal**

Council had been notified of an appeal against the breach of planning control decision for planning application 21/01844/FUL – Rowan Gate – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of permission 18/00190/FUL (Installation of dormer windows, increase in size of existing windows to rear, and alterations to existing balcony).

The planning inspectorate deadline for written representations is 31 December.

It was agreed MPC would submit a representation supporting CDC's decision and restating its original objection to the application. Council discussed the three appeal grounds and agreed it would accept that a longer period of time to comply would be reasonable.

It was noted that anyone could make representations and the clerk would circulate the appeal notice.

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

<b>Applicati on</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MPC Comments</b>	<b>CDC Decision</b>
21/02939 /FUL	Stonewell Cottage	Removal of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) ref permission 00/00469 - Conversion of a redundant farm building to dwelling	No objection	Applica- tion with- drawn
21/02975 /FUL	Carmel, Wyck Hill	Replacement Dwelling and Associated Works	Council does not have any objection to the plans as outlined, but would like to raise our concern in regard to the method of escalating development on this site. An original application for Certificate of Lawful Existing Use was received for a house hidden in the woods in 2019. Now we receive this application for a sizeable house on the site (once the principle of residential use has been established). Whilst this may not necessarily be a problem in this case we are concerned about CLEU being used as a potential loop hole to the usual planning process. As a parish we have had a couple of CLEU applications in recent years. Council also notes that the 'replacement dwelling' in this instance is on a different part of the site. Does this mean that a further application could be made in future on the basis that there was a previous dwelling on the original site?	Permit
21/03409 /TCONR	Willow Barn	Tree work	No comment made	Permit
21/03630 /FUL	Stonewell Cottage	Change of use of holiday let (use class C3) to dwelling (use class C3)	No objection	Permit
21/03621 /FUL	Park House	Construction of an open sided single storey pole barn for protection of parked cars	No objection	Refuse
21/03648 /TCONR	Rock House, Chapel Street	Tree work	No comment made	Permit

- c) **To receive update from Cllr Neill on alleged use of land off Fosseyway for scrap metal business**

Covered under Cllr Neill's report (item 6).

- d) **To note that the Cotswold District Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) has been updated**

It was noted that the Richborough site had been assessed as unsuitable for development.

Cllr Neill expressed disappointment that none of the sites in Stow had been deemed suitable for development because of the need for affordable housing. Cllr Totham questioned the need for big developments, saying an initial smaller development could be more appropriate particularly in light of Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington's observation about the amount of empty social housing in Moreton. A development of say ten houses could demonstrate that they were needed and lead to more.

## 10. Finance

- a) **To note that Council has received £42.73 of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy from development of The Old Well House, Burford Road, and to consider a proposal to put the funds towards the cost of "20 is Plenty" signs purchased in June 2021.**

It was agreed to put the funds received of £42.73 towards the cost of "20 is Plenty" signs purchased in June 2021.

It was noted that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds would be a new category of Reserves in future accounts.

It was noted there would be a CIL contribution to MPC of around £7500 from the development at Carmel, Wyck Hill. To be on next agenda to consider what this should be used for.

- b) **To approve payments as per the payment schedule**

Payments were approved as per the payment schedule: M Penfold verge cutting £245.00; Centre 67 hire of Youth Club hall £10.00; E Sajewicz clerk's salary £466.60; Stow Poppy Appeal wreath £10.00.

Receipts during the period were: Precept instalment £937.00; CIL payment £42.73.

- c) **To review and adopt proposed budget for new financial year effective 1 April 2022**

It was agreed to adopt the budget as proposed.

- d) **To set the precept for new financial year effective 1 April 2022**

It was agreed the precept for 2022/23 would be £3999. (This is £37.55 for a band D property.)

## 11. Questions from members of the public

A resident said it would be nice to continue having a wreath-laying ceremony in the village and making a donation to Stow Poppy Appeal.

A resident asked about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It was understood Mangersbury Residents Association was working on plans.

## 12. Date of next meeting: Monday 7 March 2022

The meeting closed at 19:29.

Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_