

MINUTES of a Chalford Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 5 May 2022 at 7.10 p.m.
at the Parish Centre in accordance with notice given.

In the Chair: Councillor Lilly

Present: Councillors Mayo, Morris-Wyatt, Oakley, Pearson, Roberts, Samaroo, D Taylor, L Taylor, Wood, Wright,

In attendance: Assistant Clerk, County Cllr Turner and District Cllr Fenton (part time)

1.05.22 APOLOGIES – Cllrs Beioley and Lee sent their apologies.

2.05.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

3.05.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

3.05.22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Samaroo proposed, “**acceptance of the 3 March 2022 minutes.**” This was seconded by Cllr Wright. There were two abstentions.

4.05.22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – attached

In addition to details contained in the report, the following discussions took place:

Concern was expressed about the management of the ambulance service, particularly the queuing outside of the hospital. Other concerns regarding adult mental health and social care were aired. Cllr Turner and Cllr Fenton will take our concerns to the joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee. **ACTION: Cllrs Fenton/Turner**

Financial hardship – Cllr Turner will provide us with leaflets. **ACTION: Cllr Turner**

Ukraine – there are approximately 200 refugees in Stroud. If anyone in Chalford has got questions refer to Cllr Turner. **ACTION: All**

ANPR cameras – the police will support parishes who want to obtain a camera. The initial outlay is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Following installation, the police can issue fines. It was felt this could be costly and not viable for the police.

Canal Consultation – it has been agreed that the current Stroud Canals Vision and Strategy consultation is far too comprehensive. To assist, SDC has put together a video to make it easier to understand. There is also a webinar for interested people. Consultation period is extended to end of May.

Highway code changes pedestrians/cyclists – the question was asked as to GCC’s responsibility as the recent changes have not been communicated widely. Cllr Turner will investigate whether a wider educational exercise could be done. **ACTION: Cllr Turner**

Library – Cllr Wood asked if there was further information on the new library site. The lease will be for 25 years and the accommodation will be a similar floor area but an improved footprint.

5.05.22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – attached

Stroud’s Blackboy clock – this issue was raised. Councillor Turner advised that 1600 responses to the consultation had been received. Strong majority in favour of investigating removal to another place. Cllr L Taylor is of the opinion that it should remain as it is part of our history.

Thomas Keble Development – a planning application has been submitted for a new building to take the place of current classrooms that will be demolished. The new building will be the same height as the Sports Hall and will be within 40 metres of residential properties in Stonecote Ridge. Concerns from residents have been received as the new building will overlook properties. It is suggested that a joint meeting is arranged between representatives of Bisley with Lypiatt Parish Council and Chalford PC to consider the details. PAC is due to consider the plan on 19 May. Cllr Fenton thought the deadline could be July. The actual date to be confirmed. It was agreed that contact will be made with Bisley with Lypiatt to arrange a meeting. **ACTION: Asst Clerk**

Cllr D Taylor asked what was happening with the Sports Hall gym, stating that there is a lot of equipment not being used. Pre-covid the gym was a useful and popular facility. Cllr Fenton will investigate this matter.

ACTION: Cllr Fenton

Development Control Committee – the role of this committee is to determine planning applications that need a decision. A new sub group has been formed to look at the functions and challenges of the development team.

6.05.22 CLERK'S REPORT – attached.

4.03.22 Parliamentary boundaries – Cllr Pearson attended a meeting regarding this issue and put forward our thoughts. It appears the majority want to stay within the Stroud District.

Cemetery land – Cllrs Lilly and L Taylor met with a resident to consider potential land. The cost of the land is too expensive, even if it was shared with Bisley with Lypiatt Parish Council. It was decided that more facts are needed before we proceed further. To be put on the next Full Council agenda. **ACTION: FC Agenda**

7.05.22 CHALFEST

It was agreed that Cllrs Mayo, Oakley, Roberts and Samaroo will organise a stand. Cllr Mayo will be the lead. The stand could involve 'meet your councillors'. A suggestion jar was thought a good idea. It was decided not to feature allotments. **ACTION: Cllrs Mayo/Oakley/Roberts/Samaroo**

8.05.22 STROUD DISTRICT LAND

Communications have been held with the SDC Officer responsibility for maintenance of land. During these conversations, it was agreed that Chalford Parish Council could take ownership of three Stroud District Council areas. Those being, 'The Daffodil Bank' on The Ridgeway, Lypiatt View/Burleigh View triangle and south of the bus shelter, opposite Munday Close. Following a short discussion, Cllr Samaroo proposed, "**we commence communications with SDC Estates Department about taking ownership of the above areas of land**". This was seconded by Cllr Oakley and unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk**

9.05.22 20 IS PLENTY

Following our agreement to support Motion 876 in respect of having a 20mph default speed limit, a resident has contacted us with facts and figures, stating that many of the arguments put forward to support the campaign are not relevant to our parish. Following a discussion on this issue, it was agreed that our main objective and overwhelming concern is that of safety and we will, therefore, continue to support the motion. Cllr Lilly proposed, "**we respond to the resident as stated above.**" This was seconded by Cllr Morris-Wyatt. There was one objection. **ACTION: Clerk**

10.05.22 REFERRALS – none.

11.05.22 COMMITTEES/EXTERNAL MEETING REPORTS

PAC - Cllr L Taylor proposed, "**a vote of thanks to Cllr Beioley for chairing the Plans Assessment Committee over the years.**" This was second by Cllr Morris-Wyatt and unanimously agreed.

Highways – Cllr Lilly's report attached.

12.05.22 EXPENDITURE

A summary of expenditure was shown to councillors present. Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed, "**acceptance of the expenditure.**" This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.

13.05.22 CORRESPONDENCE

Highway 41277 fronting Rockstones, Brownhill – GCC has advised us that although there is evidence that the land is part of the historic highway, it is considered 'not in the public interest' to warrant enforcement action. The cost could be considerable for GCC. The question was asked as to whether a sign could be installed on the land. Highways to be asked. **ACTION: Clerk**

14.05.22 ANY OTHER MATTER – none.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.38 p.m.

