

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on Monday 3rd July 2006

Present Cllr Jones
Cllr Bennett
Cllr Cawsey
Cllr Chase
Cllr Dover
Cllr Gillard
Cllr Gould
Cllr Mrs Mabon
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Mrs Wilson

CDC Cllr Mrs Eatwell
GCC Cllr Theodoulou

One member of the public

- 1 Apologies
Cllr Mrs Seale, Cllr Whistler, CDC Cllr Mrs Carter
- 2 Declarations of Interest
There were none submitted.
- 3 Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes were approved and signed.
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Town Wharf
The Clerk reported that the boat had been removed and the grass cut. He had sent the details of the work recommended by the Environment Agency to stabilise the bank to Smallwoods, an approved contractor, for a quotation. The memorial benches had been temporarily removed owing to vandalism.
 - b) Cemetery
The specification for the replacement of the path was still awaited. When it was to hand, the Clerk would attempt to obtain quotations. The Clerk suggested that, with the adoption of the District Local Plan, negotiations for the purchase of the land and the fencing of both the old and new areas and the possible legal fees should all be considered together and sourcing of funds would need to be made. A subcommittee consisting of the Mayor, Cllrs Gould, Roberts and Sullivan together with the Clerk should pursue the matter.
 - c) Fosseway

The Clerk was asked to chase the matter of the Shrubbery trees, the state of Cuthwine Place playground and the land adjacent to the Hall carpark.

- d) Transport Sub Committee consisting of Cllrs Dover, Gould, Mrs Seale and Mrs Mabon.

It was decided that although there was no apparent overall planning, the problems today were not as bad as when the quarries were producing full blast. However there was a need to improve the situation of the pathway and the speed of traffic near the Garden Centre. There was also concern over the positioning of the cycleway. There would obviously be an increase in traffic due to developments in the Water Park. These concerns would be passed to County. A copy of the minutes of the sub committee meeting would be attached to the minutes in the Minute book.

- e) Meetings Attended

The Mayor commented on the launch of the Walks booklet and congratulated Cllrs Gillard and Sullivan on the result of their hard work. Cllr Gillard stated that he still needed to see the expense sheets for the production of the booklets.

There had been a meeting with Mr Chadwick regarding the old railway site. There were difficulties with the plans to demolish the bridge. The previous trial of traffic lights had not been successful. The bridge is owned by the successors of British Rail and they would have to agree to the scheme. It was reported that there had been two objections by County although they have power to purchase land if necessary.

Cllr Theodoulou had arrived during this item and said that County had agreed to the changes of use of the site as it was in the public interest. It was decided that the Mayor and Cllr Theodoulou would meet with officers at County. The Mayor would draft a letter to County.

Cllr Mrs Wilson had discussed the proposals for the update of the website with the Clerk and would be discussing biographical details and taking photographs at the next meeting. It was also hoped to have views of the new concept. She had also attended the Christmas Lights Committee and reminded all councillors about the Jazz and Pimms night to raise funds.

Cllr Sullivan had attended the Waterpark meeting and stated that the funding problems had been ironed out. Discussions on the provision of the invalid access to walks in the Eastern Water Park had taken place but there still wasn't full agreement on the site.

Cllrs Chase and Gould had met to discuss the vegetation at Perrinsfield. They decided that the matter could be left to the Autumn.

5 Planning Decision Notices

These were noted and would be attached to the minutes.

6 Correspondence

The ATM at the Bank had been held up as it had been pointed out that the keypad would have been too high for wheelchair users.

There had been a complaint regarding the use of the pavement in the High street for tables from the Black Cat café. The Clerk said it was a matter for Highways and they would then take enforcement action against all obstructions to the walkways. The Council attitude was that if an electric buggy can pass then they felt that it was in the interest of commerce and the wellbeing of the town. A councillor would have a word with the owner.

7 GMTF Visit

The Clerk reminded the Council of this event on Thursday 13th and said that in spite of the damage to the kitchen it would still go ahead.

8 GCC Councillor

Cllr Theodoulou reported that Part I of the Schools review had been published and County was now proceeding with the second part. The problems of NHS in the county had been taken up with the Secretary of State for Health but it made no difference to the changes.

County had also started on the next Budgeting round.

9 CDC Councillor

Butlers Court barn – there had been an objection raised by Hunter and Mr Napper of the Planning Department would be speaking to her. There would be greater security at Fairford Airbase with the installation of new camera towers. The joint manoeuvres due to take place could result in a temporary influx of up to 2000 personnel.

10 Matters Outstanding

Cllr Gillard asked about the downgrading of the A417. The current feeling was that weight limits would be easier to enforce.

Cllr Sullivan raised the matter of the Fosseway path between Gassons Road and the car part. The clerk would again contact Fosseway.

Cllr Roberts enquired about the Market Place plans. This would be raised at a later meeting.

Cllr Wilson requested that County be once again asked to remove redundant footpath signs.

Cllr Cawsey asked that someone else took over the newsletter

Cllr Chase informed the meeting that the Caravan site had been sold to a London company and that it would be mainly a holiday site.

The question of bonfires was raised and it was pointed out there were no laws against them and they were a matter of common courtesy.

Speeding in Hambidge Lane and Gassons Road were discussed but County had rejected the use of speed bumps in the past.

11 Date of Next Meeting
4th September 2006