**Naunton Parish Council**

Clerk’s Report for

**Monday 21st November 2022 to Wednesday 10th January 2023**

(Points numbered according to the minutes of the last meeting.)

**5) Minutes**. Clerk posted the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2022) to the website and sent the minutes to the village distribution list.

**7) Planning applications**.

Clerk posted comments on applications to the CDC planning portal for:

22/03927/FUL Extension at Littons. Clerk posted comments of objection due to over extension and obstruction of highway due to parking.

22/03291/FUL Extension to Close Cottage. Clerk posted comments of objection due to the issues of parking in front of the garage and car port affecting traffic flows in the village.

22/03559/FUL Conversion and extension at Waterloo House. Clerk posted comments of objection due to over development which also increased the potential for further development.

**8) The Pound – tree works** also Agenda item 8, 16 January 2023**.**

Clerk provided contact details for another local tree surgeon to Cllr Bell.

The following summarises the two quotes received:

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| **(Prices include VAT and removal of waste)** | **Remove dead wood and raise crown to 5.5m above road** | **Remove to ground**  | **Grind out stump** | **Planning app** |
| Stockwell & Davies  | £390 | £780 |  | Inc |
| Dowdeswell |  | £576 | £408 | £60 |

**10) Finances**

Clerk made payments as approved at the meeting.

**11) Budget review and precept setting**

Clerk has completed paperwork for the 2023/24 precept, based on the budget agreed at November’s meeting, and forwarded it to CDC.

**Other:**

Clerk acquired hard copy of the electoral roll for Naunton. There are 264 registered voters in the parish.

Clerk forwarded road closure detail to the village distribution list.

Clerk collected comments on two planning applications – 22/04077/FUL Waterloo Farm and 22/04070/LBC Church House Farm.

Agenda item 7 (a), 16 January 2023 [22/0067/CWMAJM](https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gccdocs/gcc_docs_start.aspx?action=show&appName=planning&appNumber=22/0067/CWMAJM) Grange Hill quarry.

Application to build a 1,560 m2 workshop (in addition to existing workshop) to process block stone on site. Deadline 25th January.

The North Cotswold Quarry Action Group (which includes residents from Toddington through to Stanton, Cutsdean, Ford , Summerhill and Upper Slaughter) has reviewed this application and has no objections provided the current conditions are retained and the possibility of reducing the proposed height to a maximum of the height of the adjoining trees is considered.

Output from quarries in the North Cotswolds has increased significantly in the past 5 years, primarily as Cotswold stone quarries become exhausted and are repurposed to produce high volumes of aggregate. Grange Hill is a thriving stone quarry which has permission to quarry for Cotswold Stone (not aggregate or lime) until 2058 under permit 18/0074/CWMAJM. Provided it continues to produce Cotswold stone for building purposes the volumes are unlikely to rise significantly and the volume of HGV traffic will also continue to be limited. The conditions attached to the current permit ensure that the quarry will continue to operate as a source of Cotswold Stone for building rather than of aggregate and lime.

The new application does not refer to these conditions, which are:

\* Max output is 16,800 T per 2 years

\* No crushing (to form aggregate) on site

\* No importation of materials (which could be used for restoration or as material to be finished in the workshop)

\* Records to be kept on site for 30 months to enable the MPA to monitor output.

\* No external lighting

\* No changes to external colour of the workshop (RAL 6002 - Leaf Green).

\* Hours of operation to be maintained.

To ensure that operations remain at or below the current levels, GCC would need to state that the conditions which it applied to 18/0074/CWMAJM would be retained throughout the life of the quarry under this new application (22/0067/CWMAJM).

Other points which the North Cotswold Quarry Action Group has raised include:

\* The proposed height of the new workshop would result in it being visible above the tree line. However, it seems from the application that there is no reason not to lower the foundations so that the building is below the treeline, making it much less visible to walkers and riders using the path to the west of the site or on the category 5 road along the southern border of the site. This would be in keeping with the aims of the CNLB landscape guidelines.