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MINUTES: of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.00 pm.
 PRESENT: Parish Councillors: , Charlie Hanks, David Pickup, Keith Russell, Peter Bell.
 IN ATTENDANCE: Maxi Freeman, Clerk

- 1) **The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone** and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- 2) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Chance, the Chairman, had sent apologies for non-attendance due to illness. In her absence Cllr Hanks, Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011).** None.
- 4) **To hear representations from the public regarding items on the Agenda.** None.
- 5) **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (January 2022)** The meeting approved the minutes and the Vice Chairman signed them. **Action: Clerk to post to website and circulate.**
- 6) **Matters Arising (Clerk's Report).** Councillors noted the contents of the Clerk's report including the quotations for the improvements to the entrance to the recreation field, which would be addressed at agenda item 9.
- 7) **Planning applications**
 - a. Councillors considered the following planning applications:
 Cllr Hanks excused himself from the vote on these two applications because his property adjoins Church Farm.
[23/00567/CLEUD](#) . Church Farm. Application to remove agricultural occupancy tie.
[23/00390/FUL](#) Church Farm. Application to convert barn to residential accommodation.
 Councillors had no objections to either of these applications. **Action: Clerk to post above comments to the GCC planning portal.**
 - b. To confirm the following comments posted between meetings:
[23/00707/TCONR](#) –Sunnydale. Application to trim 5 trees back to the property boundary.
 Councillors agreed that the 'No objections' comment was correct.
- 8) **Planning –Letter from quarry stakeholders to GCC**
 Councillors agreed that Naunton PC should be added to the list of PCs and others including the Cotswold National Landscape Board, the CPRE and others supporting the letter to GCC MLP. The letter requests that GCC MLP considers all applications from quarries in the North Cotswold Cluster in the context of the impact of the whole cluster across the area. **Action: Clerk to request that NPC be added to the list of signatories.**
- 9) **Recreation field entrance improvement works**
 Cllr Bell had obtained estimates from three suppliers to install protective mesh at the entrance to the recreation ground. The exact specifications were reviewed.
Action: Cllr Hanks to check details of construction and timing of installation in relation to cricket season, and inform councillors. Clerk to write to sources when details are finalised.
 The prices of the three quotes were £1540.80, £1680.20 and £2050.00 (Exc VAT). NPC has already worked with one provider, who had proved to be efficient and responsive. This provider had also offered a competitive price. Councillors resolved to appoint this provider subject to further clarification of details.

10) Assets and risk assessment

Recreation field (including dog waste) & benches	Cllr Bell provided an updated recreation field diary and informed the meeting that the Nauntonbury festival dates had been confirmed. Action Clerk to issue invoice to organisers and load the updated diary to the website. Cllr Bell noted that there had been an increase in dog waste on the field and that he would monitor users closely.
Play area (inc dog waste)	Cllr Hanks noted that there were no issues at the play area.
Flood Monitoring	Cllr Russell reported that the river was flowing well following recent further clearance. He would be walking the Naunton stretch of the Windrush with the Cotswold River Trust officer.
Village Hall	Cllr Russell reported that the new stairs to the attic space had been installed and that the space would be ready to take the PCs filing cabinet once it had been decorated.
The Pound	Cllrs noted that the larch at The Pound had been felled. Cllr Bell planned to attach a round table top to the stump.

11) Elections and nominations

Cllrs noted that all nomination forms must be delivered to CDC’s offices in Cirencester by 4 p.m. on Tuesday 4th April. Further candidates should be encouraged to stand. **Action: Clerk to ask the village newsletter to include details.**

12) Finances

a. Current finances:

Councillors noted balances totaling £14,068.14 as at 12 March and reviewed the reconciliation, which the Vice Chairman signed.

b. Recreation field finances:

Councillors also noted the income and expenditure for the Recreation field, and the current balance of £1098.14 which councillors agreed would be put towards the entrance improvement works. Cllr Hanks had obtained a £500 donation from the Cricket Club.

c. General payments and receipts:

General payments including clerk’s wages and payment for forthcoming recreation field works were approved.

Epay	M Freeman	Clerk’s salary January/ February	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)	470.34
Epay	t.b.a.	Installation of recreation field entrance protection slabs.	LGA 1892 s.8 (1)(i)	t.b.a.

Councillors agreed to make these payments electronically. **Action: Clerk to set up payments and forward details by email and text to three councillors for online approval.**

13) Any other business

Cllrs noted that the Bonfire Committee had not yet repaired the turf damaged as a result of the November bonfire. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th May 2023, when the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7.00 p.m, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45p.m. in the village hall.

Signed
Chairman

15th May 2023