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MINUTES: of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00 pm.  
PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Beverley Chance, Charlie Hanks, David Pickup, Keith Russell, Peter Bell.  
Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, GCC  
IN ATTENDANCE: Maxi Freeman, Clerk

- 1) **The Chairman welcomed everyone** to the first meeting of 2023 and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- 2) **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 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 (November 2022)** The meeting approved the minutes and the Chairman signed them. **Action: Clerk to post to website and circulate.**

The Chairman then invited Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to address the meeting. Councillor had forwarded a copy of his report prior to the meeting and he read several highlights to the meeting. These included:

\* The police and crime commissioner set up a survey on 'Perception of Crime' in the area. Anecdotally, more burglaries seem to be taking place but Stow police presence is limited.

\* Net zero targets. GCC has brought the target date for achieving net zero across the county forward to 2045 from 2050 and is asking residents for their ideas to help achieve this. Please share ideas via this site:

[https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/journey-to-net-zero/survey\\_tools/reducing-transport-carbon-emissions-reaching-net-zero-by-2045-engagement-survey](https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/journey-to-net-zero/survey_tools/reducing-transport-carbon-emissions-reaching-net-zero-by-2045-engagement-survey)

\* Gloucestershire fire services are promoting the need for carbon monoxide and smoke detectors and providing tips on safe use of heaters and other items. An online fire risk assessment is available [here](#): For more information see [this](#) webpage:

**Action: Clerk to let residents and website visitors have details.**

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington asked Councillors what the major issues were for Naunton. Two issues were raised: Parking (especially near the pub) and fireworks. Parking issues had already been raised several times with the local police force but they had been unresponsive and there did not seem to be any further action that the PC could take; Several residents had complained about the number and time of fireworks on New Year's Eve, including some at 1:15 a.m. The Chairman confirmed that the legal cut off time for fireworks on that date is 1:00a.m. Many people were upset to be woken at that time of day. Cats, dogs, farm animals and horses in the area were also frightened with the risk that they could behave dangerously and hurt themselves. Councillors agreed that this was the second year that fireworks had been set off after a reasonable time and that the clerk should write, on behalf of the council, to the owner of the property where this took place.

**Action: Clerk to prepare letter for review by councillors.**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington for his report and support.

- 6) **Matters Arising (Clerk's Report and report from Chairman).** Councillors noted the contents of the Clerk's report including the costs for the tree work to be addressed at agenda item 8.

**7) Planning applications**

a. Councillors considered the following planning application:

[22/0067/CWMAJM](#) Grange Hill quarry. Application to build a 1,560 m<sup>2</sup> workshop (in addition to existing workshop) to process block stone on site. Councillors resolved to post comments of no objections, provided the quarry continues to function as it currently does, producing block stone under the conditions of the current planning permission 18/0074/CWMAJM as detailed in the [Decision Notice](#). Councillors asked GCC to include these conditions in any future decision notice regarding approval of 22/0067/CWMAJM.

**Action:** Clerk to post above comments to the GCC planning portal.

b. Councillors confirmed the following comments posted between meetings:

[22/04070/LBC](#) Re-roof dwelling and replacement of cast iron guttering, Church Farm House, Naunton. Comments of support posted to CDC planning portal.

[22/04077/FUL](#) Demolition of stable block, erection of garage, erection of new stable block and new arena. Waterloo Farm, Naunton GL54 3AF. Posted ‘no objections’ comment. Awaiting decision.

The Chairman noted that, since the agenda had been circulated, application 22/03559/FUL (Conversion and extension to garage at Waterloo House) had been permitted.

**8) Assets and risk assessment**

To receive reports on council assets and decide on any actions required.

Recreation field (including dog waste) & benches	Cllrs Bell and Hanks presented information regarding ‘grass protector’ materials to improve vehicular access to the recreation field. Cllrs will measure the area and provide 3 quotes for suitable material. They also agreed to establish whether manufacturers would approve DIY installation. Clerk stated that the ringfenced funds for maintenance totalled over £1000 and that this would be used to fund the improvements, which are expected to cost about £500. Cllr Bell explained that the base of the bench near the entrance slope to the Village Hall had been removed for repairs.
Play area (including dog waste)	Cllr Hanks noted that there were no issues with the play area.
Flood Monitoring	Cllr Russell reported that the river was flowing well. There remained one large branch hanging over the river which should be removed over the next few weeks. Cllr Russell agreed to confirm the following strimming schedule to the contractor: The Steps, The Playground, The Mill Race and the Back Path. Branches would be added to the schedule as necessary.
Village Hall	Cllr Russell reported that a leak on the first floor had damaged plastering on the ground floor but that this was being repaired. The next project (date t.b.c.) was to replace the hatch access to the first floor from the lobby with an internal staircase.
The Pound	Cllrs decided to remove the larch at The Pound completely, leaving a stump and not grinding this out. Dowdeswell had provided the cheapest quote. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to inform Dowdeswell and set a date for the works. .

**9) King's coronation on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Cllr Chance reported that an event might be planned by the Social Committee, but that details were not yet available. Further details should be available after the next S.C. meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Councillors agreed to give mementos of the event to children in the village similar to those given to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, when 75 medals were distributed. Councillors resolved to buy the Hampton medal from Running Imp. The Clerk stated that £150 had been allocated for this type of event under LGA 1972 S.137 authority. **Action: Clerk to order products once numbers confirmed.**

**10) Finances**

Councillors noted balances of totaling £15,707.90 as at 10 January and reviewed the reconciliation, which the Chairman signed. Councillors also noted the income and expenditure for the Recreation ground and approved the general payments, including clerk's wages and payment for forthcoming tree works.

Councillors agreed to make these payments electronically, rather than by cheque. **Action: Clerk to obtain permission to set up payments then forward details to three councillors for online approval.**

**11) Any other business**

The Clerk announced that she had received an invitation for councillors to attend a meeting of the North Cotswold Quarry Group at 7.00 p.m. on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Toddington Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall.

Signed .....  
Chairman

20 March 2023