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MINUTES: of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.00 pm.
PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Beverley Chance, David Pickup, Keith Russell, Peter Bell., GCC Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington, 3 members of the public.
IN ATTENDANCE: Maxi Freeman, Clerk.

- 1) **Call to order.** The Chairman called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Apologies for absence.** Received in advance from Cllr Hanks. Cllr Pickup attended from 7.40 p.m. onwards.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda. (Localism Act 2011).** None.
- 4) **To hear representations from the public regarding items on the Agenda.** Members of the public notified the Chairman that they would like to address the meeting regarding item 7, Planning application 21/03260/FUL.

The Chairman invited Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington to deliver his report, which covered the following areas: better funding for village schools in this rural area was a particular concern; settlement of 35 Afghan refugee families in Gloucestershire; working towards a 'greener' future for Gloucestershire; a network of 'Innovation Labs' at libraries in larger urban areas of Gloucestershire; an open consultation on the County's Fire & Rescue service plans; lobbying for Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 payments to be returned to the County together with better local control over planning decisions; and improved North Cotswold Line services with Moreton acting as a rail hub.

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington also highlighted several funding sources available to all parish and town councils including: the 'Market Towns' fund of £500,000 to boost high streets, where applications are welcomed before 26th September for funding of between £1,000 and £25,000; the 'Build Back Better' fund of £40,000 per Councillor over the next 4 years to support a wide range of projects proposed by a variety of organisations; and the 'Highways' fund of £30,000 to fund local projects such as paths, cycle lanes, ditch clearing etc, which fall outside the remit/budget of GCC Highways. Lastly Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington announced the offer of two oak tree saplings for each PC to plant in honour of the forthcoming platinum anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Cllr Chance asked whether the 'Innovation Labs' could provide computer skills training in Naunton, as a volunteer tutor was available in the village, but expenses would need to be funded. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington did not have details of the training but offered to pass on details of funding when available.

A full copy of the GCC Councillor's report is available on the Naunton PC website.

- 5) **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (July 2021)** The meeting approved the minutes and the Chairman signed them. **Action: Clerk to post to website.**
- 6) **Matters Arising (Clerk's Report and report from Chairman).** The Chairman noted that some councillors had not been responding to recent request for comments on planning applications. The Chairman suggested returning to the previous system of each Councillor physically forwarding the form to the next after having contributed their comments. Councillors decided to use this method. **Action: Clerk to provide comment form to Chairman for circulation.**

The Chairman also reminded Councillors that any purchases must be recorded as approved by the PC in the minutes before they could be made unless there were exceptional circumstances and a previous commitment to the aims of the purchase.

The Chairman noted that she had booked to attend a meeting hosted by the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire but that this had been cancelled. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington announced that he had arranged for a meeting of this type on 26th October in Stow at 7 pm. with the new Commissioner and is hoping that the new chief constable and others would also be able to attend

The Chairman would also be attending a CDC event on 20th October in Moreton and had submitted questions about the lengthy approval periods for planning applications and the apparent refusal to conduct site visits.

The Clerk's report was noted, and the Clerk outlined noticeboard prices, which ranged widely according to criteria such as materials, size, fixings and colour. **Action: Clerk to add to November's agenda for councillors to decide criteria.**

7) Planning applications

To comment on:

[21/03260/FUL](#) Ben Pauling race yard, Naunton Golf Course. Changes to the foul drainage system proposed in permitted application [21/01066/FUL](#). Deadline 30th September 2021. Members of the public outlined their objections to this new revision to the original planning application. They included:

- * The applicant should have submitted a pre-application to Thames Water. Development has already started and resolving this issue will affect the schedule.
- * Thames Water should have been aware of the problems of connecting to the foul sewer from the beginning of the planning process. A previous incident resulted in some residents being without mains drainage for 10 weeks.
- * A packaged sewage plant is now proposed, which allows treated effluent to flow into a drainage field, which has not been assessed and which may cause raised phosphorus pollution in the river.
- * The capacity of the plant has been established using measures of consumer effluent, without the significantly larger trade effluent being included. The floor drains from the barns have been removed from the plans but the horses will still be producing output.
- * The proposed sewage plant is not capable of treating the pharmaceuticals given to the horses. The effects of these chemicals on the river are unknown.
- * The Environment Agency should be a statutory consultee but no input from the Agency has yet been seen.
- * GCC as Lead Local Flood Authority has not responded adequately to the proposal.
- * The golf course has been altered and does not meet the design guidance provided by GCC, especially regarding the proximity of golf courses to people and animals, including horses. The new 18th hole has also been constructed with a large mound, contrary to GCC guidelines and AONB definitions of the Cotswold landscape.

Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington noted that he put the concerned members of the public in touch with the GCC cabinet member (David Grey) responsible for the Council's role as Lead Local Flood Authority.

Cllr Chance suggested that an extension to the comment period for this application was needed so that councillors could study the draft public objection further and to enable a comprehensive consultation and investigations by the Department of the Environment, GCC and other relevant parties. **Action: Clerk to request extension for the above reasons.**

[21/03216/FUL](#) Brockhill Farm. Demolition of existing dwelling and equestrian buildings and erection of a replacement dwelling and ancillary buildings, with associated landscaping and access alterations. Councillors noted issues with demolishing and relocating residential buildings in previous applications in the Parish. **Action: Councillors to provide comments before the deadline of 21 October.**

[21/02576/FUL](#) Indoor manege at Brockhill Quarry and revisions to American Barn. **Action: Clerk to resubmit comment form.**

Decisions on the following applications are still outstanding:

[21/02507/FUL](#) Application for proposed alterations and additions to openings, replacement of existing flue, fireplace and rainwater goods, and replacement of a fence with a stone wall at Aylworth Barn, Naunton. Expiry 29th July 2021. Further changes provided 15 September. Awaiting decision.

[21/01699/FUL](#) Formation of new gallops, Naunton Downs Golf Club. Further objections lodged. Awaiting decision.

[21/02158/FUL](#) and [21/02159/LBC](#) Erection of single storey rear extension. 1 Ash Tree Cottage Grange Hill Naunton Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 3AT. NPC objection posted. Awaiting decision.

[21/01735/FUL](#) Springfield, Naunton. Demolition of existing garage, erection of replacement building to act as holiday let in substitution of new garage approved in planning application reference 13/05291/FUL. Awaiting decision.

[20/03927/FUL](#) and [20/03928/LBC](#). Conversion of Longford Barn and ancillary buildings to a single dwelling. Further documents added in April. License granted to remove bats and destroy breeding and resting places. Deadline was 5 May. Conservation officer report added. Recommends permission provided Owl Barn restoration carried out correctly. Awaiting decision.

8) Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association. Councillors decided to renew memberships.

Action: Clerk to send fees to GPFA.

9) Assets and risk assessment.

(a)

Recreation field. Cllr Bell stated that new signs had been needed urgently to direct cars parking in the recreation field for a wedding as the old boards were inadequate. Councillors agreed to fund the purchase of the new signage. **Action: Clerk to send cheque for expenses to Cllr Bell.**

Play area. Cllr Hanks was unable to attend to report on progress on the new equipment.

Action: Clerk to include in the agenda for the next meeting.

Flood monitoring. Cllr Russell informed that meeting that river clearance was scheduled for 23 October and that river biodiversity sampling had taken place on Sunday.

Village Hall. Cllr Chance informed the meeting that the VH committee had not yet held its AGM.

(b) Photographic asset register. Councillors decided to adopt the new photographic register, with the addition of the new signs for the recreation ground. **Action: Cllr Bell to provide photographs of the new signage.**

10) Finances.

(a) Internal Checks. Cllr Pickup confirmed that he had carried out the internal checks and that no anomalies had been found. Cllr Pickup then signed the internal checks form.

(b) Current account and reconciliation. Cllrs noted the current financial records. The Chairman then signed the reconciliation.

(c) Cllrs noted the income for recreation field rental and for the playground project.

(d) The following cheques were approved and signed:

The following payments to be approved				
810	JRB Enterprises	Dog waste bags	LGA 1972 s.111	132.90
811	D Hindley	Strim steps to play area, prune the surround, slip road to rec ground, inc triangle to handpump, Indian Trail	HA 1980 s.96	112.50
812	GPFA	Annual membership	LGA 1972 s.143	50.00
813	M Freeman	HM Registry documents to identify owner of riparian land	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	6.00
814	M Freeman	Clerk's salary July, August, September @ £194.81 p m	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)	584.43
815	Community First	21 – 22 Insurance premium	LGA 1972 s.111	197.15
816	Peter Bell	Expenses – Stakes and signs for use at the Recreation Ground.	LGA 1972 s.111	251.86

Cllrs also signed the amendment to the standing order in favour of PATA, for a quarterly payment of £23.85, as approved at the July meeting, item 12.

11) Any other business.

The Chairman informed Councillors that Naunton PC had received a copy of a complaint from residents of the Summerhill area to GCC regarding its handling of the planning application for an extension of Naunton Quarry. The authors had approached Naunton residents asking them to endorse the complaint.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th November at 7 p.m. in the village hall.

Signed..... 15th November 2021
Chairman