

CROMHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – September 2015

Councillors met on Wednesday 9th September 2015 with the following present:-

Mr T Johnson, Mr R Hobbs, Mr K White, Mr M Line, Mrs A Gent

Also present:- Clerk, Ward Member John O'Neill and 6 Members Public

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	<p>APOLOGIES: These were received and accepted from Mr D White.</p>	
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in any items on agenda: None</p>	
3	<p>ADOPTION of the MINUTES: of meeting on 15th July 2015. It was proposed by Mr M Line and seconded by Mr K White and agreed that the minutes of meeting held 15th July 2015 be signed as a true record.</p>	
4	<p>TO CO-OPT MR S ASTON TO COUNCIL – AND RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Steve Aston to the council and clerk witnessed the signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>	
5	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Sadly – at the last minute rep from S Glos Council and BT had to cancel their attendance at meeting....where they were to talk about the Super-Fast Broadband Project, however, it was agreed to have discussion regarding what the situation was currently like and Clerk and Ward Member John O'Neill were assured that they would be in attendance in October.</p> <p>Broadband Issues :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident from Abbotside part of the village was present and stated that broadband speeds up there are generally 0.4mb and tonight – there is no broadband at all. They get exasperated with continually calling BT and nothing being done. Their business – Farming – is generally all done online these days and this situation is making life hard. They don't see why one should be penalised for choosing to live in rural communities....particularly when some countries abroad are so much better served, and they were disappointed that there was no representation at meeting this evening. • Ward member explained that it was due to illness, and couldn't be help. The team at SGC is down to 2 staff members now - and the other member really didn't have the experience to cover. Both Ward Member and Clerk had asked if BT could still attend – but Martyn Lloyd didn't feel he could as he knew that he wouldn't be able to answer a lot of the questions without Rhiannon. • Other comments made were that residents / members of public felt left in the dark – that there was so much uncertainty and lack of visibility of plans.... • They feel that the BDUK project was meant to bring broadband to the rural communities and at the moment – due to 'Value for Money' this hasn't happened as they have looked to see where they can get the greatest benefit. • The question was asked as to what Cromhall's chances were of being part of Phase 2 – when was this likely to be announced?? 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is hoped that when RW and BT attend in October – they may have more answers. Residents wanted to know what the definition of Phase 2 was – what did this mean for them?? Will all houses in area actually get a minimum of 2mb?? The discussion then went on to what should the villages back up plan be if Phase 2 either didn't come to fruition or didn't work??? The suggestion of joining forces with other parishes wasn't very favourable, suggestion of grants via HMRC wasn't going to work as that was for businesses and not residential. Ward Member said Parish just needs to continue making a strong business case – focusing on Education / Children / local business needs, etc....and keep pushing. <p>Other Issues brought to the attention of Parish Council following broadband discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Bus Shelters up at Leyhill.....(comment from PC was that they didn't think they were their responsibility as when inventory had been carried out few years ago – they weren't on PC's asset register)...Ward Member will speak to Integrated Transport at SGC. Query on replacement tree for Children's Play Area (clerk confirmed that a few meetings ago it had been agreed to replace with a silver birch – PC to pay). Whilst on play area – issue with the sliding bolt on gate – residents don't feel safe – Clerk to look into. Had there been any comeback on who owned wall by allotment gardens at back of G Cornocks Cottage??? (clerk to chase estate – as felt it was their responsibility). Damage to drain covers x 2 – one by bungalows that Merlin look after and one by Perry's house was reported. Issues with smells from the sewer by Green Line tanks were also mentioned. Query about who was responsible for the Church Yard – Mr Hobbs stated that this was PCC. Query about state of roads and potholes.....first point of contact is streetcare and all potholes are reported. It was noted that issue of Dogs on Bennetts land seemed a lot better – but it was still felt that an article in 5 Alive in next few months wouldn't go a miss – reminding people to keep dogs on leads and to keep to the footpath and always shut gates. Final item that was discussed – that Clerk / Ward Member were going to mention during Matters Arising – was the footpath from Drews Orchard to Chapel.....John O'Neill had received costings for this – and Parish Council were aghast at how much such a small stretch of footpath would cost - £78k. This is for all the work – all inbut even so it was felt that the job was over priced. Discussion went to fact that developers should have been asked to contribute – but obviously that is too late now. There is no funding left in NHB (New Homes Bonus). The item will be on the agenda at the area forum in March....but it will be a low priority.... <p><i>As there were no other items public participation was closed....</i></p>	<p><i>Clerk to ensure SGC have these minutes before Oct meeting.</i></p> <p><i>JoN</i></p> <p><i>TJ</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p>
6	<p>MATTERS ARISING: (not covered elsewhere on agenda) None</p>	
7	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The following applications were considered: <u>PT15/3365/E</u> Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation with integral garage. 3 Meadow Road Leyhill Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8HW. <i>After due consideration – councillors had no comments / issues with the application.</i></p>	
8	<p>PLANNING DECISIONS TO NOTE: The following decisions were noted:</p>	

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	<p>PT15/2720/F Erection of two storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. 5 Heath End Cottages Cromhall Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8AS. APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS</p> <p>PT15/0339/F Erection of two storey rear and single storey rear and side elevation to form additional living accommodations, and minor extension to residential curtilage. 14 And 16 Park Road Leyhill South Gloucestershire GL12 8HP. APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS</p> <p>PT15/2969/PNGR Prior notification of a change of use from agricultural building to 1 no. residential dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). Barn At Heath End House Farm Heath End Farm Cromhall South Gloucestershire GL12 8AS. APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS</p>	
9	<p>PLANNING OTHER MATTERS: Planning enforcement have been informed about development at the front of Walnut Tree House. It missed agenda for this month – but Royal Oak have put in re-consultation regarding their planning application for development of barn. If SGC can't extend time for comment – Clerk will inform councillors and will take from there. There was also an issue with resident on land (common land) outside Royal Oak....but this is being dealt with.</p>	<i>Clerk / All</i>
10	<p>TO SIGN NEW LEASE FOR SCHOOL FIELD: The new lease was previously agreed in July – but the Clerk has since received the proper copies that need signing and witnessing.....this to be sorted out at end of meeting in presence of Clerk. (It was proposed by Mrs A Gent and seconded by Mr M Line and approved that the new lease be signed)....extract from July's Minutes.</p>	
11	<p>TO RECEIVE A PARISH PLAN UPDATE / DISCUSS NEXT STAGES: Nothing else to report at this time, Clerk has a meeting set up with Dick Whittington in 6 days time and will be able to report more next month.</p>	<i>Clerk / DW</i>
12	<p>TO NOTE ISSUES OF SPEED THROUGH THE VILLAGE: Following last Parish Council meeting – this issue was also addressed at SSCG meeting at the end of July. Rob Wiltsher from SGC has come back saying that if the Parish want to fund new gate style entrances to the village – they can do this – so long as it doesn't impact on vehicle or pedestrian safety. As such Clerk is to try and get some quotes as to how much this would cost and where they would be sited....They are also going to look into speed reduction between Hammerly Junction and the village – so that it is 40 – 30 and not 50 – 30. The police speed detection van has found a new spot and is going to be out and about more often than previously.</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
13	<p>TO NOTE CONSULTATIONS FROM SGC: Clerk has received notification from Dean Shepphard at S Glos regarding closure of Farleigh Lane due to gas works. (This is the new gas pipeline that is going to be installed at the quarry). Query on where exactly it is coming from and other road closures that could affect the village. Clerk to try and find out. It has missed this month's agenda – but in October – there is a S Glos Consultation on future of Special Expenses. Clerk to ensure information forwarded on to councillors accordingly.</p>	<i>Clerk / RH</i> <i>Clerk / All</i>

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14	<p>TO DISCUSS WAY FORWARD RE WEBSITE, ETC. Clerk is meeting with Jaggards on 23rd September – and will know more after that – there is also chance for some monies / grant from ALCA to help small councils that are having to use website more due to new transparency code. Clerk will complete application form accordingly</p>	
15	<p>ACCOUNTS: At end of August 2015 – current balance = £17.5K approx. Prior to going through the accounts the Clerk noted completion of the Annual Return. Grant Thornton had no extra comments to make – all procedures were in place and being carried out as they should be.</p>	
16	<p>Clerks Salary – July / August 2015 – 40 hours / month @ SCP 21, expenses – mileage – 50 miles plus postage Payment of £772.60</p>	
17	CRK Garden Manicures £257 + VAT Payment x 2 for July and August	
18	KLH Repairs to the Play Area – payment of £715	
19	S Glos Council – Uncontested Election Fee £175	
20	S Glos Council – Grounds Maintenance / Dog Bin Emptying £509.86	
21	Grant Thornton – Audit Fee £120	
22	Grass Cutting of Field at School - £557.64	
23	Grant for Out of School Club - £500	
24	Invoice for use of Village Hall - £323	
25	Invoice for Field Rent - £175	
26	Grant for S G CAB - £100	
	<p>All of the above payments were proposed by Mr R Hobbs and seconded by Mrs A Gent and approved for payment.</p>	
27	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were noted:- Most correspondence of note has been covered off during main meeting.....(Farleigh Lane Closure, Small Councils Transparency Info, etc).</p>	
28	<p>REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Councillor O'Neill – been fairly quiet over the summer break – but just to remind people / councillors of the CYP meeting on 23/9 where the school busses will be discussed. Mrs A Gent confirmed that she would be attending. • Village Hall Meeting – nothing to report. • Other Meetings – there haven't really been many meetings over the summer other than Safer Stronger Meeting (that has already been mentioned as the main item on agenda for Cromhall was Speed through the Village). No date for next SSCG meeting – but to note that in future all SSCG meetings will be held in Cromhall Chapel and the group is merging with Ladden Brook group. Quarry Liaison in July was postponed until end of September (30/9 10am at Quarry) and next Town and Parish Council Forum is 8/10. ALCA AGM is 3/10. 	<p><i>AG</i></p> <p><i>Clerk / RH</i></p>
29	<p>TOWNWELL PLAY AREA: All okay –except grass does need to be cut and there is some concern over the gate and fact that it isn't shutting quickly enough – and is too easy for little children to open. Clerk confirmed that they will be planting a new tree in Autumn (Silver Birch). This will be funded by PC but if local people want to help with planting they are very welcome.</p>	<p><i>Clerk / TJ</i></p>
30	<p>MINOR ITEMS: The planting at Hawkers Knapp was discussed and it was confirmed that Tim Johnson would look into best place to get tree's / whips, etc.</p>	<p><i>TJ</i></p>

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As there was no further business meeting was closed at **2145hrs.**

The next Full Parish Council Meeting will be on 14th October 2015 – 7:30pm in Village Hall.

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