



CROMHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Cllrs David White (DW), Paul Daly (PD), Mark Daniel (MD), Daren Jeffrey (DJ) and Mike Line (ML) chair.

In attendance: D Dunning (Clerk) and Ward Cllr O'Neill

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

09/2020. No 1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Steve Aston

09/2020. No 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

In any items on agenda

Cllrs Jeffery and Daniel declared non-pecuniary interests in 09/2020 5a as they live in the vicinity.

09/2020. No. 3. ADOPTION of the MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting on 12th August 2020 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the chair.

09/2020. No. 4. To RECEIVE Report from Ward Councillor

Noted concerns over increasing HGV traffic. Chris Studley at South Gloucestershire Council has not been replaced but Ward Cllr O'Neill has contacted Rob Wiltsher as several road-calming projects remain outstanding:

Speed reduction at Charfield end of village.

Village gates

Tortworth Road VAS

Calming around Drews Orchard.

Lots of uncertainty around the potential/speculative Charfield and Tortworth Estate/Buckover developments. Problems with infrastructure. Highways England not funding original J14 scheme, lack of primary school places in Charfield, poor senior provision with Katherine Lady Berkley near capacity and impracticalities of attending Marlwood or Castle at Thornbury. Since the rejection of JSP, there has been no acknowledgement of these problems or acceptance that the JSP identified 'land' not 'need'; – housing need at Charfield was not identified by the Inspector. The Charfield area, possibly due to concerns over 5-year land supply remains blighted by speculative proposals.

Charfield has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan for consultation with a referendum in May 2021 at the earliest.

09/2020. No. 5. PLANNING

7.45pm A member of the public joined the meeting

09/2020 5a. P20/15536/F Barns at Bibstone Farmhouse Tortworth GL12 8Ae

External alterations to facilitate the change of use of 3 No agricultural buildings to 4 No dwellings (class 3) and 1 no commercial storage unit (class B8) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use classes) order 1987 (as amended) with associated works.

Resolved to object to this application.



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The council accepts the principle of repurposing agricultural buildings as per PSP 40 but believes this proposal changing agricultural buildings to a residential, small housing estate constitutes a substantial change that could have a longer term adverse impact on the agricultural environment and the potential to cause a harmful effect on the character of the countryside.

The properties are not addressing the local needs of an aging population or the lack of affordable starter homes for young people, instead this development appears to be providing an exclusive 'private' development which does nothing to contribute to the long term sustainability of the community.

Core Strategy Policy CS1(1) PSP1 Local Distinctiveness paragraphs 3.2 and 3.4. The property designs, both approved and in this application simply reflect the current 'off the shelf' architectural trends rather than a true response to the local rural setting.

Public transport is poor or non-existent leaving this development totally reliant on cars which will add additional vehicles to an already congested area of roads causing damage to the environment and doing nothing to SGCs declared climate emergency and commitment to climate change mitigation.

The council has concerns over the poor access onto a busy road that is already blighted by speeding traffic. There is also likely to be conflict between a working farm with agricultural traffic and noise and the impact on residential amenity.

Although not a material consideration, these additional properties will add pressure to the already overloaded drainage infrastructure with regular sewage contamination at Cromhall Lane when it rains, a problem Wessex water is well aware of but over 5 years has not been able to resolve.

No. 6 ITEMS FOR ACTION

09/2020 6a To receive quotation for specialist for repairing the driveway across the village green at Bibstone and agree any actions.

Agreed only discreet edging required. Council requested further quotation for comparison.

09/2020 6b. To agree the programme of works for trees on parish council land.

Agreed Cllrs Jeffery, White and Aston to undertake a review as some work can be done in-house.

09/2020 6c. To agree programme of works for play area.

Programme of work noted. Cllrs Line and Aston to present updated works spreadsheet each monthly as repairs completed.

09/2020 6d To consider approving memorial bench in the school playing fields and agree any actions.

Deferred to next month to obtain more information

09/2020. No 7 ITEMS TO NOTE

09/2020 7a To note South Gloucestershire Council's public consultation on new Drug Strategy 2020 – 2025

Noted



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09/2020 7b To note NALC request for responses to three consultations on reform of the planning system and agree any actions

Agreed Cllr Jeffery to review planning for the future.

09/2020 To note agreed pay rates for 2020/21.

Noted

09/2020 8. REPORTS

09/2020 8a To receive and note report from the Clerk.

- Submitted planning application 08/2020 item 5a.
- Submitted LCAS application which has been acknowledged
- Written to St Andrews school re playing fields 08/2020 6di
- Written to SGC on gates project without a response.
- Written to Tortworth regarding fencing on their land, no response to date.
- Article for 5Alive required – Cllr Line to action

09/2020 8b. To receive any other reports including playgrounds.

Cllr Jeffery reported on Planning Enforcement training.

09/2020 8c. To approve payments for September and receive monthly accounts and bank reconciliation.

Table 1 Reconciliations for August 2020

Balance in bank at 01/08/20								£47,030.33	
				IN	OUT	TOTAL			
			expenditure this month		£842.97	£842.97			
			prev month expenditure		£0.00	£0.00			
			Income	£0.00		£0.00			
				£0.00	£842.97	£842.97			
Balance as at 31/08/2020								£46,187.36	
Uncleared cheques			1547		£60.00				
			1567		£453.65				
			1568		£32.60				
			1569		£72.00				
			1570		£445.48				
					£1,063.73		Actual	£45,123.63	

Print screen August 2020 bank statement

NatWest		Current Account			
Date	Details	Withdrawn	Paid in	Balance	
31 Jul 2020	BROUGHT FORWARD			47,030.33	
3 Aug	Cheque 001566	256.52 ✓		46,773.81	
5 Aug	Cheque 001563	501.45 ✓		46,272.36	
	Cheque 001565	50.00 ✓		46,222.36	
20 Aug	Direct Debit ICO ZA015479	35.00 ✓		46,187.36	



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Print screen accounts August 2020

1	CROMHALL PARISH COUNCIL		
2	ACCOUNTS 2020-21		
3	PPC Budget Income Account		August
4	2020/2021	Budget	Actual
	RECONCILIATIONS		Bank as at end of August 2020
89			
90		bbf	£47,030.33
91		cleared cheques 19/20	
92		cleared chqs	£842.97
93		sub total	46187.36
94		income	£0.00
95		sub total	46187.36
96		uncleared chq	£1,003.73
97		total	£45,183.63
98		not yet presented from 19/20	£60.00
99		Actual	£45,123.63
100			

Resolved to confirm reconciliation noted and accepted.

Table 2 Cheques for signing September 2020

Cheques for signing September 2020									
			Net	Travel	Expenses	VAT	Total	£45,123.63	
Daphne Dunning		Salary Sept 20, backpay & expenses	£529.33	£11.93	£6.75	£0.00	£548.01		LGA 1972 s112(2)
HMRC		Tax Sept 20	£13.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13.60		LGA 1972 s112(2)
South Gloucestershire Council	3804458946	grass cutting contract August	£213.77	£0.00	£0.00	£42.75	£256.52		Open Space Act 1906 s9&10
SLCC	132369	National conference virtual	£25.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£30.00		LGA 1972 s111
SLCC	132765	Accessible Excel documents	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6.00	£36.00		LGA 1972 s111
Tortworth Estate	SI19411	Playing fields lease	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00		Open Space Act 1906 s9&10

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		£1,011.70	£11.93	£6.75	£53.75	£1,084.13	£1,084.13
	TOTAL					Actual	£44,039.50

Resolved to approve all payments. Cheques will be signed by Cllrs Aston and White.

09/2020. No 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bulb planting
Poors Allotment
Allotments
Litter picking

The Council meeting closed at 20:19hrs.
Date of next virtual meeting: 14th October 2020

CHAIRMAN:-

14th October 2020

APPROVED MINUTES SIGNED COPY HELD BY CLERK