

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council meeting
Held on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 8.00pm in Woolaston Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors; Mick Fairless, Mary Greenslade, David Harris, Andy Lord Terina Riches, Martin Rose

In Attendance: Ashley Rees (Clerk)
1 member of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

There were none.

2. To receive Councillors declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Public open forum

There were no comments.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2020

These were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

5. To consider any other matters arising from the minutes other than on the agenda

There were none.

6. To consider the following matters:

6.1 Policing Issues

The meeting was informed that Lydney Police station was due to be re-opened.

6.2 Highways and Footpaths Issues – Actions of reported/new defects

It was reported that patching works had taken place across the Parish but that the road outside Keynsham Farm was still in a bad state of repair. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

6.3 Maintenance

An e-mail had been received from the contractor carrying out the work to the community orchard stating that the works had been completed. The contractor had offered to trim around the trees, it was decided to accept this offer.

6.4 Churchyard and Cemetery

It was reported that the tree works due to be carried out at the cemetery had been postponed until the ground was drier. However, one of the more dangerous boughs would be removed before it came into leaf.

6.5 Finance

a) Account balance

This was accepted without question.

b) To approve the following payments:

- i. Mick Fairless – paper - £13.66
- ii. GAPTC – Annual subscription - £347.27
- iii. Stephen Hamblyn – litter picking - £130.00
- iv. Stephen Hamblyn – works to community orchard - £670.00

The above payments were all approved for payment.

c) To note that the following payments have been made since the previous meeting

- i. A Rees – Clerk salary - £493.68
- ii. Wyevale Nurseries – plants for hedging - £231.55

7. Other matters

7.1 To progress with filling the current Councillor vacancy

This is still ongoing and the position will be re advertised.

7.2 To receive an updated report on tree planting within the Parish

This was presented to the meeting. It was agreed to plant 4 native British trees beyond the skatepark, with the remainder being planted in the Common Wood. The costings were agreed in principle with further decisions being made once advice on the type of tree had been received from Forest Enterprise.

8. To receive correspondence

There was none.

9. To consider any other matters as deemed by the Chairman as urgent

- It was reported that the Clerk had been in contact with GAPTC to see if there was any further advice concerning the Covid-19 outbreak. No specific advice had been given and the Clerk would keep the Council updated on any advice as it was received.
- M Rose was thanked for putting up the swift boxes on the school.

10. Date of the next meeting

Thursday 9th April 2020 in the Memorial Hall

Signed: _____

Date: _____