



St Giles on the Heath with Northcott Hamlet
Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr K Hamlyn (Chairman), Cllr E Williams, Cllr G Thorne, Cllr R Nicholson, Cllr E Hunt, Cllr A Curtis, Cllr S Paulger

In attendance: Clerk Kayleigh Walker, District Cllr P Hackett, Members of the public: 0

1 PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 None.

2 RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr S Trusler, Cllr R Atkinson, Cllr H Lewitt, Cllr A Nicholson - apologies accepted.

2.2 The Chairman requested all declarations of interests to be raised at the appropriate agenda item.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held September 12th, 2023 were previously circulated, proposed by Cllr G Thorne, seconded by Cllr R Nicholson, and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman signed a copy.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Cllrs discussed The Woodland Trust free tree's campaign. The Landowner of the playing field had expressed concerns over planting them in the playing field as it may be sold in time. Cllrs agreed not to place an order at this time but to wait and discuss it again if/when the new housing development is completed.

4.2 The Clerk confirmed that enforcement officer Grant McGill had advised that the Tipple Cross case was on his list to investigate. The Clerk advised that enforcement officer Helen Mason has accepted an invitation to attend the next Parish Council meeting to give an overview of enforcement procedure.

5. REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

5.1 Cllrs discussed the repairs that had taken place in the play area. Further repairs had been undertaken since addressing it with the contractor and the Clerk and Chairman had inspected the site. Cllr Curtis proposed that council pay the contractors invoices and that in future council meet any contractor to fully discuss the work required prior to a quote being provided. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Paulger and agreed by all members. The Clerk will write to the contractor to advise that council's procedure was inadequate, to confirm that payment has been authorised and to also to state that Council expect the caps to be put in place and the advertising sign to be removed asap.

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Councillors discussed the three quotes received for the playground’s annual inspection. Cllr Thorne proposed proceeding with Eco Playground, Cllr R Nicholson seconded the motion and all Cllrs agreed. Councillors discussed the three quotes received for a replacement sign; Cllrs agreed to hold off until the annual inspection had taken place in case further changes were required.

5.2 Councillors discussed the three quotes received for the tree surveys and Cllr Paulger proposed proceeding with Langleaves. Cllr Williams seconded the motion and all Cllrs agreed.

5.3 Cllrs discussed the quote for replacement of the damaged glass panel in the telephone box. The Clerk was unable to obtain any further quotes. The Chairman advised that two Parishioners may volunteer to replace it with Perspex. All members agreed this would be financially better. The Chairman will discuss this with the Parishioners.

5.4 The Clerk confirmed that the Councillors training course by DALC will be held on Wednesday 18th October at 6:30pm in the Coronation Hall. The Chairman agreed to open the hall at 6pm to allow the trainer to set up. Cllr Paulger agreed to arrange refreshments. The Clerk was asked to request three hard copies of the guide.

5.5 The Clerk had previously shared the response from Devon County Council regarding street light timings and Cllrs agreed no further action was required.

5.6 The Clerk read public correspondence in relation to Tipple Cross. District Councillor Philip Hackett asked for any correspondence relating to the case to be sent to him to enable him to follow it up.

5.7 The Clerk read a letter from a Parishioner raising concerns about the potential loss of the mobile library service which is vital to some of the community. District Councillor advised the library was a County Council matter. The Clerk will write to DCC in support of keeping the service running.

5.8 The Clerk had discussed the potential of a grit bin being placed at Lower Sladesmoor Crescent with the County Councillor who was happy to support this. The County Councillor said he will consider funding the cost and report back to the Clerk in due course.

5.9 District Councillor Philip Hackett raised the idea of the Snow Worden Scheme where it is possible to order large volumes of grit for community use. The Clerk will obtain details of the scheme and report back at the next meeting.

5.10 The Clerk will obtain a new HSBC mandate form to add additional signatories following the resignation of Lorraine Pugh.

5.11 It was reported that the VAS by the Primary School was not working, the Clerk will investigate this.

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6. PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT

6.1 Discussed under 4.2 above.

7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

7.1 Community speed watch – no updates.

7.2 Chapmans Well defib – The Clerk obtained a quote for a solar panelled defib however Cllrs agreed the cost of £3285 was not feasible. The Clerk will write to all residents in Chapmans Well to see if they could suggest a place to site a defib with an electricity supply.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 TDC are requesting information about rough sleepers in the District. Cllrs are not aware of any rough sleepers in the Parish. The Clerk will report this back to TDC.

8.2 Cllr Paulger commented that the grass on the hedge/path side of Sladesmoor Crescent looks very untidy. The Chairman advised it was responsibility of the housing association and the Parish Council did not include it in their grass cutting contract due to finances.

9. FINANCES

9.1 Authorisations of expenses:

-Postage £6.35

- Richard Mitchell £780.00 playground repairs as per inspection report and £35.00 repairs and paint of bench

- Coronation Hall £24.00 hall hire September/October 2023

- Julian Sanders £480 grass cutting invoice 6

Cllrs agreed to pay all expenses. Proposed by Cllr Paulger seconded by Cllr Hunt, agreed by all.

9.2 Current account as of 17th September 2023 - £8229.59

9.3 Monthly budget sheet and half yearly report – circulated for Cllrs information only

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10.1 Tuesday 14th November 2023 7.30pm

11. CLOSE

11.1 Meeting closed at 20:43.