

## STINCHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

#### **Present**

Mr S. Packer (Chair)  
Mrs M Shaw (Parish Councillor,  
Mr I. Kirkham (Parish Councillor)  
Mrs D. Davidson (Parish Councillor)  
Ms K. Hudson (Vice Chair)  
Mrs N. Bradley (Clerk)

#### **In Attendance**

Mr K. Tucker (District Councillor) }  
Mr G. James (District Councillor) } until  
Ms C. Braun (District Councillor) } 8.50  
Ms L. Cohen (County Councillor) }  
Mr S. Lane }  
Mrs T. Legg }  
Mr P. Chamberlain }  
Mr R. Watson-Greaves } Playground }  
Mrs N. Heming } Group } until 8.05  
Mr J. Pinch } }  
Mr N. Forsyth } until 9.00

Mr Packer opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

#### **1) Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

Mr Kirkham apologised for his comments at the last meeting with regard to the fatal accident on Tait's Hill which Mr Watson-Greaves found offensive. The apology was accepted. (212/22)

#### **2) DPI Declarations and Dispensations**

There were no declarations.

#### **3) Approval of Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting was proposed by Mr Kirkham, seconded by Ms Hudson and carried unanimously. They were duly signed. (213/22)

#### **4) Matters Arising From the Minutes**

All matters arising are dealt with later in these minutes

#### **5) Reports by County and District Councillors**

Cllr Cohen's report is attached. (214/22)

The District Councillors' report is also attached. (215/22)

#### **6) Planning Matters**

New Since Last Meeting

- S.22/2471/HHOLD, Pentire, Wick Lane, erection of extensions and detached garage

converted into annex & home office (216/22)

- S.22/2349/T5DAY, The Old School House, removal of dead Persian Iron Wood (217/22)

Decided Since Last Meeting

- S.22/2150/DISCON , Tumbling Fields, Discharge of condition 5 (landscaping scheme) from application S.21/2037/HHOLD. Permission. (218/22)
- S.22/2132/DISCON , Tumbling Fields, Discharge of condition 5 (landscaping scheme) from application S.22/1365/HHOLD. Permission. (219/22)
- S.22/1730/FUL, land At Wick Lane, erection of an Agricultural Building for the storage of machinery and fodder. Permission. (220/22)
- S.22/027/APPREF, S.21/2337/FUL, land At Southend Farm Wick Lane, Demolition of three agricultural buildings. Conversion of agricultural barn to 5-bedroom dwelling house, garage and boundary wall. Refusal. (221/22)

Still Undecided

- S.22/2217/HHOLD, proposed replacement and resetting of roof tiles, repair of structure, addition of insulation at roof level, chimney stack revision, refurbishment of existing dormer windows. addition of front dormer window and addition of internal stud wall at loft level (222/22)
- S.22/2218/LBC, Lamport Court, as above (223/22)
- S.22/1462/FUL , land At A38, Bristol Road, Berkeley, construction of straw barn (224/22)
- S.22/0817/AGR, Land At Stinchcombe, erection of agricultural building. Prior Approval or EIA required (225/22)

Cllr Tucker approached the enforcement team with regard to the building work at Overdale House and an officer visited the site. The fence is as the drawings but one summerhouse window is not and will be the subject of a minor amendment. Further assessment was impossible because of scaffolding but it was noted that his has since been removed and Cllr Tucker will request a return visit. [Action Cllr Tucker](#) (226/22)

A query was sent to the Planning department regarding the possible need for planning permission for the groundworks at the rear of Townsend Farm. This has been referred to the enforcement team who will triage and report back.(227/22)

## **7) Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Mr Davidson attended the cycling and walking event and obtained a notice about dogs which would be suitable for use on the footpaths. Cllr Cohen will try to find out if these are available free. [Action Cllr Cohen](#) (228/22)

The boulder on the bridle way has been moved so the path is no longer blocked but it is still very prominent. and a resident has sustained a serious knee injury when tripping over it in the dark. Mrs Shaw will report the incident to PROW. [Action Mrs Shaw.](#) (229/22)

## **8) Highways**

The Speedwatch Group's AGM was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November and focused mainly on the VAS which will need to be moved every two weeks. How to make best use of the data gathered is also a priority. Traffic monitoring at two sites on Tits Hill has been delayed because of continuing road works but could provide useful data for a reduction in the speed limit. [Action Ms Hudson.](#)(230/22)

Cossmann construction has been appointed to install the VAS and Village Gateways with work due to start in mid-January. Ms Hudson will liaise with the Clerk to place the necessary orders. [Action Ms Hudson and Clerk.](#)(231/22)

At a meeting about the recent fatal accident on Tait's Hill, the view taken by Highways was that there is currently no action to be taken, though this may change when the Police report is completed. Cllr Cohen will liaise with the victims' parents and school regarding removal of bouquets left at the scene.  
[Action Cllr Cohen](#) (232/22)

## **9) Facilities**

The notice board has been installed and the council is very grateful to Mr Lawfull for his help. (233/22)

The bench at Old Hill Lane has been repaired and refurbished. (234/22)

Cllr Tucker has been in touch with the Community Services Team and a new litter bin has been installed near the bus stop to replace the inadequate one at Renishaw Drive. The old post will be removed as soon as possible. The new bin is already being well used and the Council is very grateful to Cllr Tucker for his help. (235/22)

Repairs to the posts supporting the swings are ongoing. A donation of £100 towards repair costs has been received from the Matthew Tyndale Educational Foundation for which the Council is grateful, Mrs Shaw will consult her records to find out who worked on the swings previously and Mr Lane will speak to Mr Pinch. [Action Mrs Shaw and Mr Lane.](#)

Mr Packer has re-registered the defibrillator and has replaced the pads, both paediatric and adult. (236/22)

### ***New Playground***

There was considerable discussion about the plans for a new playground for the village.

Mr Packer explained that the Parish Council has an obligation to look after the interests of all residents and to act as stewards for the village and for councillors of the future. The Council has met to discuss the operational, financial and legal responsibilities it is being asked to take on and the potential risks involved. Several points emerged from this:-

1) The Council believes that the current play area by the Village Hall should not be lost. Several items of play equipment have already been lost there and the Council requested a small play area be maintained there with three items including repair or replacement of the existing swings. (237/22)

2) The Council is willing to enter into a lease with the PCC of 20% of the Church Field for siting of a new play area. The Council's responsibility would be limited to that 20% and maintenance of and issues concerning the rest of the field would remain the PCC's responsibility. In order to mitigate any legal risk, the Council would expect full independent legal support. (238/22)

3) In order to mitigate financial costs and the possibility of the playground's not being used as fully as expected, the Council would like construction to be limited initially to a smaller area of four items, uncovered and with a maximum height to be arranged. Once usage has been established, the area could be extended as appropriate. (239/22)

4) The Council would expect an appropriate amount to be placed in reserve to cover possible decommissioning costs. (240/22)

5) The Council would require the project to go to full planning permission. This would be in the

interests of transparency and to ensure that environmental surveys etc are carried out. (241/22)

Members of the Playground Group put forward several arguments against the above points:-

- 1) The Group believes that there is no need to apply for planning permission as the project would be regarded as permitted development. Correspondence from a Planning Officer indicates that this would be the case. Making an application would be a waste of time and money and the Group would only agree to do so on the basis of the original designs. (242/22)
- 2) There has already been considerable discussion about the two sites. Use of the church field would have a positive impact on the church and most people would walk there. (243/22)
- 3) Building in stages would cause major problems as the existing equipment would be out of use for lengthy periods, probably at times when it would have the most use, while further work was carried out. (244/22)
- 4) The lease would be for 5-7 years at a time and the reserve of 10% has been agreed, so decommissioning should not present a problem when necessary. (245/22)
- 5) An ecological report has been carried out. (246/22)

Mrs Heming said that the Group would be willing to go to full planning on the basis of the original plans but would go ahead with the reduced design on the basis of permitted development and would then provide support for the Village Hall site. They require detailed reasons if the Council does not agree. (247/22)

Mr Packer said that he would take this back for further discussion by the Council ahead of another meeting. He also asked for a specification for the lease. (248/22)

## **10) Environment**

There has been further wildflower planting on the Avenue. (249/22)

## **11) Financial Matters**

An increase of 5% in the precept to £5,932.50 was proposed by Mr Packer, seconded by Mrs Shaw and carried unanimously. (250/22)

Discussion of the rest of the budget was carried over to the next meeting.

The Statement of Payments and Receipts was signed by Mr Packer and Ms Hudson. (251/22)

Authorisation for payment of £336.50 for the Clerk's salary was proposed by Mr Packer, seconded by Mrs Davidson and carried unanimously. (252/22)

The proposed change of bank account is ongoing. [Action Clerk](#). (253/22)

The possibility of making a donation to GL11's provision of a warm hub was raised and led to further discussion of setting up a hub in Stinchcombe. The Village Hall Committee was not enthusiastic about doing so in the committee room and the church was also suggested as a possible venue though heating would be likely to be a problem. Mr Lane offered to provide some

information about warm hubs for further discussion. [Action Mr Lane](#).(254/22)

## **12) Councillors' Reports**

Mr Kirkham and Mrs Davidson reported that one of the Queen's Jubilee oaks has been moved to the church field and is in position ready to be planted. A site for the second tree has yet to be decided. (255/22)

## **13) Proposed New Code Of Conduct**

Discussion of SDC's document was carried over to the next meeting.

## **14) Possible Neighbourhood Plan**

This was also carried over to the next meeting.

## **15) Data Protection**

There were no Data Protection issues.

## **15) Items for Website**

Ms Hudson is currently writing an article on Gloucestershire's new road safety policy. [Action Ms Hudson](#).(256/22)

Mr Davidson plans to post an item about footpaths.

Mr Lane offered to post an item about GL11 and what it offers, particularly in relation to the warm hub. [Action Mr Lane](#).(257/22)

## **15) Dates of Next Meeting**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 7.30pm

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.