

Stinchcombe Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Clerk

Date: 31st July 2024

Meeting Commenced: 19:40

Meeting ended: 21:30

Present:

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| Parish Councillors: | Alastair MacFarlane (Chairperson) Tracey Legg (Vice Chairperson) Marian Shaw Ian Kirkham Alison Wall |
| District Councillors: | Gareth Kitchen |
| County Councillor: | |
| Clerk: | Mandy Rossiter |
| Other: | 2 members of public |

Items

1) To receive and accept any apologies for absence

Councillor Braun and Councillor Cohen were unable to attend.

2. To invite and receive any declarations of interest

There were none

3. To receive and approve the minutes from the Council meeting held 10th July 2024

The Parish Council reviewed the minutes and noted some minor amendments. Clerk to update and reissue for approval in September

Matters arising were discussed and the Parish Council proposed delegation of authority for Councillor Macfarlane to represent the PC to support a grant application to the Community Energy Fund distributed to PC Members on 30th July. The CEF bid was discussed, and Councillor Macfarlane explained that the bid made no commitments to any actions, only to take the next step in a process that would begin with an evaluation of the suitability of any projects. On this basis, the PC agreed.

Action – Councillor Macfarlane to investigate options and costs for memberships and criteria for funding bids

Action – Clerk to update minutes as per discussion

4. Meeting for public discussion and questions

A discussion took place on how the agenda and minutes are shared

An update on the swings was provided, noting that work is due to start in mid September

Noted that article on footpath was sent to Stinchcombe residents, but should be shared with a wider audience of visitors from surrounding villages

Action – Clerk to share article on other Social Media sites within the local areas (Dursley, North Nibley, Wotton-Under-Edge)

It was raised that no response had been received on the request to relocate and update sign on The Street outside number 1 following previous discussions with County Councillor.

Action – Clerk to chase Councillor Cohen

5. To review and comment on the following planning applications, enforcement notices and appeals:

a) S.24/1255/FUL | Erection of a straw barn and the creation of a new access track and hardstanding. | Land At Breadstone Breadstone Berkeley Gloucestershire

The Parish Council discussed the application and noted that they were not in a position to make comment and would leave to the expertise of the case officer.

Resolution – No Comment

A conversation took place around correspondence from local resident relating to planning reference S.24/1244/MINAM. Councillor Gareth Kitchen will support by finding out further information on the case

Action – Clerk to forward resident’s emails on the matter to Cllr Kitchen.

Action – Councillor Kitchen to investigate status and decisions and report back to Parish Council

6. To provide feedback to DRFC following their presentation at the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July

Parish Council noted receipt of draft which had been circulated by Councillor Macfarlane. The feedback was agreed.

Action: Clerk to forward to DRFC representatives and cc Chair of DRFC

7. To agree to delegate authority to Clerk to switch Parish Council website and Email addresses to Gov.UK domains

All agreed

Action: Clerk to take appropriate action

8. To discuss improvements to local footpaths and agree actions

Member of the public presented their plans for the improvement of public footpaths in Stinchcombe, the first stage of which is the replacement of eight wooden stiles with gates which provide greater accessibility to users. The Member of the public asked the PC to support the project and agree to write to the landowners, on whose land the gates are located, to seek their agreement. A list of landowners will be developed at a later stage. The PC agreed to send the letter with some edits.