

# **PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **29 January, 7.30pm**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 27 November 2017**

Jason Westmoreland, Flood Risk Management Engineer, Tewkesbury Borough Council was invited to talk about the new outlet to the river.

- The new outfall will evacuate water from the village for 3 days prior to any potential flood
- Residents of Tirley have reportedly noticed an appreciable difference in flood level since their new outlet was completed.
- As soon as the river level goes down, pressure will evacuate water by gravity
- In effect, the new outlet will take the “top slice” of floodwater away at a rate of 8 cubic metres per second the object being to reduce the time water lies on roads
- Subsequently Chaceley Stock will kick in
- Mr Westmoreland confirmed that the outlet is free-flowing and will not get wedged open
- LSIDB will clear the feeder ditch early in the New Year and has agreed to maintain the outlet as part of their maintenance programme.

In response to a question from the public, Mr Westmoreland confirmed that the EA would be in touch early in the New Year regarding new property protection initiatives. The EA will tender any proposed works and they will be undertaken by EA contractors.

**1 Attendance**

Tony Stephenson (chair), Nicholas Mullane, Barbara Mullane, Gerald Kinahan

**2 Apologies**

Cllr Awford

**3 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the last parish council meeting held 25 September 2017 were agreed and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Chaceley Stock** – Jason Westmoreland reported that he had yet to obtain a date from the contractors for the clearance – works were now being delayed by a rise in the river level.

**4.2 Drainage Lawn Bar Road** – Jason Westmoreland reported that he was meeting Mr Griffiths that week to arrange for works to be carried out.

**4.3 Highways** - have repaired the culvert which had collapsed underneath Lawn Bar Road in readiness for Mr Griffiths to clear his ditch. Their arborist is also looking at the willows on Stock Lane one of which came down in the recent gales with a view to pollarding them. The arborist has also been asked to review the trees on Chaceley Hole Road.

**4.3 Property Protection** – nothing heard from EA. BM to follow up.

**4.4 Parking at times of Flood** – The council has contacted various agencies for advice regarding the suggested infilling of part of the gravel pit to create a car park.

- County Council: the proposal would need permission from the Secretary of State against the background that any works to a village green must be considered to be “for the purposes of better enjoyment of the green” - any works not meeting this aim are considered to be a public nuisance. Section 38 (1) prohibits works to village greens where they prevent or impede access and includes the laying of concrete, tarmac etc.
- Highways: have advised that a figure of £2k per space would be a minimum cost “assuming there are no drainage issues”

- The Environment Agency: confirms that the Green is almost entirely in Flood Zone 3 and they are against raising the ground levels within the floodplain. Any planning application to TBC would require a “Flood Risk Assessment” to demonstrate the impact of the development requiring appropriate mitigation measures which could demonstrate that there would be no discernable impact to third parties. Any planning application would deem the works to be contrary to the principles of the National Planning Policy Framework. With regard to construction they advise that appropriate waste licenses would be required under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010. In conclusion they say that the EA would be unlikely to support the infilling of the area and raising ground levels within the floodplain.

The chairman commented that at least 20 residents supported the creation of the green; it received a grant which was used to clear it to create a playground as there were quite a number of children in the village at that time. Not all residents therefore are likely to support the suggestion even were it practicable which clearly it is not.

**4.5 Sandpits Road**– BM to follow up with Cllr Awford

**4.6 Broadband** – Gigaclear has confirmed that Chaceley will be in the first phase of their project in the New Year. Nearer Christmas they will be able to confirm the dates for the schedule.

**4.7 Tesco Bags of help** -BM has done the completion report on the grant

**4.8 Town and Parish Council Meeting TBC:** BM and NM attended the Town and Parish Council meeting on Planning at Tewkesbury Borough Council. It was led by the new head of planning Annette Roberts with presentations by a number of members of the planning team including the new head of enforcement. He outlined that he wished parishes to become a far more active “eyes and ears” facility for the Borough and he confirmed that better information regarding conditions applied to applications would be supplied for parishes for that purpose.

**4.9 Election of Parish Councillor** – more than 10 residents requested an election and it will therefore take place on Thursday 7 December at a cost of £2145.00 to the parish.

**4.9 Flood Warden** – the chairman asked if anyone would be prepared to take over as Flood Warden following Robin’s resignation. Jonathan Hodges volunteered.

**4.10 Community Governance Review:** TBC will write in December setting out the actions to be taken and timescales.

## **5 Matters for Discussion**

Precept: BM had provided councillors with a copy of the 2017-18 budget together with out-turns. A precept of £4.5K was again agreed

## **6 TBC and County Councillors’ reports**

unavailable

## **7 Finance**

7.1 Accounts circulated. Payments since the last meeting – Royal British Legion, £25.00, SARA, £100.00, Phone & Broadband, £336.97. To be paid: S Whitfield, £418.00, grass cutting. Admin - £22.00. Receipts: BM has requested payment from GCC for verge mowing.

## **8 Correspondence**

**8.1** TBC Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements – no change for Hingham with Haw Bridge

**8.2** The parish council wrote in support of the continuing campaign to restore A&E to Cheltenham hospital

**8.3** Joint Core Strategy: The final inspector's report has been received and its conclusions will be considered by the 3 councils - at Tewkesbury on 5 December.

**9 Public Questions**

**9.1** Robin Thornton asked if the council could co-opt the two people who had put themselves forward for election. This is not possible. An election has been requested and will go ahead.

**9.2** Mr Cutter suggested that he had 5 amendments to make to the minutes and asked why they had been agreed. During a lengthy discussion regarding the minutes the chairman pointed out that the minutes are written by the council and agreed by the council. Neil Marshall commented that the minutes were as he recalled the meeting. The chairman agreed that the minutes would be circulated 10 days prior to a meeting.

**9.3** Mr Colbourne reported that he had the agreement of NE to mow the SSSI verge on Rock Street. BM to clarify with NE.

**9.4** Mr Colbourne reported that a tree is blocking the Village Drain. BM will report to LSIDB

**9.5** Michael Constantine commented that it was difficult to get works done by Agencies – could the parish council not take action. The chairman said that the parish does not always have the authority nor the budget whereas the agencies do.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm