

# **PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **25 September, 7.30pm**

- 1 Attendance**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 Minutes of the Last Meeting**
- 4 Matters Arising**
  - New outlet/Chaceley Stock
  - Drainage Lawn Bar Road
  - Highways
  - Broadband
  - Tesco Bags of Help
  - Car parking
  - Planning
- 5 Matters for Discussion**
  - Future of the parish council
- 6 TBC & County Council Report**
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**CHACELEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 22 May 2017**

**1 Election of Chairman**

Tony Stephenson was nominated by Gerald Kinahan and seconded by Nicholas Mullane

**2 Election of Vice Chairman**

Gerald Kinahan was nominated by Robin Taylor and seconded by Nicholas Mullane

**3 Attendance**

Tony Stephenson (chairman), Nicholas Mullane, Gerald Kinahan, Robin Taylor, Barbara Mullane, Cllr P Awford

6 members of the public

**4 Apologies**

None

**5 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed on 26 September 2016.

**6 Appointment of Representative to Village Hall Committee**

Gerald Kinahan was nominated by Robin Taylor and Seconded by Tony Stephenson

**7 Dates of meetings**

The dates of future meetings which had been circulated to councillors were agreed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm

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**3 Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the APM and parish council meetings held 27 March 2017 were agreed and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 New Outlet:** the outlet itself is completed bar some snagging details that are covered by the contract. LSIDB are due to come to dig the ditch shortly and this may include the replacement of a field crossing which seems to be obstructing the flow of water. BM and GK had met Jason Westmoreland and agreed that – subject to cost – the reprofiling of The Stock outlet will go ahead. Work will also include clearance of the base of the outlet to ensure that the door itself is working properly. The process of agreeing this work appears to be simple and therefore there is no reason why all this should not be completed by the autumn.

**4.2 Drainage Lawn Bar Road:** we have received a response from GCC's Flood Risk Manager passing the responsibility back to Tewkesbury which has the power to enforce the situation. Jason Westmorland has promised to telephone Mr Griffiths to pursue the matter.

**4.3 Flood Group:** RT reported there had been no Flood Group meetings. However, RT had attended the latest Flood Warden training and reported that the EA were working to improve flood forecasting on the Severn given there were more flows from increased housing. The EA has refined the flood map and he circulated it to the meeting. Mr Saxton felt that there were inaccuracies regarding Chaceley and passed them on to RT to report back.  
**Parking at times of Flood:** With regard to residents' request for additional parking at times of flood, John Smith is to create a concrete "yard" behind his hedge bordering the road and has agreed that residents could use that facility for emergency parking during flood – without any liability to him. He is proposing to create the area over the summer. BM asked if the council could contribute to the cost but he declined.

**4.4 Highways:** Cllr Awford confirmed that resurfacing of Sandpits road is in the Highways' diary awaiting dates and that he would remind Richard Waters again.

**4.5 Broadband:** The project has not yet started – the team is still in the process of getting wayleaves etc. BM has been informed that as Stock Lane is not in Gigaclear's project design, they **could** install the cable but at the residents' expense –or it could be included "at a later date". BM has written to Mark Harper asking him to get them to rethink. However, given the pre election situation he cannot at this time take action. (At the last meeting it was mentioned that there could be financial help for those who cannot access good broadband speeds – sadly this is irrelevant to Chaceley because it is not available to a community anticipating the arrival of superfast broadband within a year).

**4.6 Tesco Bags of Help:** The bench is completed and it had been hoped to install it last week but the wet weather prevented it. GK said it would be installed in the next few days.

However, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust no longer seems interested in opening the SSSI – our grant application linked an open day at the site with “tea on the green”. The grant scheme now covers a much wider scope so hopefully the lack of this link will not upset Tesco too much!

- 4.7 Land on Chaceley Hole Road:** We have a new application for this equestrian facility but the design remains on the roadside as described at our January meeting rather than as the council would have preferred as per the original application. There was discussion of the application involving members of the public with a diversity of views. The council decided to abstain from commenting instead leaving parishioners to make their own comments.

**5 Matters for Discussion**  
None

**6 TBC and County council report**

Since the recent elections GCC now had a Conservative majority. Cllr Awford has become the chair of planning on the Severn and Wye Flood Defence Committee. There had been a change of leadership at TBC with David Walters (Apperley) taking over as leader. Rob Bird (Bishops Cleeve) is deputy and in charge of Strategic Planning.

**7 Finance**

**Internal Audit**

**7.1 Governance Statement**

The meeting read and agreed the Governance Statement which was signed by the chairman.

**7.2 Accounting Statements**

Councillors agreed the accounting statement and additional schedules and these were signed by the chairman and RFO.

- 7.3 Accounts:** The up to date accounts have been circulated. The precept has been received. Payments since the last meeting: admin - £48.98, phone & broadband - £316.42. Payments to be made: Amanda Eaglestone, internal audit - £100.00 (she had quoted her usual £50 but without notice we were required to complete all the additional schedules). Admin - £8.49.

**8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Planning application:** Chaceley Hall Farm – renewal of planning permission for conversion of a barn into a residential dwelling – approved. Hawker’s End – 3<sup>rd</sup> application for replacement of old agricultural building with new building ancillary to house. Planning application Hillend House – the approval of the application required the building to be resited and BM asked the planning officer if he would check that this had been done. Apparently, it is correctly located but there have been a number of complaints about the eyesore not least from Apperley. BM is seeing the new head of planning on 30 May to discuss the inconsistency in TBC’s approach to applications. Mr Taylor intervened to object to the intervention of the enforcement officer and said that the building would be screened when completed.

- 8.2** The chairman wrote to Mr Griffiths to ask him to remove the fallen willows from Carver’s Pool – no response. Mr Taylor said that he and Mr Griffiths would be removing the willow when the ducks had finished nesting.

- 8.3** Mr Horner wrote to thank the parish council for its “very informative” annual report and particularly for getting the new outfall and broadband. He also wished to thank the PC for its grant towards church grass mowing which, he says, makes a huge difference to their financing.

- 8.4** Some time ago Mr Horner did ask if the parish council would have any objection to his removing the dead tree from the verge at Werth Crossroads. Agreed.

- 8.5 TBC Parish Matters: The MOD site has been taken out of the JCS because of operational need leaving TBC to find sites for 2800 houses. There will be further public consultations this summer.
- 8.6 Information from PREVENT – details of a multi agency group within Gloucestershire to Identify individuals who a susceptible to extremism and radicalisation and offer them safeguarding help.

**9 Public Questions**

- 9.1 Paul Tucker asked if anything could be done to prevent the white van parking outside the Village Hall. Tony Saxton confirmed that it had been removed to John Smith's land.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm