

PARISH COUNCIL

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27 November, 7.30pm

Presentation by Jason Westmoreland of TBC on the new river outlet.

1 Attendance

2 Apologies

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting

4 Matters Arising

New outlet/Chaceley Stock

Drainage Lawn Bar Road

Highways

Broadband

Car parking

Planning

Integration with neighbouring council

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Precept

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CHACELEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 25 September 2017

1 Attendance

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

13 members of the public

2 Apologies

The chairman reported that Robin Taylor had resigned from the council and resigned as flood warden.

3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and parish council held 22 May 2017 were agreed and signed.

4 Matters Arising

- 4.1 New Outlet:** the ditch to the new outlet will be cleared in the New Year. The delay is caused by additional works that need to be done to replace a blocked field crossing. However both Jason Westmoreland and LSIDB have said this will not impede the operation of the outlet in the meantime.
- 4.2 Chaceley Stock:** over the summer there were discussions with Jason Westmoreland about the reprofiling of the river side channel. At first Jason was in agreement that this could be done and a quotation was obtained but his view is that the benefit would not be worth the cost. He has let a contract to have the channel cleared both sides of the gate and the money remaining from the grant will be used to maintain The Stock in future. Jason has offered, if the council wishes, to take any residents interested on a tour of these works together with the new outlet.
- 4.3 Drainage Lawn Bar Road:** Jason will be seeing Mr Griffiths next week regarding the need to clear his ditches. Mr Griffiths will be given a deadline for the work otherwise enforcement action will be taken against him. Associated with that Highways has been asked to look at enlarging the size of the culvert under the road. They have been to site and will be carrying out some repairs.
- 4.4 Property protection against flood:** The EA will be organising drop in sessions for residents to explain what further property protection measures are on offer and these are likely to be in November.
- 4.5 Parking at times of Flood:** The chairman reported that the parish council had obtained a quotation for improving the surface of John Smith's land to allow for parking at times of flood. Mr Colbourne said that residents did not wish a car park to be on private land in order to avoid the possibility of having to take action against the owner in the event of accident or damage. He repeated the view that the gravel pit should be part filled to provide the facility. Mr Connelly said that he had contacts from whom he could get advice. The meeting was reminded that the gravel pit is a registered village green and therefore not available for construction and that it is in the floodplain.
- 4.6 Highways:** The barrier on the corner of Rock Street and Stock Lane has been repaired and the warning signs in advance of the Z bends just beyond Lawn Farm have been installed. In

the meantime, a contractor has damaged the Rock Street fence and has been asked to repair it.

- 4.7 Sandpits resurfacing:** Highways have completed drainage improvement works on the road; Cllr Awford is getting it scheduled for resurfacing. BM completed the Amey survey for Snow warden. Highways have also been asked to consider pollarding the willows on the SSSI verge on Stock Lane. These have become very tall and could be a danger in high winds.
- 4.8 Broadband:** Gigaclear has pulled out of its contract with Worcestershire. Gigaclear now has a contract with Fastershire and BM has written to Mark Harper to ask him to contact Fastershire to ensure that the new network is designed to include the entire village and if possible to get an eta for the work.
- 4.9 Tesco Bags of Help:** The seat and fencing works have been completed and a “tea on the green” photo opportunity was held with the co operation of church’s monthly event which was exceptionally well attended. A press release was sent to the Citizen and Echo and it will be supplied to The Severnsider and TBC’s newspaper. A photograph is on Gloucestershire Rural Community Council website.
- 4.10 Planning:** BM and Cllr Awford met the new Head of Planning, Annette Roberts, to discuss the inconsistency of planning approach in Chaceley and she agreed that this was a priority for her. She also agreed that a substantial planting scheme would be negotiated to screen the new indoor school at Hillend House.

5 Matters for discussion

Possibility of integration with neighbouring parish council: The chairman outlined the council’s proposal that, if possible, the council should be integrated with that of Tirley. The public present asked that Forthampton should also be considered as an option.

6 TBC and County Council Reports

County Council: Highways - The Amey contract is ending – not considered to have performed well. **Education** – following a damning Ofsted report the situation is being investigated and senior people have left. **Fastershire** - he confirmed that the MP’s office has raised the Chaceley installation with Dawn Thompson the GCC lead.

TBC: UBICO has missed some bins – confirmed not in Chaceley. **Flooding:** considerable desilting has been undertaken near Gloucester, particularly near Sandhurst, on the other hand the Twigworth housing will be built following appeal. The EA has been asked to improve the accuracy of flood warnings. Planning guidance has been hardened re development control but alas is guidance not policy.

7 Finance

- 7.1 External audit** – Two minor items have been raised by the auditor. First the total cash was incorrectly stated because an un-presented cheque of £25 was treated as a creditor. Secondly, the auditor questioned the level of reserves held by the council.
- 7.2 Accounts** – circulated. Payments since the last meeting: Dove Metals – new bench, £2035.53, Zimprint – website assistance , £20.00, Chaceley Village Hall – rent, £200.00, Chaceley PCC – grass cutting £400.00, Phone and broadband - £283.59, Community First – insurance, £157.78. Payments needed: G C Kinahan - fencing of Carver’s Pool Village Green, £900.00

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Planning Application:** Land on Chaceley Hole Road - The application has been withdrawn and the land sold. Land at Chaceley for erection of agricultural building and access track – parish council supported. Hawker’s End – passed.
- 8.2 Electoral Review of Tewkesbury:** draft recommendations – received.

- 8.3 Village Agent Scheme:** next month this service will be combined with Social Prescribing to become “Community Connectors” and GRCC will deliver this new service here and we will be getting new contact details soon.
- 8.4 Gloucester & District Citizens Advice Bureau** – want us to display information which has been done. Also wanted a donation which I have said we are not able to provide.
- 8.5 Parish matters** received

9 Public Questions

- 9.1** Mr Colbourne reported that the Rock Street/Stock Lane fence had not been properly repaired. He also reported that a tree from Mr Pool’s land had fallen across the village drain.
- 9.2** Mr A Lane complained that an enforcement officer had visited his barn restoration project and had put a condition on development that the adjacent cattle barns must be removed before he could move into the building.
- 9.3** Mr Cutter complained that despite his request to a previous council that his verge near Carver’s Pool village green not be cut it had been. BM advised him that this had been done at the request of Natural England and that the first cut had been carried out by Graham Cutter following an approach from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15