

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
20 MARCH 2019 AT CHELTENHAM WEST COMMUNITY FIRE STATION, UCKINGTON**

Present:

Councillors M Harrison MH, R Hewlett RH; G. Robins GR; G Coveney GC; I Tiller IT:

Clerk, Mrs P Clarke

563/ Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

564/ Apologies

Cllrs Coveney and Tiller tendered their apologies

565/ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Never two without 3, it's said, so here it is – my 3rd report as Chairman. Whilst it has been a third year of ups and downs, there is a constant – the Council Budget for the next year has been agreed and, as result, there has again been no increase in the Parish precept. We have made progress both separately and working with other bodies in several areas:

Gloucestershire CC Highways:

- Discussions have continued throughout this year regarding the additional measures (electronic signage and gateway signs) to further emphasise the 30mph speed limit on Boddington Lane. However, the only progress made has been the submission by the Council to Glos C.C. for funding in June 2018. Regrettably, it appears the submission has been 'mislaid' in the Council office and the process will have to be repeated during the forthcoming financial year. However, it is understood it is likely to be approved – in time.....
- An assessment has been carried out on the success of the new Boddington Lane soakaways. Whilst these have proved to be adequate in 'normal' rainfall conditions they have proved to be inadequate when there has been excess rain. A plan is being formulated to improve the drainage in conjunction with better utilisation of drains, correcting road levels/gradients whilst completing some linear 'patching' along this stretch of Boddington Lane. It is expected that this work will be completed in the forthcoming financial year
- A section of roadside kerbing has been replaced in conjunction with reinstating a drain on the Barrow 'loop'
- Also, on the Barrow 'loop', some road patching has been successfully completed – not only is the drainage much improved around the patching but it also looks much better
- Barrow Hill Farm Lane – Highways have indicated that sections of this Lane will be levelled and resurfaced during the forthcoming financial year

Joint Core Strategy (JCS):

- The JCS involving Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury was approved in 2018 and will continue to make gradual progress through the next stages of its development.
- Each Borough is completing their own Plan to provide their own second tier response, addressing any policy gaps, and providing a more local level of detail as necessary and appropriate.

BODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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- Using the Parish Council Forum set up in 2017, Boddington PC has access to the Tewkesbury Borough Plan – any details affecting our Parish will be displayed on our web site
- The Forum has met twice this year and comments made have been acknowledged by Tewkesbury BC – the next meeting is scheduled for this summer

M5 Junction 10 – the decision has been made to make this a 4-way junction. Plans have already commenced regarding the ‘whys and wherefores’ of this scheme – including upgrading the adjacent road systems to improve traffic future traffic flows resulting from the changed Motorway junction

West Cheltenham development – following much deliberation, in 2018 Boddington Parish Council decided not to contend the plan to build a Cyber Development Park on land close to GCHQ. Ancillary to this is a plan to build up to 500 houses within our Parish at Hayden along with up to 600 houses within Cheltenham Borough – the areas being adjacent to each other. Preliminary work on the necessary infrastructure to support this development is expected to commence before the end of 2019.

Environmental crime – Tewkesbury Borough’s Environmental Health Manager joined us at September’s Council meeting – it was pleasing to see so many members of the public in attendance. The main issues covered within the presentation were fly tipping and dog fouling. Regrettably, whilst well intended, it was not as successful as had been hoped. There are clearly problems which have not yet been solved by Tewkesbury BC (and the rest of the country) and, in truth, may never be solved. However, our Parish will continue to do what we are able regarding both issues.

Litter pick – a litter pick was organised by Councillor Coveney in October. We were all ready to proceed but the weather was awful, and the litter pick was, correctly, postponed. The intention is to re-arrange in the warmer months of Spring – hopefully with better weather on the day.

Parish Council website and email addresses – Councillors Coveney and Tiller are to work together to create Parish Council email addresses for all Councillors which will be used exclusively for Parish business.

Parish footpaths - Councillor Tiller has started a survey of the footpaths within the Parish. Base information was provided to the Council by Bill Smith, a long serving Parish Councillor and former Chair – and Isla will now update the documentation. It has already been identified that some signage is missing.

Being a better Councillor – Councillor Tiller became the second of our Councillors to attend a course run by Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils. Not only did Councillor Tiller benefit but the course notes were duly circulated to the other Councillors.

Planning applications – all applications within the Parish have been carefully considered and there have been no objections by the Council.

The Chairman added that there has been no response from Chris Riley and he has now spoken to Craig Freeman who will reissue instruction in regard to speed signage, and the process will have to begin again

566/ Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st March 2018 (as read and agreed)

567/ Questions from Parishioners and Visitors
NONE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.09pm

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In attendance

Clerk, Mrs P Clarke
B. Cllr M Williams

- 568/ Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
- 569/ Apologies**
None
- 570/ Requests for Dispensations and other Declarations of Members Interests**
None
- 571/ To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd January 2019**
Proposed RH, seconded GR and agreed
- 572/ Matters Arising (not covered under Agenda Items)**
None
- 573/ County Councillor Report**
Not present
- 574/ Borough Councillor Report**
Not in attendance
- 575/ Joint Core Strategy**
No update, members noted is in the process and public meetings have been arranged
- 576/ Proposed alterations to M5 Junction 10**
No update,
MH noted his discussion at the Forum meeting. Chris Riley wants to work with parishes on traffic flow. Richard Chaman (Chairman at Elmstone Hardwicke) will circulate speed management results.
- 577/ Finance**
The bank reconciliation was noted and agreed.
Application for online banking has to be re applied for
Membership of GAPTC was agreed

578/ Accounts for payment

The cheques to the value of £375.56 as listed were agreed

Clerk re issued cheque for £100 to GCC Highways as original cheque has been lost

579/ Planning

None

580/ Speed management in the parish

Previously discussed

581/ Boddington Lane drainage soakaways

Relying on GCC to deal

MR has discussed with Craig Freeman and he will look at drain opposite Mill and try to clear it

582/ Public footpaths within Boddington Parish Council boundaries

IT has walked several of the footpaths

Noted a lack of signage and some broken stiles

Will contact Hilary Baker at PROW for advice

A: IT

Members discussed footpath that leads nowhere but has a footpath sign and will ask for it to be re routed

Noted it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep footpaths clear

Councillors will informally raise with them

IT will walk all footpaths and compile complete list, and will purchase a Ranger map, agreed can be reimbursed by PC

Members also agreed to fund new gates and signs

583/ Asset Register

Agreed

584/ Risk assessment

Agreed

585/ Litter Pick

Future event in summer

Noted lots of fly tipping on footpaths

Clerk to purchase 2 grabbers

A: Clerk

586/ Website

GC circulated report

Facebook, Twitter not agreed

Meet the Councillor not agreed

Current contract ends beginning of May,

Current provider, Greg Clarke, is happy to create new email addresses for the councillors and will change the renewed contract details to the Council for the new contract starting on 4th May. GC agreed to look into contract options **A: GC**

It was noted this will need a designated person and a debit card for future payments.

587/ Parishioners Questions

None

588/ Correspondence

Previously circulated and noted

Membership of CPRE was agreed

589/ Any other business for information or future discussion

None

590/ Clerk report and Items for inclusion in the Newsletter

Website will be updated

Footpaths under review

Speed signage ongoing

Litter pick in June

591/ Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 15 May 2019 at 7.00 pm at Cheltenham West Community Fire Station

This will follow the Annual General Meeting of the Parish council

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Signed:

Date: