

MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD AND HARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MARKET CANTEEN 7:00PM TUESDAY 13th September 2016

Present:	Chair	Cllr A. Whitaker
	Vice Chair	Cllr A. Norris Cllr B. J. Ford (John Ford) Cllr N. White Cllr Mrs A. Lockhart
	Clerk	Mrs S. Walker

4 Residents attended. CDC Cllr D Fowles (arrived at 7.12pm).

APOLOGIES: GCC Cllr S Parsons

MINUTES OF DHPC MEETING OF JULY 12th 2016

Cllrs confirmed the draft of the Minutes is a correct summary of proceedings.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Norris, seconded by Cllr Ford that: the draft is accurate record of the PC Meeting of July 12th 2016.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Action: Cllr Whitaker signed the minutes, Clerk to file.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Lockhart requested the minutes be sent to Cllrs for review soon after each meeting going forward, All in agreement.

Cllr Ford raised concerns that CLAAS would not be funding a defibrillator in the village, only onsite. He put forward a suggestion that he (Cotswold Agricultural Centre) fund the defib as a one off payment. After much deliberation it was decided that given the lack of support from the parish with regards to operating and maintaining the equipment that it would not be taken forward. This issue is to be added to the agenda of the next PC meeting for review.

REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

There have been no new planning application during the 2 month period since the last Parish Council Meeting, just the ongoing issue of the development of Lower Barn, Harnhill.

A Microsoft Word copy and a signed scan of the Summons/Agenda (plus draft minutes of the 12th July Parish Meeting) for this Meeting were emailed by me to all councillors on the evening of Wednesday 7th September. A signed hard copy of the Summons/Agenda was put up for display on both parishes' boards during the afternoon of Thursday 8th September in compliance with legal obligation for public notification of a Parish Council Meeting. The Agenda was also emailed to GCC Cllr Shaun Parsons & CDC Cllr David Fowles.

The Parish Council's latest bank statement printed on the 12th September for the sole account shows funds at £2,075.29 in credit. This includes a debit of £1,728.00 inclusive of VAT for the parish website as noted at our previous meeting.

CDC REPORT

- The local plan is currently at public consultation stage (3rd stage) with 1000 responses to be reviewed before going to parliament. Expecting a decision in early in the new year.
- Issues have been raised with the development being carried out in Cirencester Town Centre with reports of accidents due to the height of the curbs. Also issues with materials etc.

- Traffic calming and additional signage to be put in place in Ampney Crucis to address serious concerns with road safety.
- Improvement to the networks in Ampney Crucis by BT & Gigaclear has seen broadband speeds increase by 50%.

COMMUNITY – RESOLVE

To contact Gigaclear to discuss their works through Driffield.

Cllr Whitaker suggested contacting Gigaclear to discuss their works through the village due to concerns with the quality of workmanship when reinstating verges during their program of works. Cllr Whitaker to make contact asap.

RESOLUTION Proposed Cllr Whitaker seconded Cllr Norris. Cllr Ford abstained due to a personal dispute with Gigaclear.

COMMUNITY – RESOLVE

To discuss the fly tipping situation locally and to propose a solution to combat the problem.

Possibility of a litter bin to be situated at the layby that could be emptied and maintained by UBICO and also signage to warn of the awareness of fly tipping in the area, prosecution if caught, CCTV or mobile patrols in operation.

Cllr Fowles will take this forward with CDC with regards to Litter Bin and with Cllr Parsons with regard to signage.

PLANNING – RESOLVE

To agree a representative to attend the CDC planning meeting on Wednesday 14th September at 9.30am, regarding the proposed development at Harnhill RAU, to highlight the Parish Councils Views.

Cllr Fowles put forward the suggestion that Stephen Hirst, Chairman of the CDC Planning Committee would be the Parish Councils best representative to present their comments to the planning committee. He also confirmed that having met with Simon King (RAU) and discussed the development that Simon had expressed a desire to work with the community with regards to addressing their issues with the development in particular the possibility of traffic calming above and beyond that which would be required by CDC.

After a rather heated debate regarding the proposed development it is clear that although the council agrees to the development in principle there are still some very serious issues that need to be addressed.

Cllr Fowles suggested that during his presentation to the CDC planning committee he would make it clear that although the council agreed to the development by a majority vote it was not unanimous and there are still major concerns within the community including Harnhill Healing Centre whose views he would also be highlighting.

RESOLUTION Proposed Cllr Whitaker seconded Cllr White. Cllr Norris abstained due to his interest in the RAU.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Harnhill/Driffield road to be shut 4th-7th Oct
- Cllr Norris emailed Richard Gray (GCC) regarding the knocked over sign & wall knocked into the river.
- Cllr Whitaker confirmed the Parish Website www.driffieldandharnhill.org.uk

Chair declared all business concluded and confirmed the date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting to be on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.00pm in the Market Canteen. Chair announced this meeting closed at 8.35pm.