

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th September 2015 at 7.30 pm at Falfield Village Hall

Present

Parish Councillors: Mrs J Hathway, Miss E. Jarvis & Mr K. Fryer.

Clerk: Mrs D. Bramley **Public:** Ward Cllr John O'Neill & 7 Parishioners

00570/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr M. O'Connor

00571/15 To Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Fryer, seconded by Cllr Jarvis and **resolved** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th July 2015 be signed as a correct record.

It was proposed by Cllr Fryer, seconded by Cllr Jarvis and **resolved** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st July 2015 be signed as a correct record.

00572/15 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Dispensation Requests

None

00573/15 Public Forum

00573.1/15 Sewerage Issue

A parishioner informed the Parish Council about an issue with sewerage entering their property, which is resulting in smells and potential health issues. They have had their property completely inspected for leaks etc... but the issue has been found to be with the pumping station and a broken pipe entering an open water course. Currently no one is accepting ownership or responsibility for the pumping station so the situation cannot be rectified. They are also consulting with the Health Department and the Environment Agency. The former will be taking samples and readings at the property and the parishioner will inform the Parish Council of the outcome. The Parish Council will hold a special meeting, if required; to discuss this situation again as it may affect other properties in the area.

2 Parishioners left the meeting at 7.55pm

00574/15 Planning Matters

00574.1/15 To Discuss the Following Applications

PT15/3870/F - Eastwood Farm, Gloucester Road - Change of use of farm office to 1no. dwelling (Class C3) as defined in Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). (Resubmission of PT14/3911/F).

Council Response:

Cllr Jarvis ran through the history of the site and the reasons for the previous applications refusal, which have now been addressed. It was agreed by all to submit a comment stating how disappointed the Parish Council is that the farm office, which was originally given retrospective planning permission in 2009, is to be converted to a dwelling after such a short time as it is now surplus to requirements especially after another barn had a prior notification application granted in 2014 to convert from agricultural use to residential use for 3 dwellings. Also if permission is to be granted the Parish Council would request an agricultural worker restriction applied. **Action: Clerk**

PT15/3370/PNGR - Stone Barn at Little Whitfield Farm House, Gloucester Road Whitfield - Prior notification of a change of use from agricultural building to 1no. residential dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Council Response:

Cllr Jarvis ran through the issues with the access to the site. It was agreed by all to submit a comment stating the issue with the access from the north bound A38 due to the central reservation opposite the site and that access is only achievable by performing a U-turn nearby which could result in further safety issues. **Action: Clerk**

00574.2/15 To Note the Following Notices

C3 – Pending, C20 & C22 – Discharged, C26 – Pending, C28 & C30 - Discharged - DOC15/0065 - Pound House Farm, Old Gloucester Road - Discharge of conditions 3 (Archaeological brief), 20 (Max height of turbine), 22 (Drainage details), 26 (SAM mitigation strategy), 28 (Cabling Route) and 30 (Environmental Management Plan) attached to PT13/2618/F. Erection of 1no. wind turbine measuring 67m maximum high and 40m to hub, with associated works.

PERMIT - PT15/2024/F - The Gardens, Eastwood Garden Plant Centre, Eastwood Park - Erection of extension and conversion of existing outbuilding to form residential annexe with associated works. (Amendment to previously approved scheme PT14/3216/F). Erection of detached garage

00575/15 Financial Matters

00575.1/15 To Note the Payments Received

South Gloucestershire Council – New Homes Bonus (Final Payment)

£ 133.21

00575.2/15 To Approve the following Payments

It was proposed by Cllr Fryer, seconded by Cllr Jarvis and **resolved** unanimously to approve the following payments.

Mrs D. Bramley – Salary (Jul) via Monthly Standing Order	£ 289.72
Mrs D. Bramley – Salary (Aug) via Monthly Standing Order	£ 289.72
Mrs D. Bramley – Expenses (Office Cost)	£ 30.00
South Gloucestershire Council – Buy Back Grass Cutting Q2	£ 99.54
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£ 50.00

00575.3/15 To Discuss/Approve Donation Request from Gloucestershire Archives

It was agreed by all that the Parish Council is not able to make a donation at this time. This will be reviewed again when the budget for 2016/2017 is set at the next meeting.

00575.4/15 To Note Updates to NatWest & NS & I Account Signatories Completed

It was noted that the bank signatories had been updated.

00575.5/15 To Note 2015/2016 Budget & Payments/Receipts Statement

The Budget & Payments and Receipts Statement, circulated to Cllrs before the meeting, was noted and signed.

00576/15 Highway Matters**00576.1/15 To Discuss/Receive Feedback regarding Orchard View Track**

Ward Cllr John O' Neill wrote to Mr Mark King, Head of Streetcare regarding the Orchard View Track. He was advised that to tarmac the track would involve major works to the drainage system which the Council are unable to fund. He indicated the "plannings" option that has been discussed was the current option. Simon Spedding is currently away but Ward Cllr O' Neill will contact him to see if there is any further news.

00576.2/15 To Discuss requesting a rubbish bin at The Gables (South Bound) Bus Stop

Cllr Fryer stated that the new bus stop is being used regularly but without a rubbish bin the waste is being left on the footpath or thrown in the bushes. Ward Cllr O' Neill stated that he would consult with South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) about having a rubbish bin installed.

00576.3/15 To Discuss requesting a Bus Timetable at the Rose Cottage (N Bound) Bus Stop

Cllr Fryer asked if a bus timetable could be installed at the Rose Cottage (N-bound) bus stop as it is being used now. Ward Cllr O' Neill stated that he would consult with SGC about having a timetable installed.

00577/15 To Receive Reports from Councillors**00577.1/15 To Note Feedback from Charfield, Cromhall and Tortworth SSCG Feedback**

Cllr Hathway attended the meeting on the 23rd July 2015. Only one item was discussed that was relevant to Falfield, the 88 Bus Service which is still not stopping in the correct place and there was still no bus stop signs. Ward Cllr O' Neill stated that this was with South Gloucestershire Council but the officer dealing with the issue was currently away so he had not had any feedback regarding the issue.

It was also stated that all meetings from now on would be at the Cromhall Chapel and the group would be merging with Laddenbrook SSCG. This was also Jacqui Ward's last meeting as she is moving to Priority Planning but another officer has agreed to facilitate the future meetings.

00578/15 To Discuss meeting Mr McBrien Community Engagement Manager HMP Eastwood Park

Cllrs confirmed that the best day for a meeting was Friday around lunchtime. The Clerk will try and arrange a meeting for a Friday and inform Cllrs. A number of issues were mentioned by parishioners to feedback to HMP Eastwood Park, which the Clerk noted.

Action: Clerk

00579/15 To Receive Clerks Report including Feedback from Previous Actions

The Clerk informed Cllrs that Severnside Transport Ltd have handed the contract back for the 87 Bus Service so the service has to go out for tender which may result in the service being reconfigured once a new operator is found. The 207 bus service that runs though Falfield is also in the consultation process at Gloucestershire Council. Ward Cllr O' Neill will feedback any information he receives regarding this service.

The following items have been logged with Streetcare with any comments/feedback noted.

DATE	ITEM	REF
25 th Aug	Parishioners has asked the Parish Council to request that the overhanging bramble bushes and trees along the verge by the B4509 from the A38 to the M5 junction on the south side be cut back as it is a regular route used by walkers and although the verge has been cut the overhanging foliage results in them having to walk in the road.	284201
24 th Aug	The road surface along Moorslade Lane from Heneage Storage to Glen Farm has a number of potholes and in several places the road surface is starting to deteriorate.	284209
9 th Sept	Clear footpath at the A38 layby on the South Gloucestershire/Gloucestershire border. Also clear the footpath opposite Old Oaks Farm going south which has verges on both sides.	TBC

The following item has also been passed to South Gloucestershire Council.

Date	Issue	Comment
8 th Sept	Collapsed metal cover at the junction of the A38 with Heneage Lane junction which forms a hole/ dip in the road. As it is on the A38 someone has put bollards around it, however they get knocked over or out of the way by passing vehicles leaving the hole exposed. It has been like it for several months	Ward Cllr O' Neill has passed this on to South Gloucestershire Council Streetcare

00580/15 To Discuss/Approve Risk Assessment & Asset Inspection Document

The following table shows the outstanding actions and any progress that has been made:

Asset	Issue/Action	Progress
Bus Shelter – The Huntsman (South Bound)	Over grown bush next to shelter needs cutting back	Logged with SGC on 7/9/15 Reference Number: 291348
Bus Shelter – The Huntsman (North Bound)	Have dumped carpet removed from bushes next to shelter	Reported to SGC Ref: 270590. Reported again to SGC Ref: 281777 I will check it has been removed, if not I will report it again.
Bus Shelter - Whitfield Gate Farm (North Bound)	Clean graffiti and monitor ivy and other plant growth	No progress

00581/15 Correspondence (*Italics – available by email*)

Respond to:

Correspondence from a Parishioner

1. Falfield Speed Warning Sign Not Working

The sign has now been repaired and is working correctly

2. Can Deer Warning Signs be installed along the A38 as there have been several dead deer?

The locations of the dead deer have been identified and were passed to South Gloucestershire Council to see if warning signs can be installed. Unfortunately South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) have no records of dead deer at these locations or in Falfield so cannot justify the installation of the warning signs at this time. If anyone sees a dead deer please can you inform SGC so they can log the location and remove the deer themselves. Should dead deer be identified in Falfield in the future then SGC will re-evaluate the installation of warning signs.

3. Church Avenue – Cars are speeding down the road and playing loud music. The residential area sign at the junction of Church Avenue/Sundayhill Lane needs repositioning so that it is visible to drivers.

The speeding and noise issues have been passed to HMP Eastwood Park and a meeting with HMP Eastwood Park is in the process of being arranged. This issue will be mentioned again along with the repositioning of the Residential area sign at the entrance of Church Avenue.

Consultation: SGC Special Expenses System from 2016/17 onwards

Consultation: The LCTR Support Grant to Parish and Town Councils from 2016/17

Consultation: Radioactive Waste Management National Geological Screening Guidance

Council Response: No Comment on the above Consultations

For Information:

Minutes of the Charfield, Cromhall, Falfield & Tortworth Safer Stronger Community Group 23rd July 2015, Senior Siren Edition 26, Healthwatch South Gloucestershire ebulletin August & September, NHS South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group Newsletter Summer 2015, Minutes of the Town & Parish Councils Forum 14th July 2015 and Came & Co Autumn Council Matters 2015.

Clerks & Councils Direct September 2015 & the Clerk September 2015

00582/15 Matters for Further Discussion / Information

Cllr Hathway reminded everyone that the Falfield Art, Crafts and Hobbies Fayre was on the 26th September for 10 am until 3.30 pm at Falfield Village Hall in aid of St George Church.

The Clerk confirmed the type of Poppy Wreath for this year as Type F.

The Clerk confirmed the meeting with the Bethany Wash, Gazette Reporter had been arranged. Cllr Hathway and the Clerk will attend. Other Cllrs will attend if available.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.30 pm

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 8.50 pm.