

Highnam Parish Council

Highnam – Lassington – Linton- Over

At its October meeting the Council discussed problems with the Old School refurbishment project. During the course of works significant dry and wet rot has been discovered. As a result, the cost of the scheme will increase by a further £110,000. The Highnam Community Centre Trust (HCCT) has secured £10,000 in grant aid, and the Parish Council has agreed to provide a grant of a further £10,000 providing the balance is secured from other sources. This still leaves a further £90,000 to be found. The Council therefore proposes to apply for a Public Works Loan, Government funding available to public bodies at advantageous rates of interest. This was the major source of funding for the construction of the Gambier Parry Hall back in the 1980's. However, the Council has to be able to demonstrate public support for this course of action so an explanatory leaflet is being distributed to all households and residents are strongly encouraged to register their views on the tear off strip attached. A Drop In event is being held, (details in the leaflet) for anyone wishing to find out more.

The Council considered three planning applications and resolved not to object to any in relation to:

Lassington Court Farm – removal of length of internal field hedgerow.

Linton Farm – Construction of extension to storage barn.

Over Farm - Certificate of Established Use relating to the microlight airstrip.

The Council continues to be concerned regarding the incidence of significant unauthorised tipping on land to the rear of Over Farm. This has been going on for a number of years, and the Council is urging the authorities, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucestershire County Council, and the Environment Agency, to take appropriate coordinated action to bring about its cessation.

The Council's Environment Working Group continue to undertake excellent work in enhancing the general environment around the parish and generally increasing our awareness of the natural world locally. Their regular highly informative articles in this magazine eloquently demonstrate this. The Group are undertaking a consultation exercise to gauge local opinion and views on their work and leaflets will be falling through letterboxes shortly explaining this. Again, the Council would encourage everyone to respond so that the Group's ongoing work reflects local opinion.

The next meeting of the Council takes place **@ 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 November in the Gambier Parry Hall**. All residents are very welcome to attend.

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