

Highnam Parish Council
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Highnam Parish Council Meeting
Gambier Parry Hall: Tuesday 21st March 2023

Present: Cllrs C Coats, M Welch, V Tustin Smith, B Harding, P Dyche, J Smith, B Harding, B Nicol and W Badham.

In Attendance: Councillor P Mclain, 12 members of the public.

As a mark of respect for Councillor Phil Awford, the council acknowledged his passing and contribution to our parish by a one-minute silence.

Public Forum – Members of the public (MOP) may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda by invitation of the chair.

The Chairman welcomed the public and invited members to raise matters of interest.

- Pot holes on the B4215, particularly prevalent at the mini roundabout at entrance to Oakridge.
- Cycle path is in a poor state following trimming of hedges. Debris have not been cleared up.
- Land at Cycle Path where burning rubble and discarding of building waste is an environmental eyesore. There have been sightings of large tipper trucks accessing the area. **Response: This is an agenda item being discussed.**
- Bus stop on the B4215 is used by children catching the bus for Newent School. The crossing on the corner and is very dangerous and children are using their mobile phones to tell others when the road is safe to cross. Can the council look at a safe road crossing?
- The Environmental Group are expecting the delivery of the bench and sculpture.

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies

2. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 13th February 2023

Proposed Cllr R Keene, Seconded Cllr V Tustin Smith
Minutes approved.

3. To Approve Amended Minutes from November 2022 for the Old School Funding

Following discussion with the contact at the Public Works Loan Department the minutes from November 2022 required amendment to include the correct wording required for the loan application.

Proposed Cllr M Welch, Seconded Cllr J Smith. Minutes were approved.

4. Members of the Council are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set out below.

Cllr Coats, Agenda item 8 8.3 Grant
Cllr R Keene, Energy Reserve planning application.

5. Request for dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and/or Hospitality

Dispensation was requested by Cllr C Coats Agenda item 8 8.3.
Cllr R Keene Planning application 22/01374/FUL Development of Energy Reserve Facility and

Ancillary Infrastructure. Linton Farm. **Approved.**

6. To receive County Councillor's Report

No report.

7. To receive Tewkesbury Borough Councillor's report

Cllr P Mclain presented his report:

- County Council tax has increased by 3.52% approx. £5 on a Band D property. Parish Precept average 4%, however there are some with an increase of 60% for example Maisemore. TBC have a surplus of £1.2m.
- Fly tipping is a concern in all localities. TBC identified two hotspots and in August 22 installed CCTV with success in reduction of tipping in that area.
- TBC housing supply is at 6.68%.
- TBC are striving to recruit GP's and Midwives, however there continues to be difficulties in acquiring prompt emergency appointments.
- The funeral of Cllr P Awford will take place at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm 12 April.

8. Financial Report

8.1 To approve February invoices.

15/02/2023	Warm Space Funds	BAC	£80.22
15/02/2023	New Key Board	BAC	£15.00
20/02/2023	Clerk wages	SO	£766.48
21/02/23	EWG Pollinator/Butterfly Signs Seeds £100 Safety Glasses Gloves Bird Boxes Picker Tongs	BACS	£394.60
27/02/2023	SLCC Membership	BACS	£63.58
27/02/2023	HCCT Warm Space Grant (Heating)	BACS	£500.00
27/02/2023	Warm Space Funds	BACS	£48.62

8.2 To receive Bank Reconciliation

Balance 01/02/23	£44429.74
Spends Total	£1868.50
Balance 27/02/23	£42561.24

Ringfence Funds

Ringfence	£12000.00
Ring fence project spends	£9802.00
Jubilee Funds	£2063.79
Tennis Club Donation	£168.00
Warm Space	£371.16

Total **£24404.95**

Balance **£ 18156.29**

March Expenditure

Expenditure	Notes	Cost
Clerk Wages		766.48
Tree Maintenance	As per risk assessment	£3000
Printer Cartridges		£168.50
Bus Shelter		£450
Mainstream	Phone line rental	£44.10
HCCT	Room Hire and Storage	£276.50
	Total	£4705.58
EWG		
	Wood stakes/3 boards	£154.02
	Cockle Shells	£185
	Total	£339.02

Invoices and bank reconciliation received and approved. Proposer Cllr C Badham seconded Cllr R Keene.

8.3. To approve cost of footpath chippings for Lassington Wood £222

Approved Proposed Cllr M Welch, Seconded Cllr J Smith.

8.4. To approve a grant from Jubilee funds for the cost Coronation entertainment of £328

Approved Proposer Cllr B Badham, Seconded Cllr P Dyche.

9. To receive and comment on Planning Applications

22/01374/FUL Linton Farm. Development of Energy Reserve Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure. A public consultation and presentation by STOR Power was organised at 18.30hrs 21st March 2024 before full council.

Councillor J Smith will not comment on this planning application due to her part of the Borough Planning Committee.

Action: Draft letter to be composed and circulated to councillors for comment prior to being submitted to the Planning Officer. Concerns raised, background noise/humming, environment/habitation and planting of trees. Grade 1 land, currently being used to grow wheat.

Request an extension to time to research further as still a lot more of information needed. A site visit with the planning officer, potential for another public consultation to raise further questions.

Clerk Action: Add STOR Power presentation on the website.

Proposed Cllr M Welch, Seconded Cllr B Nicol, no objections. Motion approved.

23/00087/FUL 113 Maidenhall. Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of two storey rear extension. Replacement annex and garage roof. **No objection, support application.**

23/00104/FUL 22 Farthing Croft. Proposed two storey side extension. **No objection, support application.**

22/01273/FUL Rose Cottage Two Mile Lane. The application has submitted new proposed elevations and floor plan. Proposed construction of detached garage/workshop with associated access alterations. **No objection.**

Planning decisions by TBC

None to date.

10. Environmental Working Group

10.1 Work starting on the pollinating patches and adding labels in the wood for the bluebells. Owl boxes have been purchased, researching the best place for location.

10.2 Update of work undertaken by the Payback Scheme.

Clearing of paths in Lassington Wood and the laying of the cockle shell base path.
Potential of working at the Church to support clearing the shrubbery.

10.3 Excavation of various areas in the village.

The clerk explained National Grid are due to complete the work in the next week, followed by an additional week for clearing up and moving equipment. The grass areas will be re-seeded in due course.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Request from resident to move a dog waste bin cost £100.

Objection Proposer **Cllr P Dyche, Seconded Cllr B Badham. Refused**

11.2 Request from the Parochial Church to repair pot holes in Car Park at its own cost.

Approved

11.3 Request from FC Highnam for an extra waste bin.

Proposed Cllr M Welch, Seconded Cllr B Badham. Approved

12. Public Works Loan Application (update)

Following the completion of the queries raised from the officer dealing with our application there is no update on the progress.

13. Planning Committee Update

The setting up of a committee was deferred from February meeting. The proposal to invite 4 councillors to sit on the committee and co-opt non councillors with the appropriate experience. 8 in Councillors in favour, 1 abstention. 2 councillors put themselves forward therefore was insufficient nominations to continue. It was agreed this would be revisited after the May elections and a new council was elected.

14. Lassington Recreation Development (Update)

Tenders were received by Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) and are being reviewed.

Cllr Coats and Badham meet with TBC and evaluated the budget and proposed the council ringfence £1800 from reserves for a contingency. **Proposed Cllr C Coats, Seconded Cllr M Welch.**

6 in favour, 1 objection, motion approved.

15. Tipping on Land by Cycle Path

Previously the issue of the misuse of this land has been communicated to The Environment Agency, Gloucester County and City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. The proprietors have received three enforcement notices. However, the officer concluded there has been no breaches. The Parish Council disagree and agreed to write a letter to all of the above agencies, copying in Mark Harper (MP). **Action: Letter to be written.**

16. Residual Items

- Action Clerk to report on Warm Space at April meeting
- Closure of Two Mile Lane, details are on the HPC website
- Pot holes on the B4215
- A40 Litter, not being completed at an appropriate time. Can the council write a letter to Highways. Cllr Harding mentioned he will write a letter as a resident.

Meeting closed @ 21.15hrs

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman Cllr Charlie Coats

Next meeting: April 18th 2023