

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Full Council** held on Monday 25 March 2019, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

- Present: Councillors Eileen Berry (Chair)
Adrian Cross (Vice-Chair)
Graham Barton
David Dale
Carlos Novoth
Keith Mace
Jenny Miles (District)
Ros Scott-Hodgetts
Ron Smith
Clive White
- County Councillor Brian Oosthuysen
- In Attendance: Clerk Jeni Marshall
Assistant Clerk Sally Jones
- Also present 3 Members of the public
- Apologies: County Councillor Lesley Williams
District Councillor Tom Williams
- FC41/19** To receive apologies
Apologies were noted as above
- FC42/19** To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday February 25th 2019 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.
- FC43/19** To receive any declarations of interest
None
- FC44/19** To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
Two members of the public were in attendance for Agenda item FC51/19 and wished to speak during the agenda item which the Chair agreed to. The other member of the public wished to observe the meeting as he is considering applying for one of the casual vacancies.
- FC45/19** To receive the Chairman's announcements
The Chairman read out thank you letters received from Randwick Scouts and Friends of Foxmoor school for the grants that had been recently agreed by the Council
- FC46/19** To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk reported as follows;

- she had had a response to the article about moving one of the telephone boxes to Victory Park to house a defibrillator, the member of the public thought it was an excellent idea and congratulated the Parish Council.
- the Clerk has successfully applied for a grant for £10,000 from 'Awards for All' for the Cashes Green allotment site, and in total for this financial year the Clerk has secured £34,500 in grants.
- Dalcour Maclaren will be carrying out a Great Crested Newt survey at the QEII Field Pond as part of initial survey works to lay a sewer from Wallbridge to Ryeford.
- the wildlife friendly hedge has been planted at Victory Park next to the Peace Garden to screen the car park.
- after complaints including her own, a letter has been received from Stroud District Council saying that although the delivery charge for new recycling boxes remains in place, they have now reactivated the option to collect them from Ebley Mill free of charge.
- Sunflower Suicide Support has met with Tamsin from Stroud Valley Projects and looked at areas for planting sunflowers. They have requested to plant them in the green area in the middle of the ramp at the QEII Field. Councillors resolved to grant permission for this request.
- a reminder that the Canal Community Engagement Team will be holding a taster day at the QEII field on Thursday 25 April between 11am – 2pm.

FC47/19To receive any reports from County and District Councillor's

County Councillor Oosthuysen reported that there is a new highways pot of £25k, He explained that at least £15k of this must be spent on capital works, such as patching or resurfacing of the highways including roads, pavements and footpaths. The remaining £10k can be spent on any highway related works such as patching or resurfacing or surveys, drainage and vegetation He further advised that there is no longer a Lengthman's scheme and requested that the Council advise him of where they would like to spend the money. Councillor Barton questioned if the money could be used towards a speed indicator sign, Councillor Oosthuysen was unsure about this and would have to report back. Councillor Cross reported that the pavement near Whitehouse Park is particularly unsafe and people have fallen down in this area. The Clerk suggested that all Councillors report back to her any repairs they would like to see happen in the parish. Councillor Scott-Hodgetts has attended a highways meeting and stated that there is a menu available to give you costs for repairs.

Councillor Oosthuysen also reported that there is a pot of money for community projects. Councillor Miles asked if the council could request some of this money towards developing the play area at Victory for some inclusive equipment. He stated that he would consider a request for money although he is keen to spend the money on loneliness. Councillor Miles commented that it is not just the elderly who can be lonely and that a good play area will draw parents and grandparents in and create a hub for people to meet. Councillor Oosthuysen requested that if anyone knew of someone

elderly that would benefit from going out on outings to let him know. It was agreed that he would submit an article for the Summer Fourwards regarding loneliness. He apologised for not attending previous meetings, this was due to personal issues.

District Councillor Miles reported that she has attended two meetings, the first regarding development to meet future housing needs and the second regarding the emerging Local Plan. She stated this may mean working with Gloucester County Council to hit the target set for both areas by the Government. There is a possibility of a new challenger bank called Avon Bank coming to Stroud and Stroud District Council are considering investing in some way by giving a grant. This bank will specifically look at lending to small local businesses with the money that is invested with them as well as a jam jar account where people with poor credit history can open an account and receive a debit card. Credit cards would not be offered.

It was agreed to move agenda item 11 to be discussed at this point.

FC48/19

To consider some further information from the Architect regarding development at Springfield, Ebley

A proposal has been received from the developer for four detached properties with double garages allowing up to six vehicles per property. They are seeking the Parish Council's views due to their ownership of the track access before submitting plans to Stroud District Council. Members discussed the scheme and acknowledged the offer of land to the Parish council to widen the track to 4.1 metres in front of the new development. Members still felt there would be a bottle neck where the track adjoins Chapel Lane which is already a very busy area and any disposal of allotment land would be unlikely to be considered by the Secretary of State due to the active nature of the allotments.

The Clerk was asked to feed back to the developer, that members have significant concerns that this scheme would be too much for the track road and the should be reduced to limit the additional vehicular movement

FC49/19

To receive the report of the Communications Committee

The report of the Communications Committee was noted.

The Assistant Clerk reported that the Fourwards is now out for delivery.

FC50/19

To receive the report of the Planning, Highways and Amenities Committee

The report of the Planning, Highways and Amenities Committee was noted.

FC51/19

To receive the report of the Finance and Staffing Committee

The report of the Finance and Staffing Committee was noted.

FC52/19

To further consider the Pavilion Opening/Music Event

The Assistant Clerk proposed that an event takes place on the 11 August to showcase the new pavilion with entertainment between 2pm and 4 pm from the Forest of Dean Brass band. They have offered to play two sets of music of 45 minutes with a 30-minute break at a cost of £450.00 and she requested authorisation from the Council to book them. After due

discussion Councillor Berry proposed that the band are booked. This was seconded by Councillor White and carried with all in favour. Councillor Barton will supply a sound system and the Assistant clerk was asked to approach local groups to arrange a bbq and cream teas as well as contacting the ice cream vendor. It was further suggested that one of the sports groups may wish to offer some activities.

- FC53/19** To consider Victory Park play area improvements and funding avenues
The Clerk feels that the current play area needs updating and new inclusive equipment as well as new fencing needs to be funded. She is due to meet with a consultant for inclusive play who helped work up a project for the play area at Saul and Fretherne playground. After due discussion it was proposed that the Clerk starts working on this project to identify what play equipment is available as well as relevant funding. Councillor Novoth suggested the timing would work well with the new pavilion opening and an exhibition could be housed at the pavilion to involve the community.
- FC54/19** To receive an update regarding the Pavilion Construction
The Clerk reported that the construction is going well and the roof trusses are now fixed. There has been a slight delay due to the high winds and rain and a new completion date of the 25 June has been requested.
- FC55/19** To further discuss the name and status of the Parish Council
The Clerk confirmed that she has received a call following the delivery of the Fourwards stating that the member of the publics preference is for the council to stay as Cainscross Parish Council. The Council once again considered becoming a Town Council and Councillor Barton suggested this be added to the next Full Council agenda for further discussion which was agreed by members.
- FC56/19** To discuss the notice period on the present office and general timing of the move to the new premises
The Clerk advised Council that she has met with the Landlord and an agent has carried out some viewings with potential new tenants. The Clerk has explained to the Landlord that we require a flexible termination of the lease but feels it will be during July of this year. The Landlord is happy to work with the Council and any new tenant. It was agreed that details of the move will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting in April.
- FC57/19** To pass a resolution removing former Councillors from the bank account
Councillor Miles proposed that Councillors Brock and Watkins be removed as signatories. This was seconded by Councillor Smith and carried with all in favour.
- FC58/19** To approve interim payment to No.4 to J Projects
Members resolved to authorised this payment.
- FC59/19** To approve payment to Brian Gay
Members resolved to authorise this payment.

- FC60/19** To approve the subscription to GAPTC for the forthcoming financial year
Members authorised the subscription for payment.
- FC61/19** To consider nominating a member to attend 'Setting up a local climate action group'
Councillors Scott-Hodgetts and White volunteered to attend the meeting and represent the Council.
- FC62/19** To report on any external meetings/training sessions attended
The Clerk has attended the SLCC AGM with the Assistant Clerk and also Ebley allotments AGM.
Councillor Miles has attended the inauguration of the new High Sheriff of Gloucester at the Cathedral. She advised that there is to be a 60's/70's disco at Cashes Green Community Centre in May.
Councillor Novoth has attended the Chartered Parishes Group meeting and heard details from Gloucestershire Highways regarding new contractors.
Councillor Scott-Hodgetts also attended the Chartered Parish Group meeting and Cashes Green Community Centre AGM.
Councillor Dale has attended Cashes Green Community Centre AGM and the Neighbourhood Ambassadors meeting at Stroud District Council.
Councillor Berry attended the Cashes Green Community Centre AGM and a exhibition by the Canal Trust at Stroud Subscription Rooms.
Councillor Miles requested if any members had any old photos of the area from the 60's and 70's they could be used for the event in May and projected on to the walls.
- FC63/19** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council
The next Full Council meeting will take place on Monday 29th April at 7pm.

Signed

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Actions:

FC46/19	Give authorisation for Sunflower planting at QEII field	Clerk
FC47/19	To identify areas for Highways budget	Councillors
FC47/19	Contact D Tiffney to clarify the budget and what it can be spent on and potential costs of repairs	Clerk
FC47/19	Start working up the project for the play area	Clerk
FC48/19	Respond to developers	Clerk
FC52/19	Book the Brass Band for pavilion opening	Assistant Clerk
FC57/19	Remove signatories from Unity Trust bank	Clerk
FC58/19	Pay J Projects invoice	Finance Assistant
FC59/19	Pay B Gay Invoice	Finance Assistant
FC60/19	Renew GAPTC subscription	Finance Assistant
FC61/19	Book onto meeting of local climate group	Councillor Scott-Hodgetts

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