

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Full Council** held on Monday 29 April 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 Jenny Miles (District) Carlos Novoth Ros Scott-Hodgetts Ron Smith Clive White
In Attendance:	Clerk	Jeni Marshall
	County Councillors	Brian Oosthuysen
	Candidates for the Ebley and Cashes Green West Ward	John Tyror Laura Beattie
Also Present:		One Member of the Public Nick Gardiner – Stroud Auctions Carol Kambites – Stonehouse Town Council
Apologies:	Councillors	Keith Mace
Absent	Councillor	David Dale

- FC64/19**     To receive apologies  
Apologies were received from Councillor Mace
- FC65/19**     To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council  
The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.
- FC66/19**     To receive any declarations of interest  
None
- FC67/19**     To receive any representations or questions from members of the public  
Nick Gardiner of Stroud Auctions addressed the Council regarding the relocation of his business. He explained this was necessary due to the limited parking since Aldi was built and the growing business. He submitted plans to build at land near Horsetrough Roundabout Ebley Road Stonehouse (S.18/0105/FUL) that were refused and explained that he feels the site is heavily degraded environmentally due to previous use. He does not intend to cut down any trees and will put moorings in for Cotswold Canals and Boatmobility with access to members of the public. He told Council that 95% of his customers live within ten to fifteen miles of Stroud and that he has a good mix of staff who have learnt their skills within Stroud Auctions. He is concerned that if he does not expand, his staff will go to bigger auction houses. He felt his only other option after looking at many sites in the

Stroud District, is to move to Bristol, Cheltenham or Gloucester where sites are more readily available. Finally, he acknowledged the site is an Industrial Heritage Site but he feels his business plans and canal access plans will bring social and economic benefit to the District.

Carol Kambites voiced the support of Stonehouse Council as they felt the economic benefit would help the High Street in Stonehouse.

Nick Gardiner asked the Council to support his application. Councillors asked questions regarding the parking requirements and how many other sites Stroud Auctions had viewed. Nick responded that he needed up to sixty parking spaces, three to four times a month and he had viewed 26 other sites. Highways issues were also considered and members agreed to discuss this at the next planning meeting.

A resident of Greenaways raised concerns regarding a planning application for land at, Greenaways, the erection of 7 terraced houses and 2 flats. He asked the Council to object to this application for the following reasons; Firstly he felt that the parking standards are inadequate and that additional site traffic will detrimentally affect the businesses in Central Square where parking is already woefully inadequate. He also felt that the proposed materials have no regard for the design of the existing estate. The majority of this area of the estate is yellow render and the proposed properties are finished in red brick.

He further suggested that the Council could purchase the land for some form of community use.

#### **FC68/19**

##### To receive the Chairman's announcements

The Chairman pointed out to members that there is a lot to discuss on the agenda and she asked members to stay focused.

She asked members permission for the Clerk to order flowers for the Assistant Clerk for her birthday whilst she is on sick leave. Members were happy for her to order this.

#### **FC69/19**

##### To receive any reports from County and District Councillor's

Councillor Oothuysen reminded members that the Lengthmans Scheme is now a charged for service. He also reminded members that they have a pot of money of approximately £12,000 for highway works and he would like to get an idea of how members wish to spend this. Councillor Cross mentioned that a dropped curb has been requested by Berkley House in Cashes Green. The Clerk also mentioned that she has received complaints regarding the surface of paths throughout the Cashes Green (Foxmoor) estate and after taking a walk round these areas, feels there should be a rolling programme of resurfacing.

Members agreed to further consider this at the next Planning, Highways and Amenities meeting.

#### **FC70/19**

##### To receive a brief presentation from the Stroud District Road Safety Group and consider an one-off contribution to become an Associate Member

Iain Dunbar a Parish Councillor for Woodchester Parish Council, introduced himself and explained how Stroud District Road Safety Group was born. After considering issues in the Woodchester Parish and realising the cost of implementing any road safety, it became apparent that some of the costs were prohibitive particularly to smaller Councils. He joined together with

Councillors from Rodborough Parish Council and Whiteshill and Ruscombe Parish Council and after some discussion agreed to invite other Councils, Road safety groups and members of the public to form an autonomous Independent Road Safety Group.

An initial meeting was held in October of 2018 with an attendance of over 60 people, to include Parish and Town Council representatives, David Drew, Gloucester County Council Highways representatives, the Police and Crime Commissioner and many more. The result of this meeting was a forum to work together to improve road safety district wide.

Iain explained that taking this forward, they are focusing on the following four points;

- Inappropriate speed limits – The group have contacted all 52 Parish and Town Council's in the district and received replies from 22 highlighting issues in 30 locations. Following this, Iain and colleagues have met with Daniel Tiffney of Highways and discussed a Multi-Site Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). It has been agreed that if the areas meet the Department of Transport criteria, then Highways will match fund the TRO.
- Funding for two mobile vehicle activated signs (VAS) – Iain explained that even when switched off, they are still collating data. It was interesting to note that 28% more people speed when the sign is switched off.
- Vulnerable road user signs – Eight sites have been identified that will not be eligible for a reduction in the speed limit. To get a sign erected saying 'Pedestrian in Road' is expensive but the group has now found out that a white sign on the carriageway can be done by the maintenance crew at no cost.
- Alternatives for speed reduction technology – Dursley have a speed watch scheme and there is information about this on their website. A new company in Bath have invented an auto speed watch device which clocks the registration and speed of every car speeding. The cost of the device is much lower than other speed reduction technology at a cost of £299.
- Finally, Iain asked members to consider joining the group as an associate member at a one of cost of £250. As a member you will be able to share the VAS and they will be installed by trained people and data fed back.

**FC71/19** To receive the report of the Communications and Policy Committee  
The report of the Communications and Policy Committee was noted.  
Councillor White has approached various local shops requesting a donation for a prize for the Fourwards quiz. He is waiting to hear back.

- To approve the Uniform Policy  
The Uniform Policy was approved.

**FC72/19** To receive the report of the Planning, Highways and Amenities Committee  
The report of the Planning, Highways and Amenities Committee was noted.

**FC73/19** To consider the following planning applications;

- S./0619/HHOLD19/0572/HHOLD – 135 The Bassetts – First Floor Extension –  
Members agreed to note this application

- S.19/0600/FUL – Land at, Greenaways – Erection of 7 terraced houses and 2 flats - Members were concerned about site traffic during construction and would expect to see a plan to mitigate any dangers.  
It was further agreed that the brick facing is not in keeping with the rest of the estate and would prefer to see a mix of brick and render to blend in.
- S.19/0619/HHOLD - 67 Devereaux Crescent, Ebley - Erection of a steel clad garage - Members resolved to note this application.
- S.19/0740/TPO - 42 Glynfield Rise, Ebley – Members resolved to support this application.
- S.19/0703/HHOLD – 45 Cashes Green Rd – Rear two storey extension –  
Members resolved to note this application.
- S.19/0777/HHOLD – 45 Old Hospital Lawn – proposed two storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling – Members resolved to make no observations regarding this application.

**FC74/19** To receive the report of the Finance and Staffing Committee  
The report of the Finance and Staffing Committee was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk will email Stroud District Council regarding electric vans.

**FC75/19** To receive the report of the Recreation Committee and recommendations for sports club fees  
The report of the Recreation Committee was noted. Members considered the fees recommended by the Committee and resolved not to reduce the fees for Rodborough and Cainscross Old Boys but to keep them at £65 per match. Members felt that a lot of investment has gone in to the new facility and the fees are reasonable.  
It was further agreed to keep the fees for the other sports club as the previous year.  
The Clerk was asked when sending out the licences to inform all the sports groups that from the new season, the facilities will be checked after use and if not cleaned satisfactorily, a charge for cleaning will be added to the invoice. It was noted that Cainscross RFC have already agreed a cleaning charge with the Council.

**FC76/19** To authorise the signing of the Transfer (TP1) for Elm Road Playing Field  
The Clerk was authorised to sign the TP1 and proceed with the transaction

**FC77/19** To consider a request to remove or relocate a dog bin installed by the Parish Council  
The Clerk has been out to check the bin on several occasions in different weather conditions and found no evidence of flies. It was agreed to ask the Dog Warden to monitor it and also Councillor Barton volunteered to take a look.  
The Clerk will write to the complainant and inform her of this action.

**FC78/19** To further consider the name and status of the Parish Council

The Clerk reported that she has had three replies from the Fourwards consultation and all three have given the preference of keeping the name of the Council as it is. After much debate it was resolved to keep the name of Cainscross incorporating Cashes Green and Ebley. A further discussion was held as to whether the Council should become a Town Council due to the size of the Council and giving it more kudos when making grant applications etc. It was resolved to consult members of the public to change the name to Cainscross Town Council with 6 in favour and 2 abstentions.

- FC79/19** To propose any topics for debate at the GAPTC AGM  
Councillor Ross Scott-Hodgetts requested the topic of 'working co-operatively' as has been seen recently in the Stroud Road Safety Group and the Climate Change Group.
- FC80/19** To approve payment for Interim Certificate No.5 to J Projects  
Interim payment 5 was approved.
- FC81/19** To agree to write off two unrepresented cheques  
Members resolved to write off two cheques that have remained unrepresented for over six months.
- FC82/19** To agree virements for overspent budgets  
Members noted overspent budgets in the Victory Park cost centre and the Open Spaces cost centre. It was resolved to vire funds from the unused earmark reserve – Urban Projects as this reserve has never been used and is not specific.  
It was further resolved to amalgamate the two youth earmarked reserve under a new reserve – Inclusive Play.
- FC83/19** To note a CIL payment and consider putting in to a reserve for the Victory Park Play Area  
It was agreed to add any CIL payment to a reserve for an inclusive play area at Victory Park
- FC84/19** To consider candidates for co-option to the Council for Ebley and Cashes Green West  
Members considered two candidates for co-option, Laura Beattie and John Tyrer. Both candidates gave a brief speech on their reasons for wanting to become Parish Councillor's and Councillor Smith proposed co-opting John Tyrer to the Ebley vacancy and Laura Beattie to the Cashes Green West vacancy. This was seconded by Councillor Berry and carried with all in favour.  
It was agreed that both new Councillors will call in to the office to sign their Acceptance of Office form and Declaration of Interests.
- FC85/19** To report on any external meetings/training sessions attended  
Councillor Miles attended an E-learning Data Protection Course and a meeting to discuss the Forest Green Rovers Planning Application.  
Councillor Barton attended the Forest Green Rovers Pre-Application Meeting, the Canals Project Missing Mile and a Pavilion Meeting.

Councillor White attended the Climate Action Meeting run by Transistion Stroud and will be attending a further meeting in Randwick.  
 Councillor Ross Scott Hodgetts also attended the Climate Action Meeting.  
 Councillor Miles and Berry attended the Sunnyhill AGM.  
 Councillor Cross attended the St. Matthews Easter Service where he was asked to pass on their thanks for the church wall grant.  
 The Clerk attended a meeting with Stroud Nature and Stroud Town Council and a Pavilion Meeting.

**FC86/19** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council  
 The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday 13 May at 7pm.

Signed

Dated

#### **Actions**

FC67/19	Add to PHA Agenda	Clerk
FC69/19	Look at areas for Highways Local	All
FC73/19	Send in Planning Observations	Clerk
FC75/19	Update Sports Clubs	Clerk
FC76/19	Sign Transfer	Clerk
FC77/19	Inform Dog Warden	Clerk
FC78/19	Consult with Parishioners	Clerk
FC79/19	Send motion to GAPTC	Clerk
FC80/19	Make Payment	Finance Assistant
FC81/19	Write off unpaid cheques	Finance Assistant
FC82/19	Do budget virements	Finance Assistant
FC83/19	Move CIL to reserve	Finance Assistant
FC84/19	Sign Decs and Acceptance of Office	JT/LB