

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Full Council** held on Monday 29 October 2018, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

Present:	Councillors	Eileen Berry (Chair) Adrian Cross (vice-Chair) Graham Barton Peter Berry Jenny Miles (Parish and District) Keith Mace Carlos Novoth Ron Smith Neil Watkins Clive White
	District Councillors	Rachel Curley Tom Williams
In Attendance:	Clerk Assistant Clerk Candidates for Co-option	Jeni Marshall Sally Jones David Dale Rosalinde Scott-Hodges 6 members of the public
Apologies:	County Councillors	Brian Oothuysen and Lesley Williams

FC190/18 To receive apologies
Apologies were received as above

FC191/18 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 24 September 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

FC192/18 To receive any declarations of interest
Councillor P Berry declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 (minute number FC201/18) and also the Foxmoor Estate.

FC193/18 To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
A member of the public raised concerns that the recycling centres throughout the County and in particular at Horsley now have reduced opening times including a day a week closure. He explained that this will lead to a 25% increase in traffic at the site and with cars already queuing on to the main road, potential for a serious accident. He has written to the Stroud News and Journal about the issue but despite promises of his letter appearing on the letter page, this has not yet happened. Council agreed to add this to the next relevant agenda and in the meantime to request a copy of the Impact assessment from Gloucestershire County Council.

It was agreed that other members of the public would speak under the relevant agenda item.

- FC194/18** To receive the Chairman's announcements
 The Chair announced the following;
- An invitation for a Library Fun and Fizz evening has been received from Allsorts. Should anyone wish to attend they should contact the Clerk.
 - A letter has been received from Severn Trent confirming that sewer works in the Stroud are scheduled for 2020/21
- FC195/18** To receive any reports from County and District Councillor's
 District Councillor Tom Williams explained that there is no further movement on Tricorn House. He also mentioned that an application for building residential properties on the old playground at Queens Drive will shortly be forthcoming and that some off site contribution will be made towards a local play area. He queried whether the Council would prefer this to be at Elm Road or Sunnyhill. The Clerk explained that this had been questioned before and the Parish Council had carried out a survey of Sunnyhill residents to seek their views. The result had been a resounding no to a play area in that location.
 District Councillor Rachel Curley explained things have been fairly quiet and the majority of complaints received are regarding potholes.
 District Councillor Jenny Miles said she has been busy helping to organise the selection of Tenant Representatives for Council Tenants in the District.
- FC196/18** To receive a brief presentation from Highways Manager Daniel Tiffney followed by a question and answer session
 Daniel Tiffney explained he was going to talk to Council regarding County budgets, limitations, opportunities and how the Parish Council and members of the public can help themselves. He explained how four years of austerity has resulted in a massive reduction in finances available to the Highways budget. He also informed members that the Government has agreed to invest 150 million over 5 years to improve highways throughout the country.
 Dan further explained that Highways have a Capital budget used for material improvements which is ok and a day to day revenue budget used for things such as pot holes, street lights and trees which is struggling to fund the demand.
 He informed the meeting of the 'Highways Your Way' scheme which is available to Parish Council's and neighbourhood groups with match funding. The criteria are whether the scheme will improve the highways network and must be supported by local people. Another available source of funding is from the 'Highways Local' scheme where each County Councillor receives £20,000 to spend in their area and again this money can be accessed by Parish Council's and neighbourhood groups.
 Dan urged everyone to report problems on line and explained there is a tracking system that shows you works that are being carried out in your area.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding bollards that were placed on Foxmoor Lane to stop cars mounting the pavement. Within a very short time, two of the bollards had been vandalised and removed and there is now only one left. She requested that the two be replaced with more substantial bollards. Dan commented that he did not have the funds to keep replacing the bollards. Another member of the public commented that people living in this part of Foxmoor Lane are in danger of being run over at the bottom of their own drives in particular an elderly neighbour. Dan agreed he would check the depot and hopefully he will be able to find a couple of spare bollards which he will then use to replace the vandalised ones. Councillors discussed various ways to make the lane safer and Councillor P Berry commented that he was almost knocked down on the lane quite recently. One suggestion that has not previously been considered is to raise the curb making it harder for cars to mount the pavement. Dan Tiffney commented that this would be very expensive. Other suggestions such as a one-way system was dismissed for various reasons. Councillor Novoth queried the implication that nothing can be done to make the road safer and questioned whether in some circumstances there must be a departure from standards. Dan Tiffney confirmed that in certain circumstances with good rationale there is leeway. Councillor Miles queried the issue of cars parking on Westward Road by the former children's home as this means that cars have to pull out on to the other side of the road on a bend. Dan confirmed that the only solution to this is double yellow lines and he is at present collating a list of areas in Stroud that would benefit from double yellow lines including Westward Road and Frome Gardens. He explained that essentially he needs to bid for the funding and there is no guarantee he will receive it as there is huge competition for that money. Councillor Cross mentioned that there use to be yellow lines at this point on Westward Road. Dan Tiffney will check this and let the Clerk know.

Dan Tiffney and residents of Foxmoor Lane left the meeting.

Councillor Novoth addressed Council commenting that Highways are trying to offload the problem on to Parish Councils and local residents, when Highways have an absolute duty to be responsible for Highway safety. He felt that the Parish Council should take a strong stance on this and not be rallied in to dealing with the issues. All Councillors were in full agreement.

- FC197/18** To receive the report of the Recreation Committee
The report of the Recreation Committee was noted
- FC198/18** To receive the report of the Planning, Highways and Amenities Committee
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- FC199/18** To receive the report of the Finance and Staffing Committee
The report of the Finance and Staffing Committee was noted
- To receive a recommendation for a grant application for Sunnyhill Residents Association

Councillor Smith proposed the grant be approved. This was seconded by Councillor P Berry and carried with all in favour.

- FC200/18** To receive the report of the Communication and Policy Committee
The report of the Communication and Policy Committee was noted
- FC201/18** To receive a report regarding Cashes Green Allotments
Councillor Novoth gave a brief report on a meeting held recently with the allotment holders. He said that they are part of a series of ongoing meetings and that at the last meeting there were 12 attendees. He felt that it had been a healthy discussion and a questionnaire had been distributed amongst the allotment holders to seek their views and help build a basis for a grant application.
Councillor P Berry who had also attended the meeting mentioned he had an informal discussion with an attendee of the meeting and felt it to be very positive.
- FC202/18** To receive an update regarding the Pavilion Project
The Clerk reported that the Project has started today on schedule. She will send out the works schedule to all Councillors.
- FC203/18** To consider the budget for 2019/20
Members considered the draft budget to date and agreed that they needed to consider where money is most needed in the Parish before the next meeting. Councillor P Berry urged caution and reminded members that the Pavilion Project having only just started may need additional funding should there be any unforeseen problems.
- FC204/18** To approve additional Architect costs for the Pavilion Project
The Clerk informed members that the Architect had carried out quite a lot of extra necessary works and in doing so has made some good cost savings. Councillor E Berry proposed the invoice be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Smith and carried with all in favour.
- FC205/18** To receive and consider information regarding Kimmins Mill
Members agreed that the mill is actually in the Parish of Rodborough and may not be the most appropriate site for the quantity of storage required. They agreed that an archive for the Stroud area is needed and that there may be a redundant building that would be more suited to this. Members noted the information.
- FC206/18** To note the conclusion of Audit
The conclusion of Audit was noted.
- FC207/18** To consider and approve candidates for co-option to the Council
Members considered David Dale and Rosalind Scott-Hodges for co-option to the Council. Councillor White commented that he felt both candidates to be excellent. Councillor Smith proposed that Rosalind be co-opted to the Cainscross ward and David to the Cashes Green East ward. This was seconded by Councillor E Berry and carried with all in favour.

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- FC208/18** To consider membership renewal to the National Allotment Society
The Clerk explained that she did not really use this membership and therefore did not need to re-new it. Members resolved that this could be renewed in the future if required.
- FC209/18** To consider attendance at 'Gloucestershire Looking to the Future' event
Members considered the information and one member felt it to be quite grandiose considering the state of the economy. A member of the public reported that the proposal could be listened to on BBC Radio Gloucestershire. Members were asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to attend the next information evening.
- FC210/18** To report on any external meetings/ training sessions attended
Councillor E Berry and A Cross attended a Highways safety meeting at Whiteshill.
Councillor Mace, P Berry, C Novoth and the Assistant Clerk attended the allotment meeting.
Councillor J Miles attended a Trustees meeting at Cashes Green Community Centre and a meeting regarding with Stroud District Council Planning Department to discuss the process of the Avocet Park house design.
- FC211/18** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council
The next Full Council meeting will take place on 26 November at 7pm.

Actions:

FC193/18	Request Impact Assessment from GCC	Clerk
FC193/18	Add to next relevant agenda	Clerk
FC199/18	Send off grant	Assistant Clerk
FC203/18	Further consider budget	All
FC204/18	Pay Architect	Finance Assistant
FC207/18	Sign necessary forms	New Councillors

E Berry 26/11/2018

