

Tibberton Parish Council

Minutes

Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30 p.m. online ZOOM meeting

1. **Welcome from the Chairman.** DN, CA, CB, GB, TB, HK, CW – present, no apologies.
 - a. Agreed to follow NACL guidelines for remote meetings
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 9th March 2020 draft copy published after last meeting and now signed as a true record. Published signed copy to the website.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Parish Business**
 - a. Correspondence from GCC, FoDDC GAPTC, GRRC covering funding and COVID 19 guidance circulated by email.
 - b. Current Statement of Accounts for 2020/2021 – circulated & acknowledged
 - c. Auditor report and subsequent action plan - Finance Committee to meet Tuesday 4th August 2020 and report
 - d. Annual Governance and Accountability Return AGAR 2019/20 – signed by Chairman
 - e. Payments in July:
 - i. Grass Cutting and additional maintenance - £580
 - f. Asset Register – circulated and accepted by council
 - g. Revised Standing Orders 2020 – circulated and accepted by council
5. **Planning (revised order – 11/1/2020)**
 - a. 1 Hanman Villas – single storey extension - deadline 9th July – no objections
 - b. Burway Farm, Rudford – demolition and change of use to residential single storey dwelling – deadline 22nd July – no objections

Update on enforcement issues:

 - a. Oak Tree Cottage - Shipping Container now expected to be removed when barn development completed.
 - b. Griffins Farm – Tree planting – Cllr. Nutting to discuss with owner
 - c. Bovone Farm – continuation of recycling business – Cllr. Robinson will follow up on progress with period monitoring by FoDDC.
6. **Items Discussed**
 - a. **Highways**
 - a. Footway to the Forge – included in the GCC Highways program for the Autumn
 - b. Huntley Road surface – GCC Highways state the road have been repaired. Clerk to collate photo/map/evidence from Councillors to give an update on outstanding work.
 - c. Orchard Rise+ Kerbs weeding and tidy up & Winford Bridge – Photo/map document request to GCC Lengthsman has been received and work to be completed in due course.
 - d. BT exchange fence, entrance and rear space – Ongoing Discussions with CBRE, Facilities Managers for BT Estates, topics include use of 'spare' land, development of telephone box, fence and possible footpath chicane.
 - b. Emergency plan working group. Cllr. Bevan presented document too late for proper council scrutiny. Cllrs to review, correct and discuss at next meeting.
 - c. VAS working group has made no progress since last meeting. Cllr. Ackerman raised difficulties in obtaining speed gun from Police to analyse traffic speeds. Three system quotes obtained but identification of sign site post through the village has not been completed. Clerk to make application to GCC Highways for funding based on information provided by the group.

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7. Report from County Council – Cllr Brian Robinson reported:

- a. Council meetings have resumed using webex virtual meeting software. A full council meeting and planning committee took place in June and Scrutiny will start in July. County Councillors paid tribute to the many voluntary groups in parishes and villages that stepped up to make sure local people had the support that was needed help.
- b. Scrutiny committee members have been updated through online question and answer sessions over recent months. As chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) I have attended. We have been advised of service changes at the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Hospitals moving emergency admission to Gloucester and some specialist surgery to Cheltenham. Some minor injury units have also been closed to allow focus on Covid 19 issues. Plans to cope with a second wave of Covid 19 have also been drawn up.
- c. At the Adult Care Scrutiny Committee today Covid 19 infections in care homes were discussed. In Gloucestershire there have been 222 deaths from Covid 19 in care homes. Steps are in place to test residents and care workers on a regular basis. All facilities have good supply of PPE.
- d. The County has a test and trace service deployed in support of the national service. The number of Covid 19 infections in Gloucestershire remains low in recent week. An outbreak in Hereford has been reported in the press.
- e. All waste recycling facilities are now open with booking required to ensure social distancing.
- f. Weddings have recommenced with two held on 4th at Shire Hall. Registration of births recommenced on 29th June with all registration offices except Tewksbury now open. The backlog of birth registrations in Gloucestershire which by law have to be done in person has reached several thousand. Some libraries are opening from 14th July including Cinderford, Coleford and Tewksbury.
Highways have continued to work throughout the lockdown period constrained sometimes by lack of materials. A number of resurfacing schemes are in progress.
- g. The lengthman scheme is running so local Parish work needs to be requested so it can be programmed in.
- h. I attended the Gloucestershire Economic growth Scrutiny Committee where the GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership updated on post Covid 19 investment plans. The requirement to be shovel ready means in reality this is schemes that were planned before the pandemic. Around £9m of extra government funding is expected but yet to be confirmed.
- i. I still have some community development funds that can be used to help people who are unable to access online services get connected.

8. Report from District Council - Cllr Brian Robinson reported:

- a. The District Council has also held an Annual Meeting using webex and has appointed a new Chief Finance Officer. Following interviews in June a new Monitoring Officer is likely to be appointed at our next meeting in July.
- b. More than £20m of government grant has been distributed to local business in the form of £10k or £25k grants, This represents about 1 in 3 of Gloucestershire businesses.
- c. The district has identified some schemes for improving cycle safety but currently they do not include schemes in my division.

9. A.O.B

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm
at Taynton & Tibberton Village Hall

Approved by:

Position:

Dated:

Brian Robinson
Chairman
8/09/2020