

Minutes of the Meeting of Frampton Cotterell Parish Council
9 November 2011
Held at the Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Councillors Clothier, (*Chairman*) Broome, Mrs Crumpton, Forsyth, Hendy (*part*), D Hockey, Pat Hockey (*part*), Mrs Morris, Mrs Stickland and Underhill.

Apologies: Councillors Farbrother, Thomson, Weeks and Willett.

In Attendance: Mr N Smith, Frampton Cotterell Rugby Club representative.

212 Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

213 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr Broome declared a personal interest as a Parish Council representative on Frampton Cotterell Over 50s Computer Group.
- Cllr Mrs Stickland declared a personal interest as a member of Frampton Cotterell Over 50s Computer Group.
- Cllr D Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish Councillors who are also members of South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

214 Confirmation of Minutes - 26 October 2011

Referring to Minute 196, Cllr D Hockey pointed out that the SGC Environment Grant might be available for new trees, not hedgelaying works as stated in the minutes.

It was then proposed by Cllr Forsyth, seconded by Cllr Mrs Crumpton and

RESOLVED:

- That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 October 2011 be confirmed and signed.

215 Parishioner Observations

Mr Smith stated that his club wished to erect a safety barrier around three sides of Pitch No. 6 at The Park; the demountable barrier would be in situ from September to April, and would incorporate a removable section to provide access for grasscutting machinery. He sought the Council's initial views prior to the preparation of detailed proposals. The Chairman thanked Mr Smith for his representations and explained that the Council would determine its position when considering the notes of the Park Sports Consultative Committee [see Minute 216 below].

216 Notes of the Park Sports Consultative Committee – 1 November 2011

The Clerk presented the above notes for consideration (copy attached at Appendix 1).

Minute 179: Members considered the Rugby Club's request for fencing around Pitch No. 6. They recommended that the byelaws for The Park ought to be consulted and that comments from other users of The Park should be sought.

Minute 180: The Clerk reported quotations for replacement benches at the tennis courts. Members felt that it would be helpful to see usage statistics for the courts before deciding upon the purchase of new benches.

Minutes 178 and 181: The Clerk outlined the difficulties he was experiencing with Frampton Rangers FC in respect of obtaining fixture lists, security of the Pavilion and the removal of their BBQ unit.

RESOLVED: THAT

- (1) whilst the Council has no 'in principle' objections to the Rugby Club's proposal, a sign be posted at The Park, inviting comments from other users, for report back to the Council meeting scheduled for 7 December 2011;
- (2) the Clerk be requested to report back with usage statistics for the tennis courts; and
- (3) the Clerk be requested to write to Frampton Rangers FC regarding the issues highlighted above and advising the club that the Council will consider imposing sanctions if no reply is received in time for the next Council meeting on 23 November 2011.

217 Green Dog Walker Scheme

Referring to Minute 158, the Clerk summarised progress to date in respect of the scheme. The Council was pleased to note that 10 to 15 individuals, together with the local dog training group had expressed an interest in forming a self-supporting GDW group and that SGC were finalising the licensing arrangements. Cllr D Hockey appealed for the group to be granted free use of a room at the Brockeridge Centre for their inaugural meeting. Cllr Hendy asked for signage asking motorists to keep their dogs on leads along Mill Lane at least until entering the Centenary Field. Cllr Mrs Crumpton reported her plans to stage a dog show at the Centenary Field in association with appropriate charities.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the GDW group be granted free use of the Brockeridge Centre for their inaugural meeting; and
- (2) the issues raised by Cllrs Hendy and Mrs Crumpton be referred to the GDW group for consideration.

218 Bell Road Clearance Works

The Clerk reported the options for clearing the land at the above location. In view of the advice received from SGC's Ecology Officer, the Council ruled out the use of heavy machinery on the site. Members recognized that whilst the cutting down of undergrowth could commence in January 2012, arrangements for the clearance of cuttings required further consideration. The Clerk reminded the meeting that neighbouring residents should be advised of the Council's proposals as soon as practicable.

RESOLVED: THAT

- (1) the Leyhill team be contracted to carry out cutting work for a period of two weeks commencing on 16 January 2011;
- (2) a meeting of the Bell Road Working Group be called as and when appropriate to consider how best to clear the site; and
- (3) the Clerk be requested to write to all residents bordering the site to advise them of the Council's plans for the clearance and development of the site.

219 Installation of Solar Panels at the Pavilion

The Clerk reported a recent government announcement indicating a 50% reduction in the Feed-In-Tariff with effect from 12 December 2012. In view of the Council's long-standing ambition to install solar panels at the Pavilion, he sought Members' opinions on whether the Council should press ahead in order to sign up with an installation company before the government's deadline took effect. Members felt that it was imperative that the Council complies with the requirements of its Financial Regulations by securing three quotations for this work. It was then moved by Cllr Hendy seconded by Cllr D Hockey

RESOLVED: THAT

- the scheme be supported; and
- the Clerk be requested to obtain three quotations for the installation and report back.

220 CCTV at the Brockridge Centre

Members considered the contents of a comprehensive report prepared by the PC Simmons. Councillors learned that SGC had surveyed the Brockridge Centre site to assess the scope for a temporary camera installation at an estimated cost of £3000. (A copy of the report appears at Appendix 2.)

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: THAT

- PC Simmons be thanked for his report; and
- the recommendations in the report be fully supported.

221 Pedestrian Crossing Facility, Beesmoor Road

The Clerk reported the advice received from SGC regarding the provision of a zebra crossing in the vicinity of the Lower Chapel Lane/Beesmoor Road junction. A Senior Technical Officer in the Transportation Services Section proposed that an item should be considered for inclusion in SGC's Task Register.

RESOLVED: That

- the proposal be supported; and
- the Clerk be requested to report back to the next meeting with a list of all Frampton Cotterell schemes on the SGC Task Register.

222 Request for Grant in 2012/13 from Childrens Playlink

The Clerk recommended that this matter be deferred until the budget meeting of the Council on 23 November 2012.

RESOLVED:

- That the request be deferred until the Council meeting on 23 November 2011.

223 Request for nominations for Christmas High Tea event

The Clerk reported upon a request for nominations from two local businesswomen seeking to provide high tea during the Christmas period for 15 to 20 elderly/housebound parishioners.

RESOLVED:

- That names be submitted to the Clerk by 29 November at the latest.

224 Agreement with the Over50s Computer Group

The Clerk presented the draft Agreement drawn up in consultation with representatives of the above Group that defined the nature of the services provided by each party in support of a community IT training facility for the residents of Frampton Cotterell and environs. Members felt that full costings should be supplied for the services highlighted in the two schedules before the Agreement was signed off. Cllr Mrs Crumpton stated that she was in discussions with SGC's George Kossouros about securing Social Enterprise status for the Over50s Group.

RESOLVED:

- That the matter be deferred to a future meeting so that financial information can be made available to the Council prior to completion of the Agreement.

225 SGC Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 Consultation Draft

The Council considered the contents of the above document. Cllr D Hockey observed that, although South Gloucestershire was described as 80% rural in nature, the draft said very little about protecting and promoting a vibrant rural economy. Members generally agreed with this view.

RESOLVED:

- That the Clerk be requested to submit the above comments, together with any further comments put to him by Members, to SGC by no later than 18 November 2011.

226 Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk presented an overview of the above levy and explained the initiative was designed to allow local authorities – eg SGC – to charge a levy on new development in their area to meet the associated demands placed on the area and to enable growth. Members saw that an important issue for consideration was how such income would be apportioned between the charging authority and the Town or Parish Council where the development took place.

RESOLVED:

- That the Clerk be requested to submit any comments put to him by Members to the relevant government department by no later than 30 December 2011.

227 Planning Decisions

RESOLVED:

- That the planning decisions at Appendix 3 be noted.

228 Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr D Hockey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Morris and

RESOLVED: That the Accounts dated 9 November 2011, as set out at Appendix 4 in the amount of £10,005.21, be approved.

NB. Cllr Hendy then left the meeting and Cllr Pat Hockey joined the meeting.

229 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors

Cllr Pat Hockey drew Members' attention to the progress of SGC's Core Strategy timed for Examination in Public in April 2012. She reported that public consultation will take place in December 2011 and January 2012, one area of concern being the likelihood that the 'Woodlands' development proposals were likely to come forward before the Core Strategy was in place. Members also learned that the merger of the Planning, Transportation and Environment and Community Services Directorates into a new Environment and Community Services Directorate had been completed, with Steve Evans appointed as Director. Finally, Cllr Hockey referred to the Frome Vale Area Forum meeting scheduled for 1 December 2011 and the ALCA South Glos Area Group meeting on 10 November 2011.

Cllr D Hockey reported the discussion of the New Homes Bonus [ie the Community Infrastructure Levy] at Cabinet, when a 70:30 split between SGC and local councils was proposed. Town and Parish Councils would be invited to comment soon, during SGC's budget consultation processes. Members recognised the importance of the definition of "major development" in this context. The reports were noted.

230 Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was noted:

SGC- Local Sustainable Transport Fund

SGC – Emergency Planning Advice leaflets

How to respond to planning applications: CPRE 8-step guide

Notes of Winterbourne Library Users Group meetings

South Glos Senior Citizens' Forum Autumn Newsletter

Notice of Childrens Playlink AGM – 30 November 2011

RESOLVED:

- That the Clerk be requested to write to SGC confirming the Council's support for the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and offering to display leaflets publicising the Fund.

231 Items for future meetings

RESOLVED:

- That the following items be tabled at the next meeting of the Council:
Neighbourhood Plan
Frampton Cotterell schemes on the SGC Task Register

232 Date of next meeting

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE

Appendix 3

No	Type	No/ Name	Road Name	Proposed Development	Observation	Observation Detail	Decision
2711	F	371	Church Road	Erection of 1 no. detached garage.	No Objection	The Council has no Objection subject to: The access remaining unchanged. There is no adverse impact on the adjacent listed building.	Refuse