

MICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mickleton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 30th September, 2020 in King George's Hall, Chapel Lane, Mickleton at 7.30 p.m

Present: Councillor P. Britt (Chairman)
Councillors N. Britt, R. Cotterell, B. Kibblewhite, K. Rise, and E. Thompson
District Councillor G. Blomefield, and the Clerk, Mrs. A.M. Cox were also in attendance plus 4 members of the electorate

Apologies: apologies were received from Councillors Hall, who wished it to be recorded that he is isolating in line with the current COVID-19 recommendations and would not be attending meetings for the foreseeable future unless via zoom, Banks, and Tyler and County Councillor Stowe. The Chairman informed the meeting of the resignation of Oliver Nicholls. There are now two vacancies which have been advertised.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 26th August, 2020 .

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 26th August, 2020 were read and proposed by Councillor Riste, seconded by Councillor Cotterell and unanimously agreed as being a true and accurate record, accepted and signed by the Chairman, Councillor P. Britt.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes not on the Agenda

County Councillor Stowe has given an explanation regarding the Gigaclear installation to Councillor Kibblewhite

5. Financial Report

The Financial Statements for September 2020 were agreed. Proposed by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Kibblewhite and unanimously agreed.

Amounts outstanding for payment:

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| Mrs. A.M. Cox – August clerk/mobile telephone | F/P | £659.74 |
| Smartcut – grounds maintenance August | F/P | £495.49 |
| Staples - stationery | F/P | £46.73 |
| Grundon Waste – rental/collection/disposal August | D/D | £34.57 |
| HP Inks - printer inks | F/P | £17.99 |

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After examination of the invoices by all Councillors attending, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk pay the above amounts. Proposed by Councillor Riste and seconded by Councillor Kibblewhite.

6. Planning

Applications awaiting decision

Proposed single storey and first floor rear extension and porch at St. Michael's House, Chapel Lane

Remove two conifers at The Barn, Chapel Lane

Proposed rear single storey extension at Little Grange, Long Marston Lane

Erection of attached car port at Brownswood, Back Lane

Tree work at St. Michael's House, Chapel Lane

Planning is not required for formation of agricultural track at Cow Pasture Barn, Longlands Farm

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6. Planning – continued

Decisions – permission has been granted by Cotswold District Council for:

Side and rear extensions with conversion of existing garage and new front porch plus detached double garage at 21 Ballards Close

Tree work at 4 The Manor, Church Lane

Councillor Hall's in-depth report concerning the Government consultation on changes to the current planning system has previously been circulated to Councillors and copies given to the electorate attending the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes.

7 Reports from the District Council and County Council

Cotswold District Council held a meeting to revise the budget in the light of less income and more expenditure caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. A grant has been given by Central Government. Additional expenditure has been incurred with change at the top of administration. The new Chief Executive is Robert Weaver

There is a Climate Emergency Action planning seminar via zoom on the 10th October.

Consultation on the planning white paper highlighted many issues. The AONB may not be protected.

Fastershire are keen to cover the gaps between Gigaclear and BT

Amalgamation between Stroud/Cheltenham/Cotswold District Council is unlikely, due to the estimated cost and Stroud having retracted.

It has been suggested that street names include the CDC logo and the name of the Parish.

8 Report from the County Council - County Councillor Stowe has explained the Gigaclear situation

9 Transfer of Community Land

Confirmation has been received from Cotswold District Council that the S106 money will be transferred to Mickleton Parish Council on the 6th October, 2020.

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10. The New Website

Councillor Cotterell has contacted three suppliers regarding branding website design services and will report back to the next meeting. All current documentation has been backed up and additional information added regarding planning and road closures.

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11. Clerk's report

Gloucestershire County Council Highways have been asked to progress the removal of the advertising boards on The Plantation.

The Three Ways House wall has been repaired

The name signs to the Newlands development are on order.

12. Village Christmas celebrations

Following discussion, it has been agreed that the Annual Parish Council Outdoor Carol Concert and related celebration will be cancelled this year. The tree on the Plantation will be decorated as usual and individual house decoration will be encouraged nearer the time.

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13. Footpaths, pavements and Roads

Following major traffic problems, a request will be made to Gloucestershire County Council for consideration to re-opening Gloucester Lane to traffic. Evidence will be gathered and support has already been received from the school and a member of the electorate.

It was proposed by Councillor Cotterell, seconded by Councillor N. Britt and a vote recorded of 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention that application be made to Gloucestershire County Council to re-open Gloucester Lane to traffic.

There are many traffic and parking dangers that need to be addressed and a request will be made to Rhodri Grey from Gloucestershire County Council to visit the village to demonstrate and discuss the current problems with suggested solutions.

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14. Maintenance of Grounds

Councillor Thompson reported that, in her opinion, the grass cutting was not of a good standard and that she has inspected other areas of the village not just the grass in Arbour Close. Consideration will be given at the Precept Meeting to increase expenditure to include collecting the grass cuttings. It was also a concern that mowing times have not been carried out in line with the contract. It was agreed that a review be carried out at the end of the October mowing season.

Bus Shelters are the responsibility of Integrated Transport Department of Gloucestershire County Council who will be attending to the cleanliness of the two bus shelters on Stratford Road.

15. Reports from Committees/Representatives/Working Parties

Planning for the Future – Councillor Hall’s report is attached. Cotswold District Council have picked up lots of issues mentioned by Councillor Hall

Greening Mickleton – Gloucestershire County Council Highways have received the list of suggestions from Greening Mickleton and need more details of locations, etc. Councillor P. Britt will contact Greening Mickleton and request a more detailed list. Councillor P. Britt will send copies of the Greening Mickleton documents to Parish Councillors and this item will be put on the Agenda of next month’s meeting for further discussion.

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16. Correspondence

Mickleton Primary School – parking problems at the school during dropping off and collection times of pupils as the school. It was felt that part of the problem is because there are no lines marked on the road and that the Police cannot take action because of this. There is no action that the Parish Council are able to take but have confirmed their support of the Head Teacher and the School to support any action necessary.

17. Any Other Business – there was no other business

18. Public Time

There are no zig-zig lines outside the school because there are no yellow lines. It is Gloucestershire County Council’s decision to include yellow no parking lines and this item will be included in the re-opening of Gloucester Lane discussion with Gloucestershire County Council.

A Climate Change Policy is required from all Parish Council’s and Councillor P. Britt confirmed that this will be discussed at the zoom seminar to be held by Cotswold District Council

A request has been made to Cotswold District Council for removal of the advertising boards on The Plantation

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The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 28th October, 2020 at 7.30 p.m. venue/zoom to be confirmed but currently will be held in King George’s Hall, Chapel Lane, Mickleton.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.
