

**The 218th
Coln St Dennis Parish Council
Open Meeting
Was held at 7.00pm
On Thursday 14th January 2016
in
The Coln Valley Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Nicky Talbot-Rice, Nick Dummett, Graeme Matthew, Philip Allen,
Malcolm Carmichael.

In Attendance: Libby Oakley

Residents:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Minutes if the meeting held on 15th October 2015 were approved and signed.

2. Actions arising:

3.1 Nicky Talbot-Rice spoke to Mark Tufnell, he believes that the current plans have been turned down by Cotswold District Council.

6.1 Literature had been passed on to councillors regarding the possible installation of defibrillators – Graeme Matthew discovered that Chedworth currently had 3 which had not had any use and that there was a recommended criteria for density of population which Coln St Dennis Parish Council did not reach.

3. Budget and Precept

Budget for 2016/2017 was presented and discussed. Nick Dummett explained that last years increase included an allowance for the painting of village telephone boxes at £100 per year for 4 years. ND also mentioned that starting from the next financial year 2017/2018 there will be no audit requirement for councils with a turnover of less that £25,000. However this does not apply to 2016/2017, therefore an allowance has been included.

Graeme Matthew mentioned the green at the bottom of Calcot as a contingency point and it was agreed that a fee of £150 be paid to Libby Oakley as clerk expenses.

NTR suggested a useful reserve of £1500, therefore a precept of £2100 was agreed.

Action: LO

4. Crossroads view restriction at Corner Cottage, Coln Rogers

Janice Wright had emailed the parish clerk with concerns regarding the restricted view caused by overgrowth at the corner by Corner Cottage. There were discussions on where was most affected by overhanging foliage and whether it was on private land or a highways issue. It was agreed that all councillors would take a proper look and review at the next meeting.

Action: ALL

5. Tree on triangle Calcot

Due to recent bad weather, a branch from the Ash tree on the triangle at the top of Calcot had come down.

GM arranged for Dick Handy to come and take a look at the tree and remove branch.

“He says that this is “heart rot” and has offered to test the viability of the tree by drilling out a sample through the main trunk and determining whether there is a sufficient proportion of sound wood. He can do this on Saturday and inspect the tree generally, at no fee”

As the tree is a Parish Council issue there was a general discussion on potential hazardous risks i.e. school bus, future gales and whether the PC could be held liable. It was agreed that GM would ask DH to quote to preserve the tree by cutting back to a manageable size.

Action: GM

6. Current Planning Applications

Nothing of note

7. AOB

It was agreed that the PC should continue with their subscriptions to CPRE and GAPTC.

Action: LO

Malcolm Carmichael raised the issue of faded road markings on the A429 at Fossebridge. MC to liaise with LO. At the time of writing minutes LO has contacted the Highways team to report.

Action: LO

There being no further business NTR declared the meeting closed at 19.40.

Nicky Talbot-Rice
Chairman
14th January 2016