

**The 227th
Coln St Dennis Parish Council
Open Meeting
At 7.35pm
on
Tuesday 17th May 2018
in
The Coln Valley Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Nick Talbot-Rice, Nick Dummett, Philip Allen
Graeme Matthew

In Attendance - Clerk: Libby Oakley

Residents: Simon Oakley, Wendy James, Matthew Bradley, Harry Talbot-Rice, Mukal Chawla, David Blezzard, Anne Williams, Chrissy Mitchell

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Apologies: Malcolm Carmichael

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018 were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising:

Nick Jones - Planning Application for barn conversion to dwelling has gone to appeal. CDC initially turned down. Parish Council will write with their feelings.

GDPR – Parish Council held a meeting earlier in the evening and after a considerable amount of work and investigation by Nick Dummett, it was agreed that the PC were compliant.

Anne Pease - The positioning of memorial bench was agreed.

Verge Management – David Blezzard queried the Highways policy/timescale for mowing of verges. NTR agreed to find out.

3. Parking and access to Calcot Village Green

Going forward to be referred to as 'Lower Green'

Graeme Matthew and Nick Dummett were preparing to speak with the residents of Calcot regarding the parking of vehicles on the lower green and the implications arising.

A quote had been received for approx. £2400 (inc. VAT) to create a workable space with no added drainage requirement plus allowing access to utilities. An extra £100 would be needed for plants etc. for screening. The end result would make parking space for approx. 6 cars. A brief discussion followed on how the work would be funded and whether residents were prepared to contribute based on who would benefit.

Mukul Chawla stated that the current proposals were unlawful as legally the land is classed as a Village Green which means access is generally restricted. A written document was given to Libby Oakey to support his statement (which can be view as an appendices).

The following statements were made:

Graeme Matthew: What will happen now? Prior meeting with CDC proved unhelpful.

Chrissy Mitchell: Calcot is a busy, 'lived in' village and people need cars.

Harry Talbot-Rice: Time will be a factor as the demographic changes.

Anne Williams: Concerned as damage to vehicles and walls had already occurred.

MC: Was there any other land available?

NTR: Against formal parking at the top of the village.

ND: Agreed that turning circle must be kept clear, but noted the confusion as to the dual nature of the land? Classed as both Highway and Village Green? So what is the legal requirement for use?

NTR: The land belonged to Calcot Farm and was given to Calcot as a gift. NTR will look into possibility of claiming back the land.

Unfortunately no solution reached; the PC do not have the authority to enforce 'No Parking' meaning Authorities would need to become involved, which no one wants. ND stated that without a pragmatic approach people will continue to park on the lower green.

Should this be a matter for the community?

NTR thanked ND and GM for their hard work so far and there being no further business NTR declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Nick Talbot-Rice
Chairman