

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MEETING

MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2020 @ 6.30 P.M.

Virtual via Zoom

Present:

Cllr. Elaine Drayton – Chairman
Cllr. Alan Rees - Vice-Chair
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk
Cllr. Adrian Potter
Cllr. Peter Moran
Cllr. John Milner
Cllr. Peter Davies

Cllr. Jenny Forde – Ward Councillor

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Nigel Robbins – County Councillor

2. **Minutes of the Annual General meeting on 10th August 2020**

The minutes of the Annual General meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Moran and seconded by Cllr. Rees

3. **Matters Arising** - None

4. **Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 10th August 2020**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Rees and seconded by Cllr. Potter.

5. **Matters Arising**

The large potholes in the village have been filled in.

Cllr. Milner has rubbed down the seat in the bus shelter and varnished it. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Milner. Unfortunately we have been unable to find a window cleaner to wash the shelter but we will keep looking for a solution.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Peter Davies for tidying up the area around the phone box where the Defibrillator is kept. It had become very overgrown with Ivy.

6. **Update from Cllr. Jenny Forde – CDC Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Forde updated the meeting on the following:-

Covid 19 Second lockdown – CDC are still operating the Gloucestershire Help Hub and will be contacting individuals and signposting them to appropriate support. At the moment they are having problems with the data coming from the Government.

Business Financial Support - the Council are in the process of distributing grants to businesses that have been affected during this lockdown.

Young Gloucestershire - have been visiting younger people to see why they aren't at home during lockdown. If anyone would like to volunteer to help Young Gloucestershire liaise with the younger generation please contact or Cllr. Jenny Forde.

Fly tipping - the Council has launched a new fly tipping service. A number of people across the district have been prosecuted for fly tipping. If you employ someone to take away your rubbish you must make sure they have a licence. If your waste is found at the side of the road or in a gateway it is you that will be fined.

Fosse Cross - is not closing for resurfacing just yet. You need to make an appointment to visit the recycling centre.

Budget consultation - CDC are consulting on their budget for 2021-2022. Cllr. Forde asked everyone to complete the online survey to say whether they agree with the Council's priorities.

Civic Pride – the Council are planning to improve Civic Pride and have plans to smarten the district with new street name signs and cleaning the streets and pavements.

Parking – the new car park at the Rugby Club is completed but CDC are waiting for Gloucestershire County Council to sign off several items. The car park will be for Permit Holders only.

The Council has launched a new pay by phone app. The app will let you know when your time is nearly up and if you need more time you can top up without having to go back to your car. The plan is for all car parks in the district to be cashless in the future though this has been put on hold for the immediate future. You will still be able to pay by card.

7. Responsible Finance Officer's report

Cllr. Potter reported that we have now received all of the precept, amounting to £2,125. We have paid insurance of £246 and £1,000 to the Church for the upkeep of the Churchyard. The Council currently has a balance of £1,113.95.

A copy of the accounts is available to view on the Baunton Website www.baunton.org.uk

8. Planning

Ref: 20/02848/FUL - Conversion and extension of Stone stables land north east of 2 Mill View – Awaiting decision

Ref: 20/03925/TCONR – Maintenance on four trees at 1 Priors Court – Additional drawings added. Another meeting to be arranged. - Awaiting decision

Ref: 20/03617/TCONR – reduce height and spread of four Ash trees at Baunton Mill due to Ash dieback - Decided

9. Parish Action Plan

Church meeting place project – update from Cllr. Milner

Heating

The heating has now been installed and experiments are taking place to assess the best way to operate it, balancing warmth and cost. It was discovered that the Gigaclear wifi was causing issues with the remote

control app and a separate router has been installed which appears to have helped, further monitoring will be undertaken, but the heating project is essentially done.

Replacing Pews

The first tranche of 22 chairs has been delivered and the pews have been disposed of, largely to parishioners. The second tranche of 22 is due at the end of the month, lockdown permitting. A balustrade "fence" has been installed to prevent people inadvertently brushing against the wall painting and once the next set of chairs is delivered, this part of the project too will be complete, though the possibility of carpeting the area is now being considered.

Kitchenette

Estimates for the ground works to bring in a water supply and provide soak away drainage have been obtained and further funding is to be sought from Parish and grant giving bodies.

Toilet

The estimates for ground works will include a base for the building and an access path.

It is hoped that all remaining works will make progress in the Spring of 2021, if funding is forthcoming.

Flooding/Riparian group

The Chairman had contacted John Whittaker who said the water levels were not an issue at the moment even though the gauge near Stratton Garage shows there has been an increase from .23 to .39.

A417/419 Action Group

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from Cotswold Tree Wardens Group to inform us that the group will be disbanded as the Tree Council has recently put in place a requirement for us to sign up to new procedures relating to specific training and administrative procedures. These changes require a Network, such as Cotswold Tree Warden Group, to put in place a training programme to be delivered to each new Tree Warden and used as refresher training for established TWs. This would entail trying to deliver a schedule where we could match up timings for TWs, organisers, trainers and venue facilities to be available. As a small voluntary Committee, with no set funding, we are unable to commit to this and the implications of the administrative changes, which will involve time and effort behind the scenes, without any visible benefit for Tree Wardens.

Without giving a commitment to follow the new procedures, the new group is not entitled to use the term Tree Warden, which is the trademark property of The Tree Council.

There is no alternative left to the Committee other than putting forward the proposal to dissolve the Cotswold Tree Warden Group. However, we have now been invited to join the Gloucestershire Tree Group which will take on and organise a number of activities which the CTWG previously did.

Baunton Parish Council discussed the issue and agreed they would join the new group and that Mrs Anne Milner would be the Council's representative and be known as Baunton Parish Council's Tree Consultant.

11. Date of next meeting - The next meeting will take place on Monday 15th February 2021.