

## North Cerney Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 16th May 2024 at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney

**Present:** Councillors Mark Tufnell, Adam Stoten, Cathy Martin, Clare Cannock, David Barrell, Jonathan Dryland, County and District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and Barry Koch as RFO

**Presiding:** Councillor Mark Tufnell

**Clerk:** Barry Koch (taking Minutes)

**Apologies:** Councillor Neil Brown

#### 1. Election of Officers

- 1.1 The Council **resolved** unanimously that Councillor Tufnell be elected Chairman
- 1.2 The Council **resolved** unanimously that Councillor Stoten be elected Vice-Chairman
- 1.3 Sue Power was reappointed Internal Auditor

#### 2.1 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be approved and signed.

#### 2.2 Matters Arising:

2.2.1 The padlock and chain on the Woodmancote playground gate had been replaced. Keys were held by the Clerk and Tom Macdonald.

2.2.2 PCSO Fellows had reported that the theft of vehicles in North Cerney was still being investigated, with new information having been received, and it was hoped to identify an offender.

2.2.3 A new organiser and more volunteers were still needed for Community Speedwatch.

#### 3. County and District Council Issues:

In addition to the report given at the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillor Hodgkinson said that Gigaclear would be coming to the parish, possibly in August.

CDC was concerned about the number of unoccupied properties in the District, and would be charging a premium on Council Tax for homes left empty for 5 years or more. The funds raised would be used by CDC on the delivery of new affordable homes. 90% of the money raised would go to GCC, and CDC was in discussion with them to ensure the funds would be spent in the Cotswold District.

#### 4. Financial Matters

4.1 **The Annual Governance Statement** was completed and it was **resolved** that it be signed by the Chairman and the Certificate of Exemption was approved.

4.2 **The Annual Accounting Statements for 2023/24** and year end Bank reconciliation were presented by the RFO and it was **resolved** that they be approved.

4.3 **Reconciliation Statement:** The reconciliation statement for the current year was presented by the RFO, and it was **resolved** that it be approved. The first precept payment

of £4,500 had been received.

**4.4 Authorisation of Expenditure:** The following expenditure was approved:

V Hancock	Clerk salary and PAYE (March)	147.00
Sewell Mullings Logie	Legal fees	1923.60
Red Kite Solicitors	Land Registry fee	45.00

## 5. Ratification/Review of Policies

It was **resolved** that the Privacy Policy and Equality and Diversity Policy, which had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting be approved and adopted.

## 6. Highway Issues

The Clerk had reported the damage to the kerbs at the village green.

## 7. Planning Applications and Tree Preservation Orders

**7.1 Planning Applications:** The Council had been notified of the following:

Coppers End North Cerney: orangery rear extension.

New access track to Hicks Barn Calmsden: prior notification for agricultural works.

**7.2 Decisions and Notices:**

Scrubditch Farm: conversion of barn to residential use – refused.

Upgrade of Woodmancote electricity supply – approved.

Councillor Hodgkinson had provided further information about the Rendcomb Airfield application. This was expected to be considered by the Planning Committee in June.

## 8. Woodmancote Playground:

**8.1 The RoSPA Report** had been received and circulated. The findings were discussed and Councillor Dryland noted that the main risk was the link on the play tower. The Report noted that this was a minor risk, but Councillor Dryland agreed to work out how best to mitigate any damage to fingers.

**8.2 Playpark Project:** Councillor Dryland had provided a report to Councillors on the present position. ESP were the preferred suppliers, and this was approved by the Council. The Council also approved the content of the proposed press release.

Councillor Dryland explained that the final details and cost would be determined by the funding available. Four funding bodies had been identified, and applications would be lodged very shortly. Crowdfunding had already gone live.

## 9. Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting:

There were none

## 10. Correspondence:

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk:

From Gigaclear requesting a meeting.

CPRE: Invitation to their AGM.

GAPTC: Invitation to their AGM.

Information about Clerk and Councillor Networking online.

Citizens Advice: Letter of thanks for the Council's donation.

CDC: Restoration of the Old Station building.

Corinium Museum had received Visit England accreditation.

Tax premium on empty homes.

A health and wellbeing show as part of the Active Cotswold programme.

11. **Any Other Business:** None,

12. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting:**

The next meeting would be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Memorial Hall North Cerney.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....