

MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of **Miserden Parish Council** held on **Thursday 24th November 2016**

11.16.01 **Present** : Councillors : Martin Ractliffe (Chair), Russ Coles-Jones (Vice Chair) , Gideon Duberley.

Attending : Bob Reade, Sally Ware, Mandy Reade

11.16.02 **Apologies** received : Cllrs Jo Tait, Stephen Pritchard, Julie Job and Nigel Cooper

11.16.03 **Declarations of Interest** :- None

11.16.04 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 27th October 2016 were approved and signed as correct by the Chair.

11.16.05 **Matters Arising** - None

11.16.06 **Clerk's Report.**

The neighbourhood warden had submitted a report on her activities which included three foot patrols in the Parish during October.

Councillor Cooper had submitted a report of activities of SDC in respect of the new refuse collection service and the Stroud Subscription Rooms.

Councillor Bullingham had submitted a report on the activities of Glos CC in respect of Road Safety and broadband access.

A supply of sandbags had been received from SDC – these would be stored in Cllr Duberley's woodshed.

Minutes of the Library Committee AGM had been received.

All Parish councils have been asked to comment on the proposals for sustaining and transforming Gloucestershire's health services. A short guide to the proposals will be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

A request had been received from the Stroud Constituency Labour Party to support their proposal that the Painswick Ward become part of the Cotswolds constituency as part of the review being undertaken by the Boundary Commission for England. The PC was not in favour of the proposal and the Clerk was asked to notify the SCLP accordingly.

11.16.07 **V.E.T.S.**

The Clerk reported that the training course for the Whiteway VETS scheme has now taken place.

11.16.08 **Bushey Beeches parking.**

The Chairman reported that no response had been received in respect of the parking proposal. Cllr Pritchard had drafted a specification for the works.

11.16.09 **Financial Position**

The clerk provided a statement showing funds in hand of £ 18584.88.

11.16.10 Funding requests

A request for funding had been received from Stroud District Ring & Ride Volunteer and Car Transport Centre.

It was felt that the service provided would be of benefit to the Parish given the very limited availability of public transport.

It was resolved that an initial grant of £250 be made and the SDRRVCT be informed that a further grant would be considered if the service could be shown to be used by Parishioners.

11.16.11 Accounts

There were no accounts to be paid.

11.16.12 Web Site

The new website is now live and was demonstrated by Mandy Reade who was thanked for her efforts in adding the content.

The current, SDC hosted, site is due to be switched off with effect from the 1st December 2016 and there will be a delay before search engines display the new site.

A new e-mail address is also available as part of the new arrangements and it was agreed that a copy of Microsoft Outlook be purchased to facilitate better use of this.

11.16.13 Wildlife survey.

Councillor Pritchard had drafted a specification for services from GCER with the objective of creating a resource for the Parish. It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the December meeting.

11.16.14 Litter Bins

Cllr Duberley had discussed with the Estate the location of a bin at the entrance to the park and a formal response is awaited.

11.16.15 Bus Services

Cllr Duberley reported that a minibus service had been reinstated for the transport of pupils to Stroud.

11.16.16 Items for Agenda – next meeting

- Bushey Beeches parking
- Wildlife survey
- Litter Bins
- Website updates

11.16.17 Date of next meeting

Thursday 22nd December 2016 at Miserden Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm