

A meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on
Monday, 8th February 2010

Agenda Item 4

Present: Cllr Mrs Eatwell (Chair)
Cllr Ms Coakley
Cllr Gould
Cllr Jones
Cllr Maskell
Cllr Midwood
Cllr Murphy
Cllr Pritchard
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Mrs Seale
Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Trotter

GCC Cllr Theodoulou

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), 5 members of the public

10.10 Apologies for absence: CDC Cllr Carter.

11.10 New councillor co-options

The Chairman welcomed Cllr David Murphy and Cllr Steve Trotter (subject to completion of paperwork).

12.10 Declarations of interest: None.

13.10 Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2010: These were approved and signed.

14.10 People for You

Bill Wragge and Sue Black from CDC informed Council about the befriending service through which isolated individuals are visited regularly. CDC funding is no longer available. Council agreed that a request for funding might be considered later in the financial year.

15.10 GCC Councillor's report

Council received the report and noted that:

Highways are prioritising repairs re potholes resulting from the recent adverse weather. Highways have replenished their stocks of salt.

Highways have responsibility for clearing snow and ice from public pavements, but their priority is to keep main roads clear.

16.10 Police Community Support Officer's report

Council received the report and noted that the non-emergency incident report telephone (0845 090 1234) was manned 24 hours a day.

17.10 Committees

17.1.10 Finance - 5.2.10 minutes were accepted

Council noted:

The office staff structure has been reviewed and in due course a job description will be prepared for a Deputy Clerk.

The IT report from GMTF has been received and a business case detailing requirements over the next three years will be brought to Council.

A software application for a financial management system is being investigated.

Standing Orders will be amended to comply with the updated NALC model.

An approach will be made to a potential internal auditor with relevant experience.

17.2.10 Communications

Council agreed:

To investigate options and charges for changing the website provider.

Council noted that Cotswold Water Park are applying for funding from Natural England to improve access from Ha'penny Bridge to the towpath.

The footbridge working group is active again.

17.3.10 Planning

Council received the list of CDC planning decisions.

Council noted:

CDC Planning Committee has approved the Coln Park phase 4b application.

The East Cotswold Strategic Partnership will now meet three times a year.

Council agreed:

A meeting should be arranged with CDC and Lechlade businesses to discuss the response to the CDC economic evidence base for the town.

17.4.10 Highways

Cycleways and Footpaths 27.1.10 minutes were accepted.

Council noted:

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is willing to consider upgrading the nature reserve footpath.

Possible options for the resurfacing of Monks Walk are being pursued.

17.5.10 Environmental Works and Services

Play and Recreation 25.1.10 minutes were accepted.

Council agreed:

Essential repairs should be carried out to the skate park.

Council noted:

Ted Pierce has produced a document describing the Community Project which resulted in the New Memorial Hall complex.

Benches outside the cricket field and at Mill Lane have been replaced, and the insurance company has now agreed to the replacement of the bench outside Barclays Bank.

Tree surgery work in the cemetery work will commence shortly.

The Heritage and Development Trust can accept gift aid donations on behalf of the Play Space, which will be opened on 13th February.

17.6.10 Emergency Response and Flood Action

Council noted:

Legal advice received from GRCC stated that the Town Council, retailers and residents would only be liable if any actions they took to clear snow and ice from public footways made the situation worse.

Council agreed:

That quotes for a pedestrian grit spreader, snow shovels, a wheelbarrow and a grit bin for the Memorial Hall car park should be obtained, and that the Finance committee should progress this.

18.10 Correspondence: List circulated.

19.10 Meetings attended: List circulated.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th March 2010 at 7.30pm.