

A meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on
Monday, 11th January 2010

Present: Cllr Mrs Eatwell (Chair)
Cllr Gould
Cllr Jones
Cllr Maskell
Cllr Midwood
Cllr Mrs Seale
Cllr Sullivan

GCC Cllr Theodoulou
CDC Cllr Palmer

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), 4 members of the public

- 1.10 Apologies for absence: Received from Cllrs Coakley, Pritchard and Roberts, and the PCSO.
- 2.10 Councillor vacancies
Council noted that notices inviting applications from interested residents have been displayed. A meeting to discuss applications has been arranged for 2nd February at 7.45pm.
- 3.10 Declarations of interest: None.
- 4.10 Minutes of meeting held on 14th December 2009: These were approved and signed.
- 5.10 GCC and CDC Councillors' reports:
Council received reports from County and District Councillors. Council noted that:
The government has taken control of salt distribution in the County. GCC Highways will provide grit for residents and businesses to use on public areas only.
The surface of Monks Walk has been inspected but remains a low priority.
A flood update meeting, chaired by Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP, has been arranged for 19th March.
The CDC Overview and Scrutiny committee are calling in the Environment Agency concerning slow responses to planning applications, and the Ambulance Service concerning improvements to service.
- 6.10 Police Community Support Officer's report: None received.
- 7.10 Committees
 - 7.1.10 Finance
Council noted that a letter of resignation has been received from the Assistant to the Clerk, who was thanked for her two years' service.
Council agreed:
Responsibility for recruiting a replacement should be devolved to the Finance Committee.
The content of the 2010-11 precept press release, and that this should be placed in the February Ripples magazine and the March Town Council newsletter.

7.2.10 Communications

Council noted that there has been no recent committee meeting, but a meeting has been arranged to discuss the website.

7.3.10 Planning

Council received the list of CDC planning decisions.

7.4.10 Highways

A joint meeting with Planning was held on 21.11.09.

Council noted that:

CDC Planning Officers have agreed to meet with the Town Council Planning Committee and other interested parties concerning Coln Park. A date will be set in the near future.

GCC Highways have informed Lakes by Yoo that they must repair any damage to Longdoles Lane.

All areas of fly tipping are being cleared.

Council agreed:

To ask Highways to investigate obstructions in the Downington layby by parked cars.

To finance a grit bin at Butler's Field

21.11.09 minutes were accepted, substituting Butler's Field for St Birinus at item 6.

7.5.10 Environmental Works and Services

Council noted that:

Two quotations for replacement of the bench outside Barclays Bank have been sent to the insurance company.

Four quotations under £3000 have been received for work to the cemetery trees and the Environmental committee will decide which to accept. Work must be done in the current financial year and before birds begin to nest.

The contractors for the Play Space hope to commence preliminary work on 13th January, weather permitting.

7.6.10 Emergency Response and Flood Action

Council noted:

An entry has been submitted for the forthcoming Flood Heroes event.

The response to the recent gas emergency has been reported in Cotswold Life.

8.10 Correspondence: List circulated.

Council noted that the next meeting of the East Cotswold Strategic Partnership is on 20th January.

9.10 Meetings attended: No information available

Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th February 2010 at 7.30pm.