

BISHOPS CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE TITHE BARN ON
THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2008 at 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors V Ayres (chair) A Lightfoot, G Jackson, P Taylor, P Badham, M Cooper, J Habgood, J Peake, P Richmond, C Lawrence, J Stephens, P Rawlings. Borough Councillors J Richardson, S Hillier-Richardson and County Councillor C Jones.

3 representatives from Gloucestershire Police
2 Members of the public attended

Welcome and introductions from Chair including apologies from Cllrs P Lightfoot, G Jackson and Inspector Murnaghan

Public Session

Points Raised by the Public:

Gloucestershire Constabulary informed the Council of the following points.

- Blackberry Grove – The Police are aware and dealing with the situations as they arise.
- New Police Station being put on hold for present time. The Police Authority are reviewing options and a feasibility study is being undertaken.
- Divisional HQ options are being considered.
- Planned increase of staffing to 2 officers in near future. (PC Hanna)
- Extended thanks to community who have helped local projects.
- Policing priorities due for review and new targets to be set if applicable.

There followed a question and answer session. Points raised included:

- Number of police cars available in area
- Smart water posters distribution
- Speed limit on Cheltenham Road
- Parking offence of obstruction discussed at length.

Public session points raised included:

- Drains in Snowhill Drive/Stoke Road – County Councillor to follow up

End of public session 8pm

Cllr Mackinnon's absence was recorded

08/36 Minutes from previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Badham and seconded by Cllr Richmond as approved for accuracy after the following points were raised. All Agreed

Note the omission of Cllr Jones report

Spelling of "meter" on page 5 "Cllr" on page 2, "Minutes" on page 2

Matters arising for information purposes only:

08/37 The Clerk confirmed that the enforcement of issues relating to dogs were not the duty of the Parish Council. The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Tewkesbury Borough Council requesting that they make up the tickets ready for distribution to PCSO's.

08/38 The Council was informed that the Tithe Barn Management Committee were to hold the AGM on 27th May 2008 at 7pm. The planning application for the Tithe Barn refurbishment has been withdrawn pending further archaeology investigations. Council expressed concern that the S106 funding time frame may be exceeded. The Parish Council representative on the Tithe Barn Committee (Cllr Richmond) assured the Parish that this would not be the case

Matters arising from Committee minutes and working groups' updates

08/39 Playground Committee Minutes were noted (Cllr Stephens).

The following points were raised:

- Cllr Richmond asked for details of the report from the Safer Communities Police Officer. Cllr Taylor replied that the report would be presented to the Playground Committee.
- Cllr Richmond asked for final costings of the Finlay Way development. Clerk confirmed that the final costings were not yet available but they would be presented to the Playground Committee as soon as they were.
- Cllr Rawlings noted the blockages in the Sports field brook and the broken guttering at the Sports field pavilion. Cllr Stephens noted.
- Cllr Lawrence noted that the cable car wire at Finlay Way was broken. Cllr Taylor informed the Council that the wire had been replaced at no cost to the Council.
- Cllr Hillier-Richardson asked for further information on plans for public consultation for the proposed South Park development. Cllr Stephens informed Council that leaflets had been distributed and the next steps would be discussed at the Playgrounds Committee meeting.
- Cllr Rawlings informed Council that he had spoken to some local residents and proper pedestrian access would be acceptable.

08/40 Planning Committee Minutes were noted (Cllr A Lightfoot)

The following points were raised:

- Cllr A Lightfoot put the following resolution to the Council.
Does the Parish Council wish to write to Hazel Blears (Secretary of State) at the appropriate time with regard to the proposed development to the north of the Village? Cllr Taylor advised to wait for the public consultation period. Cllr Rawlings proposed to accept this resolution, Cllr Badham seconded and all agreed.
- Cllr Richmond noted that planning permission had been granted for development to the rear of 48 Evesham Road.

- Cllr Hillier-Richardson questioned the procedure, if the time limit for spending S106 monies at the Tithe barn should be exceeded. Clarification of the date was sought. Cllr A Lightfoot responded that enquiries at TBC had indicated that the time limit expires in 3/09 and it was understood that the monies could be used but only with the permission of all the parties concerned. Cllr Taylor reminded Council that when the future of the new parish office was in doubt, enquiries were made regarding the transfer of S106 monies and received a blunt refusal. Cllr Richmond informed Council that the wording was very specific. He has advised the Tithe Barn Committee on this matter and has urged them to use the funding received from the Parish Council urgently.

08/41 Traffic Committee Minutes were noted (Cllr Rawlings).

Cllr Rawlings provided updates on the following matters:

- Roof top had offered to help with residents parking concerns and a meeting had been arranged on 22nd April with Glos Highways and County Councillor Jones.
- Newlands Traffic Lights were not in the Parish of Bishops Cleeve
- Cllr Richmonds asked where the central reservation referred to as being discussed for Cheltenham Road was to be situated. Cllr Rawlings indicated in the location of the Racecourse garage had been discussed.
- Cllr Peake sought clarification on the brook at Finlay Way discussion. It was confirmed that at meeting with Glos Highways, TBC Officers, Cllr Jackson (Parish Council) and Cllr Taylor (Emergency planning working group) was to take place.
- Cllr Lawrence asked for an update on the bus passes that should have been issued by 31st March 2008. The Clerk informed the Council of the statement given by officers of TBC. Cllr Taylor gave information regarding events leading up to the delays. Discussions then took place regarding distribution and usage.
- Cllr Rawlings informed the Council that TBC officers had given the Clerk the parking enforcement statistics for March 2008 as follows: Visits 22, PCNs total 81 covering Church Road, Church Approach and Tobyfield Road. Discussion then followed regarding signage and enforcement of regulations.

08/42 Community Building Committee minutes were noted (Cllr A Lightfoot)

The following points were raised:

- Cllr Badham congratulated the Committee on the current financial situation.

08/43 Allotment Committee minutes were noted (Cllr Habgood).

The following points were raised:

- Cllr Richmond sought for clarification on location and costs of proposed new plots. Cllr Habgood explained that the new plots were to be sited on the left hand side of the empty field adjoining existing plots. The costs would be neutral. Cllr Cooper asked if there was sufficient demand. Cllr Habgood stated that the current waiting list was 23. Cllr Hillier-Richardson asked how many plots would be in new strip. Cllr Habgood confirmed that it would be a staged introduction of new plots.

- Cllr Ayres asked if S106 funding had been sought for new plots. Cllr Habgood confirmed that this had been part of discussions should any future planning funding become available. Cllr Richmond informed the Council that S106 funding sought would provide 20 plots.

Clerks Report

Clerk reminded Councillors' that the Parish Assembly minutes had been distributed but would be approved at the Parish Assembly meeting in 2009.

08/44 Financial reports from clerk were presented to Council and the list of payments attached were approved after proposal by Cllr Taylor and seconding by Cllr A Lightfoot. Cllr Richmond sought clarification of the payment to Place Maintenance. The Clerk informed Council that it was payment for drainage to football pitches at the Sports field.

08/45 Councillors were asked to approve section 137 funding for the Village Carnival. Councillor Badham declared an interest and spoke to explain background and rationale for request. After very detailed discussions, Councillors A Lightfoot and Cllr Taylor proposed and seconded a sum of £600, a vote was taken and 8 agreed (majority) and 1 abstention. The Parish Council felt strongly that the role of the Parish Council must be acknowledged in printed publicity before and at the event. Cllr Badham assured the Council that he would make sure that this was put in place. The Parish Council also strongly recommended that the sum of monies carried forward each year by the Carnival Committee be increased to cover the following years' costs.

08/46 Councillors agreed to invite Ms B Farmer (SWARD) to address the Council at the June 08 meeting.

08/47 The Clerk read out a letter from the Tithe Barn Committee Chair seeking the use of employees of the parish Council in a Bookings Secretary role for the Tithe Barn. After discussions it was agreed that a meeting be arranged with General Purposes Committee and the Tithe Barn Chair to discuss the current situation and to seek to agree an action plan to help the Management Committee.

08/48 Committee numbers for the next Council year were agreed as: Committees and Working Parties to be set at maximum of 7 Representation on outside bodies to be set at 2, unless the constitution of the individual bodies state differently.

08/49 Borough Councillors' reports distributed and noted. The following points were raised:

- The Parish Council supported Cllr Taylor in opposing closure of local post offices and Borough Council cash office.

08/50 County Councillor Jones reported:

08/51 Any other business for information only at the discretion of the Chair.

- Cllr Lawrence asked the newsletter working party to note that the Cheltenham News was not delivered to all houses in the village. Cllr A Lightfoot informed Council that the distributors were the original ones used by previously.
- Cllr Lawrence asked the newsletter working party to note that the Council website address was not published in the Newsletter.
- Cllr Lawrence asked the Council why it was necessary to seek nominations for names of the new parish office. Cllr A Lightfoot informed Council that it was public consultation.
- Cllr Rawlings asked the Emergency Planning working group to note the recent correspondence from the Severn Valley Flood Group.
- The Clerk informed the Council of the outcome of the recent VAT inspection. The Clerk informed the Council that there may be financial implications subject to further investigations by Revenue and Customs.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed.....May 1st 2008.

Bishops Cleeve Parish Council

Councillors are required to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held at the Tithe Barn on Thursday 3rd April 2008 at 7.30 pm

1. Public Session
2. Representation from Bishops Cleeve Police Station
3. Apologies noted
4. Do Councillors wish to agree for accuracy the minutes of the meeting held on March 6th 2008 (page 2)
5. Matters arising from those minutes for information purposes
6. Co-option onto Bishops Cleeve Parish Council
7. Draft minutes yet to be agreed by Committees and updates from Committees and working groups to be noted:
 - Tithe barn committee representative update
 - Playgrounds (page 10)
 - Planning (page 14)
 - Traffic (page 17)
 - Community building (page 18)
 - Allotments (page 19)
8. Finance report (page 21)
9. Clerks report (page 22)
10. Correspondence received- (page 22)
11. Request for Grants and Donations under Section 137 – (page 22)
12. Representation on Committees and Working parties (page 23)
13. Borough Councillors' reports (page 24)
14. County Councillor report
15. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair of the Council that do not require decisions to be taken

Belinda Holder
Clerk to the Parish Council
March 2008

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THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2008 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors P Lightfoot (chair) A Lightfoot, G Jackson, P Taylor, P Badham, M Cooper, J Habgood, J Peake, P Richmond, C Lawrence, J Stephens, P Rawlings. Borough Councillors J Richardson, S Hillier-Richardson and County Councillor C Jones.

5 Members of the public attended

Welcome and introductions from Cllr P Lightfoot including apologies from Cllr V Ayres who is unwell at present time.

Public Session

Points Raised by the Public:

What would the Parish Council do regarding extra parking needs if the proposed Homelands Farm development goes ahead?

Chair of Traffic Committee responded that traffic issues had been raised at the Planning Inquiry and he had been informed by the Planning Inspector that the comments of the Parish Council had been taken on board.

Vice-Chair of Council responded that the Parish had raised concerns regarding health care provision in their response submitted.

John Beattie (Tithe Barn Committee) expressed disappointment on the response from the Planning Committee of Bishops Cleeve Parish Council to the recently submitted planning application.

Chair of Planning Committee responded that the Planning Committee was concerned over access being included in the second phase of building rather than the first phase. She referred to Parish Council minutes taken in July 2004 which stated that the Parish Council supported the Tithe Barn Committee and wished to see the building to be DDA compliant.

Cllr Rawlings appreciated the Tithe Barn Committee disappointment but stated that the P. Council had been very supportive of the Tithe barn over many years. Cllr Jackson spoke as a member of the planning committee and noted that the plans had been seen for the first time at the committee meeting. He felt that it would have been helpful if someone from the Tithe Barn Committee or the Parish Council representative on the Tithe barn committee had come to the public open meeting of the planning committee to explain the rationale behind the plans.

Cllr P Lightfoot commented that both parties would benefit from closer communication and the decision on the plans was the responsibility of Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning Committee as the parish was only consultees. Cllr Taylor proposed that the Parish Council extend its representation on the Tithe Barn Committee and Cllr Lawrence seconded the proposal. The Council agreed for the Clerk to note for the May 2008 agenda.

Mr M Taylor asked if the Council had acted on the request from Mrs Fryer (see Feb 2008 minutes) to employ a dog warden.

Cllr P Lightfoot stated that the matter would be discussed at the next BestValue meeting. Clerk was instructed to ensure the item was placed on the agenda. Discussion took place on the responsibility on emptying the bins which was confirmed as the responsibility of Tewkesbury Borough Council. Cllr Taylor stated that he was still chasing a schedule of works, but that the officers of TBC had taken on the concerns of the Parish Council and organisational changes had been met. Cllr Badham asked who could legally levy a fine on people who did not clear up after their dogs. Clerk to ascertain from TBC.

End of public session 8pm

Apologies received from Cllr Ayres.

Apologies noted from Cllr Mackinnon (sent through Cllr Richmond)

08/26 Minutes from previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Jackson as approved for accuracy after the following points were raised. All Agreed

Note the apology of absence from Cllr Hillier-Richardson (Cllr Richardson)

Note Mr M Beresford should not be referred to as Alderman Beresford (Cllr Richmond)

Note 8/14 should read as "Photographic record" not photography (clerk)

Cllr Richmond raised the matter of the Allotment Committee minutes regarding the matter declared confidential in the public interest. The clerk referred Councillors to the February 2008 Parish council meeting where it was stated that discussions were not to be minuted but decisions were (clerk referred to the Local Council Administration Book seventh edition)*. As there was no decision taken, there were no minutes to be published. The clerk repeated her offer to Councillor Richmond that she would make available her handwritten notes to him, if he came to the parish office.

*now identified as pg 67

08/27 Matters arising from Committee minutes and working groups' updates
Planning Committee Minutes

Cllr Badham sought clarification on the phrase "lawful use". Cllr A Lightfoot responded that it referred to an application for dropped kerbs.

Cllr Richmond informed the Council that he had advised the Tithe Barn Committee to seek pre-planning advice.

Cllr A Lightfoot informed Council that Cllr Jackson had spoken on behalf of the Parish Council Planning Committee at the Homelands Development Planning Inquiry.

Cllr A Lightfoot informed Council that discussions had taken place on the planning committee regarding the Village Design Statement (VDS) and passed over to Cllr Taylor. Cllr Taylor informed the Council that the VDS is not a priority for planning authorities to consider when making decisions. He noted that work had started on the VDS in 1998 with a timeline of 6 months. It was still not

available in electronic or paper format. It was still along way from completion and terms of reference were being changed. Cllr Taylor proposed that work on the VDS cease and work focus on producing a Parish Plan, which would contain elements of the work already done for the VDS. Cllr Richmond stated that he was very disappointed to hear this and suggested employing a planning consultant to complete the document.

Cllr A Lightfoot stated that she could not justify to members of the public, the cost of employing a consultant.

Cllr A Lightfoot noted that the Parish Plan could contain work already produced n historical features of the village. She referred Councillors' to reading matter available on the subject in the committee room of the Parish Office.

Cllr Jackson noted that a Parish Plan would fit with the work being done by the Vitality, Vulnerability and Visability (VVV) Study.

Cllr Rawlings if a Parish Plan carried any legal weight or if it would be just for the benefit of the parish council

Cllr A Lightfoot proposed that the planning committee look into the feasibility of a Parish Plan. Cllr Taylor seconded and all agreed

Cllr Badham asked for a monetary value of S106 grants gained if Homelands Farm should go ahead. Cllr Rawlings noted there is a number of conditions and considerations put forward by TBC and it the legal opinion that the developers would meet such conditions.

Cllr P Lightfoot reminded Council that he had attended a meeting with TBC to discuss S106 items and had informed the Parish council via the Playgrounds Committee of the matters discussed.

Cllr A Lightfoot noted that the Parish Council had been asked to contribute ideas at an early stage and Chairs of Committees had been asked for their comments for the Parish Council to put to TBC.

Cllr Hillier-Richardson was concerned that the Parish councils were not involved in detailed negotiations at a later stage of the process, in order to facilitate maximum effect.

Cllr Jackson noted that at the public meeting held in February 08, TBC officers asked for input from local authorities but local councils had not been informed after that point.

It was agreed by Council that Cllr P Lightfoot would draft a letter for the Clerk to send to TBC expressing concern that the consultation had not been as fullsome as wished for by the Parish Council.

Cllr Lawrence referred the Council to the planning committee minutes regarding the signage outside of Tesco's advertising the Costa Coffee department. Cllr A Lightfoot informed Council that the Clerk had brought the matter to the attention of TBC and was waiting a response. The clerk was instructed to seek a response from TBC.

Playgrounds Committee

Cllr P Lightfoot distributed a letter from a young local resident who had written in support of the new play area at Finlay Way. Cllr Rawlings asked that the Parish Council write to thank her for her letter.

Cllr Jackson informed the Council that he had received representation from a local resident regarding inconsiderate parking in the area. Cllr P Lightfoot responded that the Community Police team were involved and were looking into the matter. The residents had been supplied with no parking cones and Glos Highways were now consulting with residents and other stakeholders regarding the painting of Keep Clear signs in the vicinity of the hidden driveway off Blackberry Grove. In addition the Parish Council would be putting a notice on its web page and in the local press via "Village Voice correspondent" to appeal to the public re parking concerns.

Cllr Jones informed the Council that he had received a phone call from a local resident concerned about the late night behaviour of youths in the park area. The Clerk noted that she had spoken to the resident and that the Police had been informed of the situation.

Cllr Richmond stated again his concern of the treatment of the hedge along Finlay way. He wished to know who gave the instruction and which contractor was used.

Cllr P Lightfoot responded that the instruction was given by the Playgrounds Committee and all due process' had taken place in line with standing orders. The name of the contractor was available in the Parish records. The Committee believes that there has been no significant damage done to the hedge and it will grow back again to the meter high level that has been recommended by the Safer Communities Police Officer. The hedge along the by-pass had not been cut as it did not belong to the Parish Council and the residents' wishes had been taken into consideration regarding the hedge alongside the fence line of properties in Blackberry Grove.

Allotment Committee minutes

Cllr Habgood explained that a member of the public had attended the allotment committee meeting on two occasions and was seeking clarification from the full parish council regarding funding of the allotments. The member of the public was in attendance of the parish council meeting and Cllr Habgood asked if the Council be so minded, that they confirm the Council's wish that the allotments be self funding and the reasons for this policy. Cllr Richmond noted that the decision had been minuted and asked if the Clerk had made the minutes available to the gentleman. The clerk explained that she had made the minutes available and signposted all members of the public who expressed an interest in the minutes, to the Library and to the website. In addition she had shown copies of the minutes held within the Parish office.

Cllr Habgood again stated that the gentlemen was attending the meeting and would like to hear from the Council.

Cllr Taylor asked if it was the view of the Parish Council that the allotments be self funding.

Council all agreed.

Cllr Rawlings stated that the Council has to cover the costs of rents and maintenance and the allotment tenants in turn have to cover the costs. Cllr Jackson noted that other facilities within the village, such as the Community Building have to be self funding and the allotments have to be self funding as well.

Cllr Lawrence noted that residents of the village who were not allotment holders do not receive a benefit from the allotments and should not be asked to pay for the allotments.

Cllr Richmond asked why Cllr Stephens was reviewing the tenancy agreements. Cllr Stephens informed Council that it was with a view to looking at the eviction process for individual tenancy holders who break the terms of their agreements.

Employment working Group

Cllr Lightfoot noted that all Councillors had received the Confidential notes of the employment working group and asked Council to ratify the decision taken to place the present Clerk at the same grading as the previous clerk when that clerk was performing the same duties as the current clerk. After Cllr Rawlings had been satisfied by Cllr P Lightfoot that the meeting had been Quorum and that the decision made was a consensus decision with no vote being necessary, the Council accepted the proposal by Cllr Rawlings that the decision be ratified and Cllr Jackson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken and 9 agreed with 3 abstentions. The proposal was accepted.

Traffic Committee update

Cllr Rawlings informed the Council that he had attended the Homelands Farm Planning Inquiry on the behalf of the Traffic Committee and had raised traffic issues. He read out the opening statement made by TBC.

He noted that he had subsequently received two emails from concerned residents that he had instructed the clerk to forward to Glos Highways.

School Safety Zone emails sent by a Parish councillor without the knowledge of the Traffic Committee had been forwarded to him. He noted that the Parish Council had not received any correspondence from residents regarding these issues and asked that any such matters be raised through the traffic committee or the clerk and not individual Councillors.

Cllr Rawlings informed Council that Glos Highways had identified footpath sites within the parish for future expenditure.

Cllr Rawlings had attended a joint meeting, at the invitation of the Playgrounds Committee, and Glos Highways to discuss at a preliminary stage improvements to the Sports field. Costings and feasibility notes had been received from Glos Highways and discussions would take place with the Playground Committee.

Cllr Taylor asked if the Civil Parking Enforcement Officer had responded to Cllr Rawlings. Cllr Rawlings confirmed that a TBC Officer had been most helpful and would send the relevant figures on an ongoing basis and was open to information sharing with the Parish Council. A practical response had been noted by local shop-keepers.

Cllr Richmond informed Councillors that he had attended a Road Safety Meeting recently and a poster would be displayed.

Cllr Rawlings noted that an email had been received by Glos Highways on a matter raised by Cllr Richmond regarding road accidents in the vicinity of Stoke Road. The response from Glos Highways was read out to the Council. Cllr Rawlings reported that Cllr Richmond was aware that the Traffic Committee had raised the very same matter 3 times.

Best Value Working Group

A proposal was put forward by Cllr A Lightfoot that the Best Value Working Group become a Committee (known as General Purposes) with effect from May 2008 in order to facilitate public scrutiny of its budget and expenditure. Cllr Richmond seconded the proposal and all agreed.

08/29 Finance.

The Council was asked to approve the attached draft cheque payment list for the month of February 2008.

Cllr P Badham sought clarification of the payment made to the Public Works Loan Board

Cllr C Lawrence noted the payments made for handyman duties. The clerk stated that the payments made were all in line with instructions of individual committees. Cllr A Lightfoot informed the Council that she had investigated the figures when the budget for 08/09 was prepared and that the Council was achieving best value.

Cllr Taylor proposed approval of the payments and was seconded by Cllr Jackson. All Agreed

08/30 Clerks Report as submitted

Additional correspondence received was noted from:

Mr M Beresford

Overview and Scrutiny Committee for TBC invitation to attend a drop in session on 12th March

Emergency training/seminar to be held on 3rd April

Petition against bureaucracy for small councils noted

Clerk also sought approval from the Council to reappoint the internal auditor – Mr Iain Selkirk as in previous years. All agreed

Clerk informed Council that the VAT advice confirming the advice given at the February 2008 meeting was now available in written format in the Parish Office. Councillors were requested to inform the Clerk if they wished to look at.

Parish Assembly arrangements. It was confirmed that the agenda had been distributed and published. The date had been published in the local press. The invited speaker had been confirmed. The furniture would be set out as last year.

In the unfortunate circumstance of Cllr Ayres being unable to attend, Councillors agreed that Cllr Rawlings should Chair the meeting.

Cllr P Lightfoot asked the Clerk to confirm the date and arrangements for the Councillors' training workshop. The session will be held on 12th April in the Community Building, finishing at 12.30. Councillors were encouraged to inform the Clerk if they were able to attend.

08/31 Grants and Donation requests. – None were made

08/32 Garden Competition. Cllr Badham reported that the Carnival Committee would be unable to facilitate the organisation of a Garden Competition but was inviting a Parish Councillor to attend the next carnival committee meeting on 17th March in the Parish Office to discuss the matter. Cllr Cooper agreed to discuss the matter with Cllr Badham.

08/33 Borough Councillors' reports

Cllr Taylor as submitted – Cllr Taylor highlighted the workshop being held by the VVV study group.

Cllr Hillier- Richardson as distributed

I spoke at the recent meeting, on March 5th 2008, held by the Planning Inspector, outlining the considerable response to our recent campaign and petition against development on Homelands Farm. I also pointed out the strength of feeling reported in the 'Green Issues' Report as a result of their exhibition/consultation, which the inspector seemed unaware of.

I previously wrote to the Planning Inspectorate outlining the objections and sent them a copy of the petition including all the names and addresses but I still have not yet received a written acknowledgment for this.

Flood Review

TBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee is carrying out a Review of Flood Emergency July 2007. As part of this, TBC is holding a Community Consultation meeting in Bishop's Cleeve at 6pm on Wed March 12th at Bishop's Cleeve Primary School. The object of the meeting is to get first hand information from residents about what actions they thought successful and what could have been done better. In addition we shall be asking for any useful initiatives to prevent or combat flooding in future. I shall be one of the councillors on hand at this meeting. The Committee will be publishing their findings in May 2008.

Rooftop Housing - Residents meeting

I attended the meeting, organised by Ceri Jones, on March 3rd. Issues discussed included:

- maintenance programme by Connaught- internal work nearly completed and external decoration repairs now underway
- garages - some in poor condition need attention
- Rooftop Day of Action on 27th Feb - this was a success
- Connaught - Tenants Day on March 6th

Local Issues

In response to further concerns from residents, I have been informed that TBC has collected litter along Kayte Lane and work has been done to clear the ditches. In addition a group of residents have formed a litter picking group in this area.

As a result of a request from a resident I have asked TBC and the Highways for the trees along the stretch of the by-pass between the Voxwell Lane roundabout and the Finlay Way roundabout to be trimmed.

Cllr Richmond reported verbally that he had attended the Homelands Farm Planning Inquiry. He gave a verbal list of S106 grants that had been agreed. This provoked a discussion from Parish Councillors that they had not been informed by TBC Officers, and the list as relayed by Cllr Richmond was not in line with the Parish council representations.

Cllr Richmond noted that he was following up the issues of street cleansing. Cllr Richmond noted Cllr Hillier-Richardson notes re Day of Action response.

08/34 County Councillor Jones reported:

Cllr Taylor raised the issue of bollards in the vicinity of the Library

The clerk raised the issue of the identity badges.

08/35 Any other business at the discretion of the Chair that do not require decisions to be made.

Cllr Lawrence asked why there was no Community Building or Sports field minutes. The Chair confirmed that no meetings had taken place since the last parish council meeting.

Cllr P Lightfoot noted that the precepts for the County had been published in the local press and that Bishops Cleeve was the second lowest in similar sized parishes.

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Signed..... April 3rd 2008

Playground Committee meeting held on 13th March 2008 at 7.30

1. Present at meeting – Cllrs Stephens (Chair), Taylor, Habgood, Cooper and Peake

2. Apologies noted from Cllrs Ayres and P Lightfoot

Public Session

4 Members of the public attended. Also in attendance were PCSO Scott, County Cllr C Jones, Parish Councillor A Lightfoot and Borough/Parish Councillor P Richmond

The public raised concerns

- regarding the parking of cars in the vicinity of the Finlay Way Playarea. Cllr Stephens confirmed that the Parish Council were continuing to inform the public that the park was designed to be a “walk to play area” and the Parish Council were using the web page, newsletter and Village Voice to convey this message. In addition the PCSO’s were patrolling the area and the Council had been in discussions with Glos Highways regarding the placement of permanent road markings. Tewkesbury Borough Council would be also be deploying their Civil Parking Enforcement Officers in the area in the near future. Cllr Jones explained the role of Glos Highways and the situation regarding permanent road markings, namely that Double yellow lines were not seen as viable.
- Anti social behaviour late evenings. The Committee responded that there were other projects in line that would encourage young people to different sites within the village. In addition the Committee urged the residents to report anti social behaviour to the police and to record an incident number. The Committee would be discussing appropriate signage. PCSO Scott stated the Police were aware of the situation and were responding.

The public session closed at 8.10 pm

3. The minutes of 14th February 2008 were proposed as a true record and all agreed with one amendment, namely that Cllr P Lightfoot had attended and not Cllr A Lightfoot.

4. Update on actions from previous minutes:

VAT information to be followed up
Shrubbery contract had been cancelled with effect from 1st
March 2008
Response sent to Mr Ross.

5. Sports field:

- Storage planning permission to be submitted after boundary changes in April 08. The Committee authorised the Clerk to pay costs up to the value of £200
- Surveyors at the Bowls Club. Clerk to chase up.
- User group representation. It was agreed by the Committee that Cllr P Taylor would also represent the Playgrounds Committee on the Users Group.
- The Clerk to meet with TBC planning officer on 24th April 2008 to discuss the Building Completion certificate for the sports field pavilion.

6. Review of projects

- Milham Road path. Clerk and Severn Vale Housing in correspondence regarding reinstatement of surface.
- Finlay Way play area.
The Clerk was authorised to cost/source signs for the following purposes:
Age range in enclosed play area, Health and safety coverage and courtesy to residents.
The clerk was authorised to investigate noise reduction at cable wire.
The clerk was authorised to cost/source boulders, posts, tree trunks for grass perimeter at Blackberry Grove edge.
Clerk was instructed to formulate a news piece for the local schools regarding the opening and walk to park ethos.
Cllr Peake agreed to speak to Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
Cllr Peake also informed the Committee that he had raised the matter at the recent Police Liaison meeting.
Cllr Taylor will investigate the possibility of mobile CCTV cameras being made available.
Cllr Cooper will coordinate a litter pick with fellow Councillors to tackle the litter around the perimeter hedges.

- Skate Park update
Cllr Stephens has arranged meetings with BC Primary and Cleeve School during April.
The Committee agreed to invite representatives from 3 companies that have responded to the local press notices, to address the Committee. The companies will be asked to present details of their company, proposed equipment, consultation proposals and previous projects. Clerk was instructed to set up meetings.
Clerk asked Councillors' to note that any expenditure on pedestrian access or highway alterations would need to part of the capital projects budget
 - South Park update
Cllr Habgood introduced the supra-nova range of equipment suitable for 6-15 years age range.
It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Bowls Club representatives and sports field users group.
Cllr Habgood will organise a leaflet drop to local residents.
It was agreed that a detailed discussion would be placed on the agenda for May 2008 Playgrounds meeting.
A meeting has been arranged with Safer Communities Police Officer on site on March 17th to discuss different locations for the play area.
It was agreed that designs/costings should be submitted by the Companies that have responded to the public notices published in the local press. The decision would be taken by the playgrounds Committee with a targeted installation date of June/July 2008.
It was agreed that spoil from the Skate park groundworks would be relocated to form landscaping features around the outside of the South park play area.
7. Finance
- Budget and year to date expenditure reports were distributed and agreed.
 - Payments and Receipts reports for Month of February were distribute and agreed.
 - Authorisation of payment of specific invoices was given, re:

Hedge cutting, Supply and Installation of play area (when handover inspection completed) and remedial pitch work at the sports field.

8. Consideration of Highways quotations for pedestrian access points in the vicinity of the Sports field.

- Kayte Lane foot path. The Clerk was instructed to contact Bishops Cleeve Football Club and Traffic Committee to discuss joint funding.
- Pedestrian refuge on A435. Costings to be considered within overall budget for Capital projects at Sports field.

9. Weekly inspection reports. It was noted that the grass needed cutting, which the Clerk has arranged.

10. Monthly inspection report. Cllr Stephens highlighted the need for the perimeter fence at the astro surface to be repaired. Clerk was instructed to contact Grimshaws' to obtain a price. Cllr Cooper agreed to look at Milham Road swings and Pecked Lane springy toy and to report back to the Committee.

11. Correspondence.

- The clerk confirmed receipt of correspondence from Mrs Baxter (see public session) and Mrs Ball (Cloisters) re Finlay Way. Clerk was instructed to respond. Correspondence from Ms Agg regarding the location of bins had been resolved.
- Emails between Cllr Jones and Glos Highways regarding Double Yellow lines were noted.

Date of next meeting 17th April 2008 at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Bishops Cleeve Parish Council – Planning Committee
 Minutes of meeting held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 11th March 2008

1. Attendance (chair), AL GJ, PT, JP
2. Apologies noted PL VA
3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 26th February 2008 agreed
4. Planning Applications received for consideration

Site Address	TBC ref number	Proposal	BCPC response
49 Blackberry Grove	08/00188/ful	conservatory	Support
6 Bramble chase	08/00248/ful	Extension and alterations	Support
Land adjacent to 48 Evesham road	08/00260/ful	Demolish coach house/erection of dwelling	Objection reiterate previous concerns
5 Green Meadow Bank	08/00171/ful	Extension to dwelling	support
13 a Hemming Way	08/00227/ful	Retention of dwelling as built	support
9 Huntsman Close	08/00059/ful	Conservatory	Support
21 Tobyfield Road	08/00223/ful	2 storey extension	Support

5. Decisions made by TBC/GCC

Site address	Ref number	BCPC	TBC
16 Farriers Reach	-8/00035/ful	supported	permission
11 Acacia Park extension Loft conversion	08/00085/ful	Supported	Permission refusal
118 Tobyfield road First floor extension	08/00091/ful	Objection Scale/proportion	Permission

6 Other notices noted

Revised plans for information only re 79 Tobyfield Road 08/00044/ful – 2 storey extension

7. Any other business for information purposes only

Noted response sent to Tithe Barn Committee regarding planning application
 Noted consultation on strategic housing land availability Assessment
 Methodology scoping report

Noted Cheltenham Borough Council – Local development framework

Noted Homelands farm submission for information. The planning committee recommends that the Parish Council write to Hazel Blears (Hon Sec of State) regarding the disappointment of the council that 1000 dwellings to the north of Bishops Cleeve is included in the Regional Spatial Strategy.

Noted that Cllr Taylor has written to TBC seeking information on the naming of roads in new developments

TBC enforcement officer will contact parish office regarding Costa Coffee signs. Parish Clerk will seek further information regarding the situation on Factory Shop signage.

The Meeting closed at 7.15

Bishops Cleeve Parish Council – Planning Committee
 Agenda of meeting held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 25th March 2008

1. Attendance (chair), AL GJ, JP
2. Apologies noted VA, PL, PT
3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 11th March 2008 agreed
4. Planning Applications received for consideration

Site Address	TBC ref number	Proposal	BCPC response
12 Butterfield Court	08/00264/ful	Conservatory	Support
20 Church Road	07/01747/ful	Change of use	Observations Re position of parking spaces
11 Blossom Close	08/00245/ful	New build terrace house	Objection re brown space rules
Roabola, Stoke road	08/00292/ful	Single storey ext	support
Tesco	08/00269/adv	signage	Objection re size and need
11 The Holt	08/00346/ful	Conservatory	support
Wingmoor Farm	08/0013/TWMAJW	Temp transfer station	Objection - traffic
White Cottage, Station Road	08/00344/ful.	Extensions and sun house	support

5. Decisions made by TBC/GCC - noted

Site address	Ref number	BCPC	TBC
46 Crown Drive	08/00065/ful	support	permission
79 Tobyfield Road	08/00044/ful	support	permission
12 Snowhill Drive	08/00148/ful	support	permission
98 Station Road	07/00424/ful	observations	permission

6 Other notices noted

Amended plans for 2- 8 Mill Parade

48 Evesham Road – land to rear of – additional plans for info

Standard application forms consultation from GCC

Tithe Barn –an archaeological implication study is needed.

7. Any other business for information purposes only

Acknowledgement of core waste strategy consultation response

The Meeting closed at 7.32pm

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

Minutes of the Traffic Committee held at 7 p.m. on 20th March 2008

Present: Cllrs P Rawlings (Chair) J Habgood, G Jackson, A Lightfoot, P Taylor

Apologies: Cllr P Lightfoot

Minutes of meeting of 8th January 2008: Proposed.: G J. Seconded: AL.

Agreed.

Update on matters arising from Minutes: Cemetery sign now installed. Stagecoach took up option of advert in newsletter.

Chairs Update: Letter from M Midgley, GCC. PR has responded with priority list for footpath work. Two Hedges, Tobyfield and Dale Walk. Budget outlined from MM as £20k. Newlands Traffic Lights: PR to contact C Jones, re; lack of notice concerning work on lights. Blackberry Grove: Committee aware that discussion has taken place with residents before and after development and with GCC, C Jones and Police. PR to ask CJ for current situation re: parking issues/proposals. Sportsfield/South Park: Meeting had taken place between PR/JH/C Jones/M Midgley/B Holder re; roads/access issues. JH outlined proposed site for play area and possibility of opening an access point via Chandler Way. MM had informed Council that work for central refuge in Cheltenham Road was approx. £15k and footpath in Kayte Lane £10k. JH felt that Sportsfield could probably only meet £2k of cost and Traffic Committee felt that at present it did not have funds available to help with cost. Works identified as low priority. Bus Shelter Cleaning: PR had received notification that GCC would be cleaning their shelters once every 3 months. Communication with other Authorities: PR expressed concern that Cllrs. were communicating with others and giving the impression they were doing so on behalf of BCPC. He asked all Cllrs to contact Clerk or Chair of appropriate Committee before communicating with local authorities or outside bodies, or making it clear they were not speaking on behalf of the council. They should do this bearing in mind courtesy and duplication of Officers time. Trees at back of Cheltenham Road Garage: Growth of these trees had been causing problems with car wash at garage. Rob Hainsworth had proved most helpful. Land not registered to anyone. Ownership not established.

Members Reports: GJ reported concerns re: brook at Finlay way. Joint meeting proposed to discuss. Bob Nightingale now appointed as Land drainage Officer at TBC. He is going to do a survey of Woodmancote/Bishops Cleeve area. Newlands Lights: JH wondered what was happening there. PR felt it was re- arrangement of lights. Voxwell Lane Bus stop: AL said the seat in the bus stop at by pass end of Voxwell Lane was losing its top layer. Looked like it had been scratched off. PR to ask Ken White (via Clerk) to investigate and report back.

Any Other Business (for information only) Information from GCC re; bus route 528 noted.

Date of next meeting: 15th May 2008

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

**Sixty Fourth Meeting of the Community Building Committee
Held in the Parish Office at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 25th March 2008**

Present:

Cllr G Jackson (Chair) Cllr A Lightfoot and Cllr J Peake

Apologies:

Cllr V Ayres Cllr J Habgood and Cllr P Lightfoot

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2008:

The minutes were agreed.

Bookings:

Casual 11 Block No new 93 block booking sessions

Caretaker's Report: - No report available

Youth & Community Issues - No report available

Treasurer's Report:

Balance at bank - £2509.68

(period – 1st February – 25th March 2008)

Receipts:

Block hire income	£2769.05
Casual hire income	638.50
Booking fees	69.00
Insurance	46.35

Expenditure:

Gross Salary	£455.89
Utilities (electricity)	£ 404.03
Cleaning (incl materials)	£ 517.04

<u>Total:</u>	£3522.90	<u>Total</u>	£1376.96
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Review of Hire Charges:

Cllr Habgood had provided a list of hire charges for halls in area. Our charges were still competitive. The Clerk had been asked to write to concessionary long term bookings to advise them of our intention to review charges. Bearing in mind the current financial situation it was decided that:-

Current concessionary block booking charges would increase by 50p per hour.
All room hire charges would increase by 50p per hour (for bookings made after 1st April 2008) These rates still remain competitive.

Any Other Urgent Matters:

None

Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 27th May 2008 at 7.30p.m.

Allotment Committee meeting held on 27th March 2008 in the Parish Office

Present Councillors J Habgood, A Lightfoot, and P Taylor
Apologies received from Cllr P Lightfoot and J Stephens

Public Session – 2 members of the public attended

Points raised:

Lack of activity on certain plots. The Clerk checked the records and noted that the relevant plots had been picked up on the monthly inspection and were being followed up.

Would like more financial information to be made available to plot holders. It was confirmed that a financial report would be available after the financial year end.

Would like details of future expenditure plans. It was confirmed that this was to be prepared for the Committee in the new financial year and would be available to plot holders.

Plot holder offered to help provide resources if he could arrange it.
The Committee thanked him for his offer.

End of public session. 1 Member of the public remained.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed.
2. Matters arising for information purposes only
A costing for a repairs to the fence had been received and would be discussed in the financial section.
Stones to fill pot holes to be followed up by Cllr Habgood
Compost – 4 trucks loads to be delivered shortly at zero cost. Still awaited.
Cllr Habgood is investigating the services of a rabbit-control person.
Clerk to follow up the manure bays.
3. Finance reports were presented to Committee by Clerk
Monthly payment and receipts report accepted by Committee
Year to date budget comparison report accepted by Committee showing a net overspend of £3.94 for year.
Estimate received for fence and gate post repairs in the sum of £187.
The Committee agreed the cost for labour and instructed the Clerk to speak to plot holder (see public session) for a price for the materials before agreeing material costs on estimate.

Clerk to contact tenant of Stallard Butt regarding no payment of rent. Clerk was instructed to write to her explaining that the Council could not afford to pay for any maintenance or repairs to the plot and as she had not paid her rent, she was breaking the terms of her tenancy agreement and should be served notice to quit.

Previous tenant of ragwort field has requested that he would like to rent it again. The Committee agreed in principal but wished to discuss the size of the plot, cost and proposed usage. Cllr Habgood will meet the gentleman on site.

4. Inspection report was distributed to Committee and discussions took place over responses to notices and further action. The Clerk would distribute notices for 11a (first time) and letters (second time) to 33. The Clerk was instructed to respond to Plot 23, thanking him for the information and hoping to see continuing improvement. The Clerk noted that the wording on the notice had been amended and asked that notices not be altered in case there were legal implications.

Cllr Habgood reported to the Committee re plot 26 and after discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the plot holders, asking to see activity by the end of the preparation season, including information on disease mairs tail. Failure to provide evidence of action will deemed to have broken tenancy agreement and eviction process would be started. Cllr Habgood would measure and mark half of the plot and a new tenant would be allocated.

Clerk was instructed to start eviction process if no response from plot holder 28 by mid – April.

Future inspections were agreed for Cllrs P and A Lightfoot 4/08

5. Infrastructure

The Committee agreed that a strip of new 100sq m allotments would be prepared. Cllr Habgood would allocated and mark out the most appropriate site.

Details of 106 agreement gains pertinent to the allotments would be clarified by Cllr Taylor.

It was confirmed that water is turned on.

The tenancy agreement has been reviewed by Cllr Stephens and the Committee agreed that it should remain in its present format. The Committee discussed the issue of dogs on the site following legal advice. The Committee agreed that the wording of the tenancy agreement would not be altered to allow dogs on to the site.

Cllr Habgood has summarised the archive box and will give the Clerk the report.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm . Date of next meeting 24th April 2008

27th March
2008

**DRAFT PAYMENTS LIST :
Cheques 1730 to 1750**

Vchr.	Cheq	Cde.	Name	Description	Amount
852	1730	92	cleeve flowers	chairs allowance - presentatio	£25
836	1731	64	k white	padlock for finlay play area	£14
851	1732	92	macdonalds	chairs allowance - presentatio	£140
895	1733	52	Gloucestershire County Council	pension	£337
896	1734	51	inland revenue	paye/ni	£333
921	1737	52	Gloucestershire County Council	pension	£616
923	1738	74	Tithe Barn	meeting room hire	£61
922	1739	107	Tim Fisher	bin relocation	£80
919	1740	75	staples	stationery	£94
920	1740	73	staples	stamps	£20
			Subtotal Cheque No. 1740		£114
918	1741	107	Glasdon UK Ltd	replacement bin lids	£23
917	1742	80	John Ryde Commercial	rent to jun 08	£1,175
916	1743	92	bishops cleave bowls club	funtion	£255
915	1744	71	b holder	Mileage	£24
914	1745	184	Place Maintenance Ltd	verti drainage to pitches x2	£353
908	1746	66	glebe	hedge cutting	£1,293
912	1747	83	Simon Tobias Heating and Plumb	elect water heater/toilet repa	£271
913	1747	25	Simon Tobias Heating and Plumb	repairs to supply pipe at allo	£65
			Subtotal Cheque No. 1747		£336
909	1748	90	The Ink Spot	Trade directory adv	£213
910	1748	277	The Ink Spot	art work for newsletter	£35
911	1748	277	The Ink Spot	news letter	£547
			Subtotal Cheque No. 1748		£795
900	1749	64	K White Esq.	padlock for pecked play area	£28
901	1749	270	K White Esq.	cleaning bus shelters	£70
902	1749	173	K White Esq.	opening /locking astro	£21
903	1749	181	K White Esq.	checking/clearing grill A435	£28
904	1749	64	K White Esq.	weekly pg maintenance	£163
905	1749	276	K White Esq.	wkly memorial garden/parish pu	£75
906	1749	317	K White Esq.	notice board wkly update	£58
907	1749	84	K White Esq.	office steps/cleaning/pc table	£65
			Subtotal Cheque No. 1749		£509
898	1750	51	Inland Revenue	paye/ni	£286
899	1750	50	Inland Revenue	paye/ni	£838
			Subtotal Cheque No. 1750		£1,124
TOTAL					£10,275

Clerks report

Dates for your diary

Planning 8th and 22th April

Playgrounds 10th and 17th April

Allotments 24th April

Councillors workshop morning 12th April at 9.30 Community Building

Carnival Committee 21st April

Clerks holiday dates 7th, 9th, 11th, 14th, 16th, 18th April

Correspondence received

Note from Tithe Barn Management Committee - 2 members resigned and they are looking for additional members.

Request for bookings clerk for Tithe Barn

Section 137 requests for funding.

Carnival Committee request funding of £816 for 51 stalls. 08/09 budget included sum of £1350 for carnival and Christmas lights.

Committee and working groups

Will Council agree the number of members for the following committees/working groups/representation on outside bodies in preparation for the annual meeting on May 1st.

Allotments	5
Community Building	5 + non voting chair
Planning	6
Playing fields	7
Traffic	7
Employment	6
Best Value	7
New Barn	5
Orchard House	6
Newsletter Working party	5
Fair trade Village	5
Police Liason Group	2
Cleeve Hill Conservators	3
Tewkesbury area sports (JMC)	1
Village hall management	1
Sports hall management	1
Wingmoor Farm	2
Emergency planning	7

Councillors may prefer to have outside representation set at 2, Committees and working parties at 6 to make a more consistent system.

Borough Councillor Report from Phil Taylor - Cleeve St Michael's

I am arranging meetings for those areas most affected by the floods with the new Land Drainage Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council to discuss the issues of the local residents and help gather valuable local information detailing how the flooding occurred in each area. I am also assisting several residents with issues arising from the flooding.

A number of residents have contacted me to express their dismay at the closure of the Borough Cash Office and the stopping of accepting payment via the Post Office. I am investigating this with officers as this policy does seem to fly in the face of a recent Council motion condemning closures of local Post Offices.

I have attended an Executive Committee meeting and a meeting of the Improvement Board that is driving the efforts of Tewkesbury Borough Council to get out of Voluntary Engagement.

The Executive of Tewkesbury Borough Council recently voted to allocate £30,000 to an assessment into the drainage infrastructure in Bishop's Cleeve and Woodmancote and a further £30,000 for implementing any improvements or remedial works that are recommended. The assessment will involve consultation with Riparian Owners, GCC, GWR, the Environment Agency and the Parish Council. Allowing the free and safe passage of water through Bishop's Cleeve remains a High Priority for Tewkesbury Borough Council.

The Viability, Vulnerability and Vitality survey held a workshop on Wednesday 19th March between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. The survey is designed to assess the economic activity in Tewkesbury, Bishop's Cleeve and Winchcombe and to advise on how these economies can be nurtured and allowed to develop. Unfortunately only two people choose to attend and again there was no representation from the Bishop's Cleeve Chamber of Commerce despite being invited.

I am also looking forward to finally welcoming the Parish Sports Field into Bishop's Cleeve in April 2008.

Cllr Phil Taylor
26th March 2008

Cllr Richmond

Flooding

I continue to focus on the works required to restore drains, ditches & sewers following the flooding events of last year.

I have attended a number of meetings to that end during March 2008 and I earnestly hope that all priority works In Bishop's Cleeve are completed before July 2008!

Planning Inquiries

The results of the three planning inquiries held at Tewkesbury Borough Council recently are still awaited. It is believed that they are unlikely to be reported this month.

Homelands Farm (HF)

The Town & County Planning Act 1990 Section 106 contributions that are of particular interest to the parish council amount to £657,000.

The spreadsheet attached gives a breakdown of the individual sums.

S.106 CONTRIBUTIONS	
Amount	Subject
£50,000	Merging of play areas
£50,000	Off site play areas
£25,000	Mobile CCTV & safety measures
£10,000	Picnic Benches & Seating
£10,000	Allotments
£220,000	Tythe Barn
£100,000	Community Barn
£192,000	Cleeve Sports & Arts Centre
£657,000	

County Councillor Jones

Issues:

1. **Wingmoor Farm:** Cory application in for temporary bulking facility – concerns about traffic, disamenity, may ask for it to be brought to Committee. Still awaiting news on Grundon application – I sense it might even drift into 2009. Liaison Group Meeting 15 Apr – agenda and minutes of last meeting published; personally concerned about HIA and HOSC reports, which are long overdue; Stoke Road meeting – follow-up 25 Apr – resurfacing now completed. ‘Local List’ consultation re validation of Development and Waste planning applications – Parish should receive have received a letter from Gavin Jones. Little movement on Residual Waste contract – key officer has left.
2. **Flooding:** County Officers continuing to work (alongside Tewkesbury Borough colleagues) on various areas of concern. A435 – thanks to parish for co-operation; discussions ongoing with GE re work on their premises. Finlay Way

meeting 9 Apr – Pat Mooney will be attending. Collapsed culvert by Pecked Lane a major concern. Our gullies to be cleared this month – first on the list. Eddie Coventry will be attending the next Parish Emergency Management Committee meeting. A little more money coming from Govt; EU money too.

3. **Homelands:** Did ask question in Council re the status of the EiP report – rather inscrutable answer and advised I would need to ask District Officers about specific applications; asked supplementary about Growth Point Status.

M. Questioner’s Name: Cllr Jones	Respondent’s Name: Cllr Girling
<p>As we are all painfully aware, the initial report of the Examination in Public of the draft Regional Spatial Strategy was published in January.</p> <p>We now await the Secretary of State’s response and this is to be followed up by a 12-week consultation period before the final RSS is published.</p> <p>Could I ask the Portfolio Holder if it is the case that Planning Authorities must now take account of the current <u>recommendations</u> in the Panel Report (before we even receive the response from the Secretary of State) when considering any applications for housing developments?</p>	<p>The Panel Report is now considered a “material consideration” which Planning Authorities and other decision makers need to take into account when determining planning applications. However, the weight they chose to give, compared to the adopted Local Plan for instance, is initially a matter for the decision maker to consider and is likely to vary between different types of application.</p>

4. **Rooftop:** Future walkabouts with PCSO planned. Parking project – plans for Barracks Square, Tobyfield Road to be discussed 22 Apr. The Association to be inspected in June.
5. **Highways Issues:** Discussing Blackberry Grove Playpark with Martyn Midgley on Apr 9th. Station Road residents –will shortly be writing to Cabinet member to request a meeting. SSZ – work actually started. Div Estimates meeting – held in Stroudwater – more strategic than previously – ‘nitty-gritty’ discussed with Martyn and Pat outside those meetings – Jesson Road to be resurfaced; think we are well served by Martyn – other councillors less fortunate. Good to see junction of Dale Walk and Two Hedges finally sorted. Footpath work may hopefully start soon. Went on another greenery ‘walkabout’ – some action has resulted (inc tree in Two Hedges Road).
6. **Children’s Centre:** Official opening 26 March (same day as Full Council) went well; arrived at 1, just as things were packing up. Many agencies represented and will hope to meet Centre Manager (she is also looking after Winchcombe) shortly.

7. **Cleeve School:** Building of Phase 2 still going to schedule; Extended Schools work moving apace.
8. **Village Agent:** Jane Skinner has now been appointed (07810 630201) and would be happy to come and meet anybody interested (Thurs or Fri am preferably) and also to talk to a Parish Council meeting (I told her probably at 7/7.15).
9. **Other 'Council' issues:** Post Office closures – spoke at Council against closure of Woodmancote and generally blamed it on a society fixated on targets and so-called Value for Money – passed a motion that we should look at possibility of helping as Essex have done – we await developments. Had a rant about CPA/JAR. Also looking at Scrutiny – new system clearly not working well; consensus that a re-think is needed.

Ceri Jones (County
Councillor)