

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on
1st February 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present at meeting

Parish Councillors V Ayres (Chair), P Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), M Taylor, P Rawlings, C Lawrence, P Richmond, P Taylor, G.Jackson, I Hatton, P Badham, A Lightfoot, M Beresford.

Also present- Borough Councillor R East & County Councillor C Jones

Public Session.

Cllr Ayres welcomed 2 members of the public.

07/020. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs' A Mackinnon and P Hatton

07/021. Minutes of the Meeting of 4th January 2007

07/021.1 Cllr A Lightfoot noted that the paragraph 7/002.7 should also reflect that the meeting requested that Gloucestershire County should replace any loss of Orchard House with a community facility.

Cllr P Lightfoot proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Beresford and agreed unanimously.

07/022. Minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2007

07/022.1 Cllr Beresford proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Richmond and agreed unanimously

07/023. Matters arising from the minutes

07/023.1 Cllr P Taylor referred to paragraph 7/006.2 and stated that he had attended the recent Police meeting and issues on CCTV cameras were ongoing.

07/023.2 Cllr A Lightfoot referred to paragraph 7/007.2 and informed the meeting that the questionnaire was now with Cllr Lawrence for inclusion in the next Parish Newsletter.

07/024. Vacancy for Parish Councillor in Cleeve West Ward

07/024.1 Each candidate introduced themselves and spoke briefly. The Councillors then voted using ballot papers. The results were 6 votes to John Peake and 5 votes to James Habgood. There was one abstention. Therefore it was declared that Mr J Peake would be co-opted to the Council. Declaration papers and other paperwork would be signed within 7 days at the Council Offices.

07/025 Planning and Licences

07/025.1 The minutes of the planning committee meetings held on the 9th and 23rd January 2007 and planning decisions made by Tewkesbury Borough and Gloucestershire County Council since the last meeting were noted. It was requested that the A453 noted on the minutes of 9th January 2007 be corrected to read the A435.

07/025.2 Cllr Beresford asked for clarification on the objection of the Planning committee. Cllr A Lightfoot explained the situation.
07/025.3 Cllr East asked for an update on the T Mobile (uk) Ltd situation. Cllr Richmond explained the current situation.
07/025.4 Cllr I Hatton asked for a progress report on VDS. Cllr A Lightfoot explained that it was an ongoing situation.
07/025.5 Cllr Badham requested an update on the land adjacent to Lidl's. Cllr's discussed the car parking situation with in the village.

07/026 Traffic, Highways and Footpaths

08/026.1 Cllr Rawlings updated councillors on developments since the last meeting. He informed the Council on the ongoing situations regarding School Road, Station Road/St Michael's Church footpath, By-Pass litter bin, Pecked Lane bus shelter, Evesham Road damaged bollard and drop kerbs in the vicinity of St Michael's Court.

07/026.2 Cllr Rawlings and Cllr Jones are to attend a meeting with representatives from Gloucestershire County Council and residents of Station Road re traffic calming measures in the Parish Council Offices on 8th February 2007.

07/026.3 Cllr Rawlings brought to the attention of the Council the recent letter received from Zurich Insurance Company informing that the bus shelters were not covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy. It was requested that the Parish Clerk to seek a quotation to cover bus shelters against accidental damage. It was requested that the Parish Clerk review the insurance policies.

07/026.4 Cllr Rawlings informed the council that the damaged bus shelter on the By-Pass would be replaced "like for like"

07/026.5 Cllr Beresford brought to the attention of the Parish Clerk that paragraph 7.4 of the Traffic Committee minutes for the meeting held on 18th January 2007 referred to the "High Street". Cllr Richmond confirmed that it was an accurate minute as he did in fact refer to the "High Street" when he actually meant Church Road.

07/026.6 Cllr East informed Councillors that the Racecourse Garage light had now been turned around from facing on-coming drivers.

07/026.7 Cllr Richmond agreed to follow up the reinstatement of the grass verge opposite the Tithe Barn at the Stoke Road junction. Cllr Jones agreed to follow up the reinstatement of the pathways with Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department.

07/026.8 Cllr Badham noted the mention of Solar panels in the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 18th January 2007. Cllr Rawlings explained the costing implications.

07/027 Sports field and Play area

07/027.1 The minutes of the Sports field /Playing Fields Committee and Sports field Management Group held on 17th January 2007 were noted.

07/027.2 Cllr Beresford confirmed that the current contractor for the Sports field maintenance had been given formal notice to end on the 31st March 2007 but would be invited to tender for a new specification. The new specification and tendering process were matters in hand.

07/027.3 Cllr Richmond brought to the attention of Councillors the situation regarding the sign at the Sports field and agreed that the situation would be rectified as soon as possible.

07/027.4 Cllr Lawrence asked for an update on the situation regarding parking in the entrance to the Sports field. Councillors discussed various possible remedies. It was agreed that Cllr East would approach the garage to discuss possible ways forward. Cllr I Hatton agreed to follow up the situation with the Police Committee.

07/027.5 Cllr I Hatton raised residents' concerns regarding the recently completed work in Pecked Lane. Cllr Beresford confirmed that the contractors had taken all due care and had offered to replace damaged bulbs.

07/028 Community Building

07/028.1 Cllr P Lightfoot updated councillors on developments since the previous Parish Council Meeting

07/028.2 Following expressions of concern regarding fly-posting an amendment had been added to the Terms and Conditions of Hire forms.

07/028.3 Hire charges would be increasing by approx 10% with effect from 1st April 2007

07/028.4 Surplus chairs were still available if Councillors could recommend any suitable recipients

07/029 Parish Assembly

07/029.1 It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would investigate the possibility of using the Community Building.

07/029.2 It was agreed that the date of the Assembly would be the 26th March 2007

07/029.3 It was requested that Cllr Beresford ask Stephen Wright to speak on "Town or Parish" and to provide parishioners with the opportunity to participate in a debate on this subject.

07/029.4 It was requested that Cllr Beresford ask Age Concern (Gloucester) if they could provide a speaker on the subject of Care for the Elderly.

07/030 Loan Application

07/030.1 Cllr Beresford proposed and Cllr P Taylor seconded that the Loan Application to the Public Works Board Assemble be approved for the sum of £80,000. over a period of 4 years. It was agreed unanimously.

07/030.2 Cllr P Lightfoot proposed and Cllr P Taylor seconded that the method of repayment by Annuity be approved. It was agreed unanimously.

07/031 Clerk's Report

07/031.1 Councillors noted the list of publications and documents received at the Parish Council Office since the last meeting

07.031.2 Councillors noted and discussed various aspects of the Medium Term Strategy of Tewkesbury Borough Council

07.031.3 It was requested that the Parish Clerk write to Tewkesbury Borough Council to comment on the Medium Term strategy of Tewkesbury Borough Council by asking them to reconsider withdrawal of the subsidy currently given on paying Council Tax at local Post Offices in order to support local Post Offices.

07/031.4 Dates for your diaries were brought to the attention of Councillors.

07/032 Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association

07/032.1 Cllr Beresford declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions.

07/032.2 It was proposed by Cllr P Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Jackson that the subscription to the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association be renewed. It was agreed unanimously.

07/033 Finance

07/033.1 Cllr P Lightfoot proposed and Cllr Badham seconded the acceptance of the following schedule of payments.

Parish Office

Commutaports	Seats in Shelters	£800.18
Scotia Build Ltd	Remove damaged bus Shelter	£205.62
Cornish	Salary	£254.63
Thomas	Salary	£1088.00
White	Salary	£310.88
Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£1013.88
Holder	Salary	£546.69
GCC	Kayte Lane P.F. Rent	£150.00
Thomas	Expenses re imbursed	£ 48.45
White	Mileage December	£ 47.43
White	Mileage January	£ 63.24

Sports Field

Low Cost Cleaning Ltd	Pavilion	£243.23
NPower	Electricity	£288.52
British Gas	Sportfield	£450.51
Npower	Flood Lights	£338.07

Community Building

J. Aguirre	Cleaning Dec 06	£200.00
Gurney	Reimbursement Expenses	£104.19
Gurney	Salary	£402.81
Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£125.85
Premiere Products	Cleaning Materials	£ 86.73
Premiere Products	Cleaning Materials	£ 50.37

07/033.2 Cllr Rawlings confirmed that costs for the replacement of the damaged bus shelter would be claimed from the car drivers' insurance.

07/033.3 Cllr Richmond sought clarification on the costs of the electricity to the Sports field floodlights. Cllr Beresford confirmed that at the present time revenue from the hire of 5 aside pitches exceeded the costs incurred.

07/034 Borough Councillor's Report

07/034.1 Cllr Richmond confirmed that Tewkesbury Borough Council had carried out the works to the Finlay Way site as promised

07/034.2 Cllr Richmond brought to the attention of Councillors that the Local Government Bill (in its 2nd reading in Parliament) obliged Councils to show improved working at all levels of Councils and work within the Local Authorities was continuing.

07/034.3 Cllr Richmond informed the Council that the Health Impact Group Meetings were continuing.

07/035 County Councillor's Report

07/035.1 Cllr Jones updated Councillors on Wingmoor farm.

07/035.2 Cllr Jones has arranged a meeting with Central Networks re power cuts

07/035.3 Station Road meeting has been arranged with residents on the 8/2/07

07/035.4 Cllr Jones highlighted other Highway issues including the Closure of Bamfurlong site which has been raised at Gloucestershire County Council

07/035.6 Cllr Jones has had a meeting with representative from Gloucestershire County Council regarding the situation in Brockhampton.

07/035.7 Cllr Jones reported that there has been no news on the bus shelter at Zurich.

07/035.8 Cllr Jones noted other County Council issues including Constitution Committee, Parkway and Post Office motion.

07/036 Any other Business

07/036.1 Cllr Richmond highlighted the recent situation of complaints received regarding the road surface on Stoke Road due to excessive mud. Representations have been made to Gloucestershire County Council and a formal complaint made to Grunduns.

Meeting Closed at 9.50 pm

Signed.....

Dated this 1st March 2007