

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held in the Parish Council Office on 16 November 2006 at 7pm.

1 Present at the meeting

Parish Councillors P Rawlings [Chair], C Lawrence, P Richmond, P Taylor.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Lightfoot and P Lightfoot.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 2006.

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

4 Matters arising from the minutes

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5 Chair's Update

5.1 The Committee agreed to the installation of perch seats in six bus shelters in the village i.e. Rectory Court, the by-pass, two at Voxwell Lane and two at Finlay Way. Cost estimated to be about £900. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements with Commutaports Ltd.

5.2 Cllr Rawlings reported that he had received an E-mail from a resident of Gotherington Lane about confusing bus stop signs in School Road and Gotherington Lane. The Committee agreed with the points raised by the resident and the Clerk was asked to copy the E-mail to C/Cllr Jones with a request that he should contact the appropriate people in the County Council.

5.3 Cllr Rawlings explained that he and Cllr Lawrence had made a site inspection of the path at St Michaels Church with Chris Townley and Mary King of Gloucestershire County Council as agreed at the November Parish Council meeting. Everyone agreed that the surface of the path was of an acceptable standard but the steps and damage caused by the roots of an oak tree in Station Road created problems for elderly and disabled people. Chris Townley agreed to produce drawings and costings for a suggested solution by 7 December 2006. The Traffic Committee could make a contribution to the cost of the work.

5.4 Cllr Rawlings said that representatives of Gloucestershire County Council had, once again, expressed the view that the junction of Stoke Road and Stoke Orchard Road was not wide enough to accommodate a pedestrian refuge. However, they were prepared to reconsider the decision and Cllr Richmond said that he would take the measurements of the road and pass them on to the Clerk so that he could write to the County Council.

6 Possible Future Projects

6.1 Cllr Rawlings referred to his recent Highways and Traffic meeting at Shire Hall and partnership working with the County Council. He said that cleaning the bus shelters in the village was an example of how both Councils could co-operate. He suggested that the Parish Council could take on the work for all shelters if the necessary equipment was purchased with the help of matched funding from the County Council. The Committee felt that the initial capital costs and storage space for the equipment could be a problem and that employing a contractor [window cleaner] was another option to be considered. Cllr Rawlings agreed to obtain the views of the Parish Council at its December meeting.

7 Budget 2007/08

7.1 The Committee agreed that a budget of £10,000 was required for the 2007/08 financial year. This was to consist of the “carry-over” from the present budget and a precepted amount to make up the difference.

8 Members’ Reports

8.1 Cllr Lawrence reported that a new litter bin was required at the pathway behind the Lidl store as the existing bin had been destroyed by fire; the second time that this had happened.

8.2 Cllr Richmond said that a larger litter bin was needed at the bus shelter at the by-pass as the present bin could not cope with the demand.

8.3 Cllr Richmond asked about the damaged wall at the Lidl store and was advised to raise the issue at the Parish Council meeting.

9 AOB

9.1 Cllr Lawrence reported the constant problem of illegally parked cars at Church Approach. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the police Community Support Officers when they next visit the office.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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Dated this 18 day of January 2007.