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DRAFT Minutes of General Meeting

Held in the Reading Room on Thursday 21st July 2022, 19:00

Councillors present: Cllrs Kealy (Vice-Chairman), Griffiths and McKinna
Attendees: 2 members of the public including Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, GCC.

220721/1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Kealy welcomed everyone to the meeting including Cllr Paul Hodgkinson from GCC. Thanks were given to the organisers of ShipFest and Cllr Kealy advised that the funds raised on the day would primarily be donated to Sue Ryder.

220721/2 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chalklin and Hawley.

220721/3 Declarations of Interest: None for this meeting.

220721/4 Minutes of Previous Meetings: Draft minutes of the General Meeting held on 28th January 2022 were approved by all and signed by Vice-Chair, Cllr Kealy.

220721/5 County Council report received from Cllr Hodgkinson: Covid numbers have now reached the previous peak with 400,000 new cases reported daily across the Country. Those people classed as clinically vulnerable should continue to be careful. Cllr Hodgkinson confirmed that the booster programme would re-open in the Autumn for people over 50 years of age. Road safety continues to be a priority for GCC and communities are being encouraged to support local. In Andoversford, traffic calming is due to be introduced over the coming months on Gloucester Road. General funding options available to communities via GCC are the Community Speed Watch, Covid Recovery Fund and Build Back Better. It was suggested that the Reading Room might be eligible to apply for community event support to subsidize the monthly coffee mornings. Jane Spiller indicated that she would investigate this.

Cllr Kealy raised the issue and concern of residents about the unadopted road Highbank and further concern that 9 properties serviced in this area still have a 1960's water pipe that leaks and Thames Water will not accept responsibility for this. Cllr Hodgkinson said that he would speak to TW in the first instance, but it would be useful for him to have copies of resident's correspondence that was available. NB- Cllr PH left the meeting.

220721/6 Public Session: Nothing raised.

220721/7 Planning Applications:

7.1 22/01363/FUL The Rise Care Home, 3-4 The Rise, Shipton Oliffe, Cheltenham GL54 4JQ. Change of use from C3 (residential) to C2 (residential institutional) with associated external alterations. *STATUS: Permitted by CDC.*

220721/8 Finance Update: Cllr Griffiths reported that the Parish Council were following GAPTC's recommendation to hold the one year's annual precept in reserve. There were no major impending expenses due apart from the purchase of dog poo bags in October (c.£400) and the final payments this year for grass cutting. Monies are available for use on capital projects, and £5k has been allocated to improve the Village green. It was suggested that the Parish Council discuss projects further at a future meeting.

220721/9 Review of correspondence:

9.1 Request from a resident to review the football ground deeds and contract with Charlton Rovers about ad hoc use of the grounds for a helicopter pad. *ACTION: Cllr Kealy to discuss with CR personnel and conduct a fact-finding conversation.*

9.2 Informal request from Charlton Rovers for PC funding to support the installation of new gates and a high restriction barrier at the golf club/sports ground entrance. *The Parish Clerk confirmed that this was an exploratory and informal request. This agenda item is for information only at this stage.*

9.3 Request for support from a resident in Hampen for the installation of a defibrillator. *The Parish Clerk is liaising with residents about a suitable location for this item as well as applying for grants to support this initiative.*

9.4 Riparian ownership and the maintenance of the watercourse in Shipton. *Residents who have a watercourse running through their garden are reminded to maintain the water banks carefully and to ensure that cut vegetation is not disposed of in the brook. Residents downstream have complained to the Parish Council about this occurring and causing congestion lower down.*

9.5 Shipton litter picking kit – where do we put this for use by willing residents?

It was agreed that this would be placed in the telephone box once the recycling project had ended.

220721/10 **Date of next meeting** – 17th November 2022, time TCB

Meeting closed at 19:50

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