

**MINUTES OF BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL,
ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr Craig Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr Simon Brownless
Cllr Ann Haigh
Cllr Michelle Holt
Cllr John Phillips
Cllr Mike Pini
Cllr Brian Skarda

Also Present: District Cllr David Fowles

105/23. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from County Cllr Lisa Spivey.

106/23. Declaration of Interest (Members are requested to declare any interest they may have in the business set out on the Agenda to which the approved Code of Practice appears.)

There were none.

107/23. Approval of the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023, were approved and signed as true record.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/bibury-oct23-draft-minutes.pdf?v=1699548350>

108/23. To receive reports from the District and County Councillors.

County Cllr Lisa Spivey sent in the following written report:

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/gccreportnov2023docx.pdf?v=1699969733>

Cllr Mike Pini will investigate opportunities for the Village Hall from the Build Back Better and Rural Prosperity Funds. **MP**

District Cllr David Fowles briefly reported on:

- The financial health of Cotswold District Council
- A reduction in the hours available for the Call Centre/Customer Services
- Publica – A review has taken place and it is likely that several services are brought back in house
- Tackling issues like Fly Tipping
- An update on the Missing Link
- An update of the planning application for a proposed Truck Stop

- Planning for a Health Surgery on the outskirts of Tetbury, which will result in a significant increase in development in the area.

109/23. Highways

a. To receive the Highways Report from Cllr Craig Chapman

Cllr Chapman presented the Members a written report:-

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/bibury-pc-highways-report-nov-2023.pdf?v=1699969059>

The Welcome to Bibury Sign (coming into Bibury from Barnsley) has been identified as being in an unsafe location, Cllr Craig Chapman will investigate a solution with Gloucestershire Highways.

CC

Cllrs Brian Skarda and Craig Chapman gave an update on the drainage/flooding issues at Arlington Row.

The Vehicle Activated Sign located on the Aldsworth Road, is to be reported to Gloucestershire Highways/Street Lighting department as it doesn't always work.

CC

110/23. To receive an updated for the Parking Working Group

The Working Group have adopted their terms of reference and held an initial meeting. They were also represented by Jason Holt at a site meeting, with senior officers from Gloucestershire Highways/Traffic Enforcement and Gloucestershire Constabulary, which resulted in a number of actions.

County Cllr Lisa Spivey sent in the following report following the site meeting, which was held to discuss the parking and enforcement issues.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/lbiburyparkingmtgnotes-nov-23.pdf?v=1699969667>

Cllr Craig Chapman presented a further update on the site meeting.

It was asked if the issue of emissions (especially from idling coaches) could be investigated as a part of the parking working group.

Cllr Brian Skarda raised the issues of the white lines, maintenance and enforcement of the Coach Parking areas. To be investigated by the Working Group.

111/23. To receive feedback from the meeting with Cotswold District Council with regards the Public Conveniences.

The Public Convenience Working Group remit is 1) to review what the current situation is, 2) where can improvements be made, 3) what improvements can be afforded and 4) can the facilities be made more cost efficient.

The District Council are looking to reduce costs but are NOT planning to close any of the facilities. They are also proposing to refresh the facilities and increase the cost from 40p to 50p.

Bibury has 4 single units, which until last month was just coin operated but now has card paying facility. The District Council are considering closing 2 out the 4 units during the quieter winter months; which will assist with cutting some of their costs.

The CDC Working Group were seeking input from the Parish Council, and are especially keen to know if there are other toilet facilities available (i.e. The Swan, Trout Farm, Tea Room) and do they permit non-customers, is there an additional charge involved.

It was agreed the following feedback should be passed to the CDC Working Group:-

- Trout Farm provides a pass for customers and charge for non-customers.
- The Swan permits use by non-customers, without encouraging it.
- There is little change in footfall over the winter months, so would like to ensure all four units are available all year round.

112/23. To receive the Clerks Report.

The Clerk sent the Members a written report prior to the meeting.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/clerks-report-november-2023-13.pdf?v=1699969022>

113/23. To adopt a Biodiversity Policy.

The Council agreed to adopt the following policy, but will ask that the Parish Plan Working Group review the policy.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/biodiversity-policy-nov-2023-17.pdf?v=1699613640>

114/23. Finance:

a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget.

The Clerk sent the Members the November RFO reports prior to the meeting.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/rfo-report-11th-nov-2023.pdf?v=1699801949>

The Clerk confirmed that the payments include the NALC agreed pay award, back dated to the 1st April 2023.

The Council approved the payments.

b. To consider a grant of up to £100 for the Poppy Appeal.

The Council agreed a grant of £100 for the Poppy Appeal.

115/23. Planning:

a. To consider any new Planning, Licenses applications or Enforcement issues.

a) 23/02902/FUL | Conversion of existing barns to form 1 No. dwelling house | **Land And Buildings Known As Garnes Barn** Ablington

The Council agreed to support this application.

b) 23/02410/FUL | Conversion of garage into dwelling and other associated works | **Cotteswold House** Arlington (REVISED PLANS)

The Council agreed to support this application.

c) 23/03245/FUL | Extension of existing agricultural track and formation of new access | **Grove Barn** Salt Way

The Council agreed to support this application.

d) 23/03424/TCONR | T1 = One Large Poplar to be reduced by 30% T2 = One Large Willow to be re-pollarded and then reduced in height by 50% Poplar is large and beginning to show stress fractures on limbs. Willow has large basal decay and close enough to neighbouring property to cause damage if stem fails | **Bridge House** Ablington

The Council agreed to support this application.

b. To receive an update on Planning application already considered.

The report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/bibury-planning-report-november-2023.pdf?v=1699549083>

Concerns regarding No 11 Arlington Row, where works have/are being carried out without prior Planning Consent, to which the Enforcement Department is now aware. District Cllr David Fowles will try to elevate these concerns. **CC/DF**

116/23. Councillor Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, no for discussion)

There were none.

117/23. Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council –12th December 2023.

The date of the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 in the **Baptist Church Rooms** .

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.