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Minutes of the Meeting of 11 March 2014

Councillors Present	In attendance
Phil Cheeseman (PC)	7 members of the public
Tony Eardley (TE)	3 guest speakers
Adeline Raine (AR)	Phil Awford
Caroline Saunders (CS)	

Minute No.	Item
273/0314	<p>The Chair welcomed people to the meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if there was any consideration being given to moving the bus stop. AR advised that there did not appear to be any real issue but that it could be raised with the transport team.</p> <p>Action; contact transport team.</p> <p>Another member of the public raised concerns over the ditches in the village as they fill but do not drain away. They were advised that landowners had been requested to clear the ditches and the council will clear the pipes.</p> <p>Various concerns raised about the proposed development at Bloxham's Orchard, relating to views, house values, historic site, disposal of sewerage and flooding. AR advised that the council will listen to concerns, but that no planning application had yet been received.</p>
274/0314	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Fellows who was on leave for 3 months.
275/0314	TE declared an interest regarding item 6 on the agenda regarding the track around The Green.
276/0314	The Minutes of the meetings of 7 January were approved and signed by the Chair.

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277/0314	<p>Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clerk vacancy - The Chair reported Mike Parker had been appointed clerk and welcomed him. b) Sandbags – stored at Colchester Farm and notice given in West of Severn News. c) Play Area – Nothing to report. Would be good to consider with any new developers to get them to contribute. d) Village Design Statement – Met with GLCC members who advised that this would not be beneficial for Ashleworth and it had no legal standing. TBC suggested instead APC state our statements of intent when TBC local plan issued. e) Service Villages Forum (JCS) –. f) Action: AE to attend service village forum of 24 March. g) Action; contact TBC to establish what, if any, outline planning applications exist. h) Highways and ditches – Ditches have been done but need to go back to TBC i) Action: PC to action as above.
278/0314	Grant Elliot the Neighbourhood Watch representative advised new liaison officer was Matt Morris who provided various information, but there was nothing about this village this period
279/0314	<p>Jeremy Chamberlain discussed issues that he had raised in a letter to APC</p> <p>He had collated figures on the obstructed floodplain and advised how things had deteriorated due to obstructions (roads, railway, Over roundabout).He would like to have a campaign to get the Environment Agency to carry out flood relief work. Unanimous vote to support.</p> <p>Action; letter of support to be sent.</p>
280/0314	<p>GRCC, Severn Vale Housing and TBC representatives; Mark Ramdehal, Erin Davies and Martin Hutchens advised that they were here to help Ashleworth APC once the village had decided what they wanted to do about new development. A previous survey showed that 13 people in the village wanted affordable housing. Main driver at the moment is the owner of land near Bloxham's Orchard. GRCC will conduct a new survey if requested to do so. Severn Vale would then look at the numbers to see if viable. TE raised the issue of another potential development site, but TBC representative advised this would be a borough need and not a village need. Grcc would ask APC to contribute to cost of the survey, about £30 for printing and 33p per letter sent. Vote of three to one in favour of the survey.</p>
281/0314	<p>Flooding at White End; APC not aware of any properties at White End.</p> <p>Action point; Pc to draft letter to Mrs Simpson.</p>
282/0314	<p>Track around The Green – PC advised that APC have the rights of common and that APC probably owns the green, but that there is no document confirming ownership. Suggests lodging a caution against first registration.</p> <p>TE stated that the issue was about the state of the track as it is dangerous. AE stated that it was not clear if the track was part of the green.</p> <p>Action: Get an estimate for legal costs for advice regarding ownership. For next agenda; do APC want to employ solicitors and if APC does own the track, who pays for the upkeep.</p>
283/0314	<p>Kissing Gates – £50 contribution to be made.</p> <p>Action: As above when gate inspected.</p>

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284/0314	Dog Bins – Agreed to buy two, one for the bus stop and one for Woodies. Action: Obtain quotes.
285/0314	Grass cutting; Contribute £400 to PCC towards cost of grass cutting. Action; write and send cheque for £400.
286/0314	Phil Awford; PA that there was no increase in precept from GCC and that GCC had applied for £15,000 to help fix the roads. Owners of flooded properties can claim up to £1,000. TBC no precept increase and owners of flooded homes can claim up to £5.000
287/0314	<p>Planning: Applications received: Planning applications received since the last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 14/00125/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling (revised application). Foxhollow The Stream Ashleworth GL19 4JH Ashleworth GL19 4JH 2. 14/00051/FUL Conversion of kennel building to dwelling with associated access and parking facilities. Lawn Cottage Lawn Road Ashleworth GL19 <p>Decisions required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 14/00125/FUL PC queried new application with TBC regarding materials as they will not match existing ones. Unanimous vote to OBJECT. 2 Difficult issues as it is in an area where there would normally not be any development. TE spoke to planner who did not raise any issues that would void it. Split vote (2, 2) so object as outside village boundary. <p>TBC decisions since last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Firs - Permit <p>Action; TE to explain to MP how to advice TBC via website.</p>
288/0314	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The budget report for the year to date was approved ii. The proposed annual budget for 2014/15 was approved iii. The bank reconciliation was not completed as the bank balance was the actual balance as no outstanding matters. iv. The accounts for payment were approved and signed.
289/0314	<p>Annual Parish Meeting – notice to be inserted in West of Severn news. To discuss idea of having a flood warden.</p> <p>Action; CS to insert notice.</p>

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290/0314	In addition to the regular items, agenda items for the March meeting were agreed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on housing needs survey • The Green and track – clarification of ownership • Budget review
291/0314	Next meeting to be held on 7 May together with AGM including election of chair.
	The meeting closed at 9.40pm..

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