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Minutes of the Meeting of 12 November 2013

Councillors Present	In attendance
Phil Cheeseman (PC)	18 members of the public including invited representatives
Mike Fellows (MF)	
Adeline Raine (AR)	
Caroline Saunders (CS)	

Minute No.	Item		
243/1113	<p>The Chair welcomed people to the meeting. Mr Guy Wakefield and Mr Kevin Haynes from Bloor Homes were present during the open public session to provide an update on the potential planning application off Nup End Road. They explained that Bloor Homes were still looking to take up the option of developing houses in line with the JCS, which was still going through an extended consultation period. No detailed surveys or drawings were yet available although advice had been taken from a highway consultant with regard to access to the proposed site. Guy Wakefield stated that the current thinking was for a development of 31 units on half of the available land, of which 35% would be affordable housing. A layout was distributed which Kevin Haynes explained was purely illustrative at this stage and no discussions had yet taken place with Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC), who are the Planning Authority.</p> <p>In response to questions from the public, Mr Haynes said that this type of application could take around three months from submission until a decision was reached, then a further two to three months to start work on site and then up to 12 months for this size of development. There would be further public consultations which could precede or follow the submission of the planning application.</p> <p>Contact details for Mr Wakefield and Mr Haynes are provided here for any members of the public who would like to be in touch.</p> <table><tr><td>Guy Wakefield Hunterpage Planning Thornbury House 18 High Street Cheltenham GL50 1DZ Tel: 01242 230066 Mob: 07979 518249 Email: guy.wakefield@hunterpage.net www.hunterpage.net</td><td>Kevin Haynes Bloor Homes Western Western House Furrowfield Park Tewkesbury Glocs. GL20 8UR Tel: 01684 290485 Mob: 07734 878459 Email: kevin.haynes@bloorhomes.com www.bloorhomes.com</td></tr></table>	Guy Wakefield Hunterpage Planning Thornbury House 18 High Street Cheltenham GL50 1DZ Tel: 01242 230066 Mob: 07979 518249 Email: guy.wakefield@hunterpage.net www.hunterpage.net	Kevin Haynes Bloor Homes Western Western House Furrowfield Park Tewkesbury Glocs. GL20 8UR Tel: 01684 290485 Mob: 07734 878459 Email: kevin.haynes@bloorhomes.com www.bloorhomes.com
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244/1113	There were no apologies for absence and no declarations of interest.
245/1113	The Minutes of the meetings of 10 September were approved and signed by the Chair.
246/1113	<p>The Chair reported that the Clerk had resigned and thanked him for his work on behalf of the Council. It was agreed to advertise for a replacement.</p> <p>Action: AR to provide wording for advertisement in the West of Severn News (WoSN) for CS to insert. TE agreed to complete the Minutes and maintain oversight of the finances on a voluntary basis for the short term.</p>
247/1113	<p>In matters arising from the previous meeting, it was agreed to ascertain a start date for the work on the bus shelter that had previously been approved.</p> <p>Post-meeting note: work would be underway by Friday 15 November.</p> <p>Following another meeting with AR/PC, members of the public and GCC Highways representatives to discuss flooding in Longridge Lane, it was agreed that Highways would contact a local landowner with regard to the clearing of ditches.</p> <p>Action: AR and GCC Highways to send letter.</p> <p>There had been further agreement between PC and another landowner to clear ditches along Broad Street by Goss Farm and then insert marker posts in the spoil from the ditches.</p> <p>Action: TE to send GCC contact details to landowner.</p>
248/1113	<p>Representatives reports</p> <p>Councillor Phil Awford (PA) reported that the consultation period on the JCS was extended to 13 December 2013. The JCS outlined the need for c900 housing units to be developed between 2014 and 2031 and to be shared across 15 Rural Villages, of which Ashleworth was one. The criteria for the allocation of these 900 units was not yet clear but was stated as being “proportionate” to the existing villages.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Grant Elliot, GE, made a brief report but there had been little activity over recent months which, in itself, was good news.</p> <p>The new Village Agent, Ann Vaughan, introduced herself to the Council and members of the public. She outlined her geographical area – nine Tewkesbury Borough parishes – and her areas of responsibility. She emphasised that hers was not a cold-calling role but that local people could be referred to her if a service was needed. AR thanked Ann for her presentation and welcomed her into the Ashleworth community.</p>
249/1113	<p>The Chair stated that the Parish Council had advertised the Councillor vacancy over the last two months. There had been one application from Tony Eardley (TE) and the Council unanimously approved his co-option.</p>
250/1113	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Applications received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13/00837/FUL, Lords Hill – retrospective ratification of no objections. 13/00994/DEM, Proposed demolition of the Old Cottage on the Ashleworth Estate, Sheet Metal Works, Nup End <p>Decisions required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13/00837/FUL. As above 13/00994/DEM. It was agreed to make further enquiries and, if Councillors decided to make an objection, this would be done and ratified at the next meeting <p>TBC decisions since last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13/00837/FUL, Lords Hill - permit <p>The Council retrospectively agreed to the decision to send a letter to TBC on 30 September querying the floor area and transport assessments with regard to Chamberlayne Farms application 12/00974/FUL.</p>
251/1113	<p>There had been ongoing discussions about how the Council and the local community could actively participate in the consultation on the JCS and the subsequent impact of any decisions. It was agreed to develop a Village Design Statement.</p>

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	<p>Action: Councillors approved the development of a Village Design Statement and requested volunteers from the local community to contribute to the development, as well as seeking support from the local association for parish councils (GAPTC).</p> <p>The APC response to the TBC Scoping consultation was approved.</p> <p>Action: Letter to be sent by AR and included on web site</p> <p>CS asked whether a response was needed with regard to the TBC Flood and Water Management draft paper. It was agreed to re-look at this.</p> <p>Action: Councillors to re-visit the document and consider a response; TE to recirculate document.</p>		
252/1113	<p>TBC had produced a new sandbag policy. APC had discussed this and AR had held discussions with a local landowner who was prepared to store the empty bags. There was unanimous approval to obtain the bags.</p> <p>Action: AR to continue discussions and to get the bags from TBC and to investigate further the logistics and costs of storing the sand, filling bags and distributing to places where needed.</p>		
253/1113	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The budget report for the year to date was approved. The bank reconciliation was noted. The accounts for payment were approved and signed. 		
254/1113	<p>In addition to the regular items, agenda items for the January meeting were agreed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play area and Woodpeckers update Date for the Annual Parish Meeting Village Design Statement Further budget suggestions and 2014/15 budget setting 		
255/1113	<p>It was agreed to continue to hold APC meetings on the second Tuesday of every alternate month whenever possible. The meetings for 2014 were agreed as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> 7 JANUARY 13 MAY 9 SEPTEMBER </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> 11 MARCH 8 JULY 11 NOVEMBER </td> </tr> </table> <p>Date for Annual Parish Meeting to be agreed. The above dates would be supplemented by additional meetings where necessary to consider planning applications.</p>	7 JANUARY 13 MAY 9 SEPTEMBER	11 MARCH 8 JULY 11 NOVEMBER
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	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>		