**Gorsley & Kilcot Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council**

Held virtually on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7:30pm via Video Conference Call[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Present:**

Councillors: Nigel Warwick (Chairman), David Clough (Vice-Chairman), John Barker, Steve Excell, Nigel Poole, Graham Price

Officers: Arin Spencer (Parish Clerk and RFO)

In attendance: Cllr Gill Moseley, Newent Town Council

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Catherine Gardner.
2. Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations – none received.
3. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 January 2021 are a correct record.
4. Progress of resolutions from the last meeting on 4 January 2021
   1. Drainage issues. Local Area Highways Manager Andrew Middlecote will conduct another site visit to look at the B4222 and Stony Lane when covid restrictions allow.
   2. Grit bins. A grit bin has been requested for the junction of Ford Lane with the B4222.

**Action**: Clerk to ask Highways to place a grit bin on Stony Lane, opposite Lodge Farm.

* 1. Oxenhall Lane Ford. Atkins is still in the process of completing their feasibility study report. **Action**: Clerk to write to County Cllr Will Windsor-Clive regarding the lack of progress on Oxenhall Lane Ford. Cllr Price to prepare a draft in the first instance.

1. Reports from District and/or County Councillors – none received.
2. Planning Applications
   1. Little Bull Hill, Kempley Road, Gorsley (P0173/21/FUL)

**Resolved:** To comment that Council questions the viability of the holiday let proposal. Similar small holiday let properties in the parish have not been viable (for example Brookfield Cottage). It is uncertain to whom the holiday let would appeal due to its size and location.

1. Planning Decisions Noted
   1. Brassfields Farm, Ross Road, Gorsley (P1447/20/FUL)

Erection of a single storey extension with the creation of annexe accommodation and associated works. Granted permission.

* 1. Brooklands, Swagwater Lane, Gorsley (P2049/20/FUL)

Erection of a single storey extension with associated works. Granted permission.

1. Planning Enforcement
   1. Land Opposite the Poplars, Gorsley (EN/0062/17)

The planting window for 2021 has now been missed. **Action:** Clerk to chase enforcement team for progress update.

* 1. Land at Kilcot Cross / Marshall’s Meadow (EN/0078/20)

The appeal hearing took place on 24 February. The Forest of Dean’s objection was convincing and well prepared. A determination should be available by 5 March.

1. Highways

The resurfacing of the B4222 which was done in heavy rain is failing. **Action:** Cllr Warwick to report this to Highways.

1. Kilcot Green

Vegetation along the B4221 has been cut back improving visibility along that stretch of the highway. Other recommended tree safety work has also been completed. The next step is to clear brambles and expand the picnic area. **Action:** Cllr Warwick to purchase a bottle of Grazon Pro 90 Weed Killer to treat the brambles at a cost of £57.

1. DigiBus Gloucestershire

Members discussed suitable locations for the Gloucestershire DigiBus. It was agreed that the most appropriate location would be the Gorsley Village Hall car park. **Action:** Clerk to enquire if Gorsley Village Hall would host the DigiBus and make their toilet facilities available to the staff on the bus.

1. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 6:30pm.

1. Councillor submissions / items for next agenda.
   1. Public Rights of Way
   2. Updating of the Parish Plan
2. **Resolved:** that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7:30pm.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20:36.

Signed (Chairman) Date:

1. In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)