Present: Parish Councillors: Chairman Cllr Salisbury, Clerk – Sandie Middleton, Cllr Heigham, Cllr Wolfson, Cllr Green, Cllr Turner, Cllr Deane, County Cllr Robinson, (6 members of the public.)

1. To note Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Reasons:
These were received and accepted from Cllr Wallace. Apologies were received from Cllr Horne.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest related to items in the agenda: Cllrs Salisbury, Wolfson Heigham – Village Hall Committee – 7/5

3. To Approve Minutes:
The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th September were proposed by Cllr Wolfson & seconded Cllr Heigham and approved and accepted by all, then signed by the Chairman.

4. To Receive Reports from the District & County Councillors: County Cllr Robinson said that they will be considering a report in January proposing the devolution of housing, efficiency and democratic ways of operating. In Gloucestershire there will not be an elected Mayor, there will be a combined tier of Health, Police, Economic Communities and Councils. There will be a clinical health review in the next few months to find the best ways of providing services. A consultation meeting will be held on 16th December in the District Council Offices. The County Council will be going ahead with the new incinerator, this should save £150 million over the next 10 years. There has been no answer forthcoming re the future costs of a by-election.

5. To Receive Report from Mr McKay, Alison House: Mr McKay has now left Alison House, and the Marlowe sent their apologies. They explained that an alternative manager will attend our January meeting.

6. To note Clerk’s Report on Matters Arising: Buttermilk Lane dump gate still pending, see item 7/4. A letter has now been received from the W.I. gifting the defibrillator to us for purposes of insurance and will continue with the maintenance of same.. A letter has also been received from the Village Hall confirming that they are happy to have the defibrillator situated on their wall. This has now been included on our policy at no extra cost.

7. Matters Arising:
7/1. Telephone Kiosk Rudford: Cllr Deane managed to get the electrical disconnection completed free. The only live supply in the Village Hall car park supplies Corner House. Cllr Wolfson proposed the sale of the TK, this was seconded by Cllr Turner, approved by all.
Action: Cllr Green to research possible buyers for the TK and prices offered. Put on Agenda for next meeting.
7/2. 3rd Signatory for cheques: Cllr Green will return given paperwork to the bank to confirm.
7/3. Internal Checker: Cllr Turner volunteered for this role, proposed Cllr Green, 2nded Cllr Deane.
7/4. Buttermilk Lane Dump Gate: An order has been raised for works to be done this week to replace the gate and re-hang securely. All who needed key for access to dump area now had them.
7/5. To approve the meeting time reduction to a maximum of 1.5 hrs. This will reduce costs to the Parish Council, proposed Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Turner, approved by all.
7/7.

8. Motion: B4215/Church Lane traffic issues raised at October meeting:
Cllr Wolfson reported on the meeting held to discuss the issues. The new mirror, at the end of Church Lane, was welcomed by residents. The sign for the Church Lane turning, approaching from Newent, is too close to the junction and obscured by foliage. Amey were contacted about this issue and they said it needed to be referred to the County Council. The motion before the Parish Council outlining the Council’s wishes for safety improvements, proposed by Cllr Wolfson, seconded by Cllr Green and approved by all.
Action: A letter is to be sent to Tibberton and Taynton Parish Council re Buttermilk Lane junction proposals and problems. A copy of the motion will be sent to the County & District Councils with a copy to Mark Harper MP. Proposals from the October meeting to be entered on the spreadsheet and sent to Brian Watkins.

9. Motion to Consider Forming New Committees:
9/1. H.R. Committee: Proposed Members Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Wolfson, Cllr Turner. Motion proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Wolfson, approved by all.
9/2. Finance Committee: Proposed Members Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Heigham, Cllr Turner. Motion proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Deane, approved by all. To be called as necessary and reports given at the meeting.

10. To comment on Planning Applications:
   10/1 Enforcement New Bliss Farm P1049/14/COU: This is in the process of going forward to the District Council Planning committee, they are accepting comments from individuals as well as the Parish Council.
   10/2 Rudford Farm P0511/14/FUL: They have applied for an extension until December. An extraordinary meeting may be called if deemed necessary.
   10/3 Orchard Barn: P1212/15/FUL, awaiting result.

11. Correspondence: CPRE for next meetings agenda. Local draft transport plan, poster to be put in village hall.

12. Finance:
   Precept: The current Parish Council funds will be depleted to almost zero by the end of the financial year due to the cost of the election last May and other expenses. The precept ha not been raised substantially for several years but due to recent legislation the cost of a by-election has to be provided for. The proposed increase to partially cover the cost, estimated at approx £2,000, precept this year to be £745 for this purpose, with the proviso that a similar amount be considered for next years precept, be set this year at £4,000. This is an increase of 25% from last years precept. This was proposed by Cllr Wolfson, seconded by Cllr Green, and approved by all.
   Bank Balances as of 30th Oct 2015:  
   Current A/c £100.36
   Savings A/c £2090.89
   The matter of donations to the Parish Churchyard was discussed. Councillors proposed to include continuing support for the maintenance of the burial ground as a part of the precept, but noted that there was only an obligation on a Parish Council to consider doing this when a churchyard is closed, and that prior to confirming this grant the Parochial Church Council would be asked to provide their most recent annual accounts to the Parish Council. Councillors proposed to include continuing support for the maintenance of the burial ground as a part of the precept, but noted that there was only an obligation on a Parish Council to consider doing this when a churchyard is closed and that prior to confirming the grant the Parochial Church Council would be asked to provide their most recent annual accounts to the Council.

13. Public Session: The road has sunk opposite Coppers Cottage in Whitehall Lane, Action: Brian Watkins to be informed.
   A letter is to be written to the Enforcement Officer re Rudford Meadows illegal landfill enforcement as there has been no reduction in levels, also the reluctance of the owner of New Bliss to accept the Refusal of Development dated 17th March 2015.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

Date of Next Parish Meeting: Monday 25th January 2016 in Rudford & Highleadon Village Hall, Rudford at 7.30pm.

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