

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 9 November 2009, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors - R Crisp  
S King  
L Simms  
S Ruffley – Vice Chairman  
C Thomas  
County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)  
Borough Councillor D Davies  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 8

The Vice Chair took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillors Bourne and Few.

### **2 MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 12 October 2009, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### **4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- Highways Seminar 17 November – Clerk confirmed that Councillors Few and King would be attending.
- Potentially Elmbridge Court will not become a Park and Ride as the electrification of the Swindon to Kemble line is a priority.

### **5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- Been at a meeting that day about the Joint Core Strategy. Consultation commences on 18 November for 10 weeks. An exhibition will be held at Highnam – date to be confirmed.
- RSS has been held up for sustainability problems

### **6 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)**

The Vice -Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment.

### **7 PLANNING**

#### **7.1 Applications:**

**09/01027/FUL** – Land at Starcroft Lane, Minsterworth: Proposed 3 year temporary use to transit gypsy site for 8 touring caravans

Decision by 17.11.09

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **objects** to this application for the following reasons:

1. The vehicular access to the site is located off a single track road. The increased vehicular turning movements that would be created by traffic going to the site on a daily basis will increase highway dangers and create more hazardous conditions than exist at the present time to the detriment of highway safety and in conflict with Policy TPT1 of the Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan to 2011 adopted March 2006.

2. Increased traffic onto the A48 at two dangerous points of egress & exit (opposite The Ryders) which the Highways Authority deemed unsafe for towing caravans in and out of – inability to turn from Gloucester into Starcroft Lane safely across the flow of traffic on the corner and likewise at the other end when coming from Westbury and turning on the ‘Wild Goose’ junction.
3. The proposed development would conflict with Policy S4 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy HOU4 and HOU 12 of the TBC Local Plan to 2011 – Adopted March 2006 in that the site is situated in open countryside where residential development will only be permitted if it is essential to the efficient operation of agriculture or forestry.
4. The proposed development would form a visually intrusive and discordant feature in the surrounding rural area and would have a detrimental effect on the rural character and appearance of the landscape in conflict with Policy NHE1 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy LND4 of the TBC Local Plan to 2011 Adopted March 2006
5. The proposed development conflicts with the Policy H10 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy HOU15 of the TBC Local Plan to 2011 – Adopted March 2006 by its virtue of its encroachment on the open countryside, inconsistency with countryside and landscape protections policies and the deficiencies of the lane leading to the site.

The Parish Council would like to remind TBC that the proposed site has been refused planning for such an application in the past and that TBC have spent a great deal of time and money removing travelers from this site.

**09/00824/FUL** Hybank, Main Road, Minsterworth: Change of existing commercial building and intensification of existing dwelling to provide student let accommodation, creating a total of 11 student let bedrooms. Erection of lobby extension to outbuilding.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **objects** to this application for the following reasons:

1. Access onto the A48. With the proposed considerable increased traffic entering and exiting the property onto an already a very busy and dangerous road there would be a detriment to highway safety and in conflict with Policy TPT1 of the Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan to 2011 adopted March 2006.
2. Disposal of Foul sewage. No development should take place until drainage arrangements have been submitted and approved by TBC to ensure that adequate disposal of foul and surface water drainage is in accordance with Policies of F1 and P1 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy EVT5 and EVT7 of the Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan to 2011 adopted March 2006.

**7.2 TBC Decisions: 09/00861/FUL** Mr A Moule, Stonelea, Main Road, Minsterworth: First floor extension to provide additional two bedrooms and one bathroom – **Refused.**

**7.3 Appeals: 09/00615/FUL** Foxgrove Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of two storey extension (south elevation) first floor extension (north elevation) new roof and loft conversion. The Planning Inspectorate dismissed the appeal.

**7.4 The Lodge, Hygrove Lane** – The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Duncan Jordan and read out a copy of her email – she was awaiting a reply.

**7.5 High Cross House, Watery Lane, Minsterworth** – The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Oliver Rider (who is now dealing with the matter) which stated that TBC had noticed an inaccuracy on the submitted plans – the eaves detailing on the south elevation was incorrect and TBC had recently received an amended plan. The current position is that TBC are considering the merits of the planning application for the retention of the dwelling as built.

## 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts - Councillors agreed the following finances:

Mrs F J Wallbank – Salary 1-30 November 2009	289.03	Cheque No: 100119
Minsterworth Village Hall – Hire of Hall: PC meeting 12.10.09.	26.00	Cheque No: 100120
A48 Subscription for 2009/10	8.00	Cheque No: 100121
Minsterworth Church	175.00	Cheque No: 100122
Swintex – cost of Nickleby litterbin	64.70	
	<u>VAT 9.71</u>	74.41
		Cheque No: 100123
TBC – cost of post mounted dog Litterbin	110.00	
	<u>VAT 16.50</u>	126.50
		Cheque No: 100124
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£698.94</b>	

### Receipts

**Total Receipts** £0.00

**8.2 Financial update to end of October 2009** - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

**8.3 Budget for the year 2010/2011-** This was circulated with the agenda. The Clerk took the Councillors through the forecast to the end of the current financial year and the proposal for the financial year 2010/2011. Some slight adjustments were made to the forecast figures. It was agreed that the Councillors should think about this until next month's meeting and consider any possible future projects that may require funding.

## 9 MATTERS ARISING:

**9.1 Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator** – District NW AGM on Monday 16 November 2009. Notice to look out for a blue Ford Ranger twin cab pick-up BD53 BJY.

**9.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee** – Fund raising is on-going. Recently secured £15,000 from the Gloucestershire Environmental Trust. To date funds promised is £42,000 (including £17,000 from TBC) leaving an outstanding amount of £25,000. Borough Councillor Davies said that the Village Hall Committee needed to get in contact with TBC as they may be willing to make up the shortfall and to ensure they secure the £17,000. Works scheduled to be carried out for September-Christmas 2010. Parish Council will have to find an alternative venue for their meetings during this time.

**9.3. Highway Matters:** Following the site meeting with Richard Gray and Councillor Bourne (who stood in for the chairman as he was ill) the following was discussed:

**Bus Stop – Hygrove Lane** – will place another bollard 9-12” further into the roadway and will install 2 more bollards in front of this one towards Minsterworth garage – the idea being that this will push traffic away from the bus stop. When in the bus shelter you can quite easily see if the bus is coming through the sight hole.

**Watery Lane** – nothing much can be done.

**Cornham Lane** – has had some recent patching and nothing more can be done.

**Lower Road** – near Calcotts Road left hand side of road has fallen away – Richard Gray agreed to do something about this.

**Pound Lane** – edges have fallen away – Richard Gray agreed to attend to some areas.

**A48 Meeting Meeting** – Wednesday, 18 November at 3pm MVH.

**A8 Accidents** – Two on the same day one at the Church Lane junction when an ambulance going to Glos on a blue light went into the back of a car turning right into Church Lane – An hour earlier at 7am a silver Ford Kuga and a red Ford Ka both left the road and overturned in a field off the A48 before the Minsterworth lay by near Ley Lane - both accidents happened on dual carriageway black spots.

**Dropped Gully Frame outside Cathedral View** – Richard Gray reported that he had spoken to his colleague Mr Ford who confirmed there is no safety issue but is prepared to meet with someone on site to discuss the intervention levels and the safety inspection policy that Glos Highways works to – Councillor Simms has agreed to meet Mr Ford on site.

**9.4 Website** – The Clerk showed Councillors the website which had now been completed. They were very pleased with the website, felt that it was perfect, straight forward and a fantastic tool for the Village and individual to the Parish Council. The Clerk anticipated that it would be “live” on the web in the New-Year once the domain name and web space had been purchased etc. It was agreed to pay Claire Vanner £200 for designing the website and the Councillors would like to get a card and express their thanks personally. Councillor Thomas that she had a Minsterworth Village card and would bring it along to next month’s meeting.

**9.5 Equality & Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Equality Duties** – Public bodies like PCs have to be clear about what the significant issues for race, disability and gender equality are in relation to the work of PC and taking appropriate and proportionate action to deliver better equality outcomes. Councillor Ruffley asked if the Clerk could circulate the leaflet to Councillors so that could they study and read it.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**10.1 Glos Geology Trust – Geopark Way** – Would like some assistance in identifying landowners in the Parish regarding their long distance path “The Geopark Way” which extends from Bridgnorth to Gloucester. Councillor King said he would look at the map following the meeting.

**11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 14 December 2009 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.