

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11 December 2017, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
R Crisp
C Elias – Vice Chairman
N Garbutt
S King
C Thomas
County Councillor P Awford
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 2

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Pearson and Borough Councillor Davies.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 13 November 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Now a permanent member of TBC planning committee
- Developers are not happy about the new SPD
- JCS now adopted by the 3 authorities with a 6-recommendation added to Tewkesbury to protect safeguarded land

Councillor Thomas applauded County Councillor Awford for all his efforts with the JCS. She also asked what is happening at Severnside Farms. A lot of materials are being brought into site. He said he would look into this however was difficult as it was a Glos City application.

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT: Not present

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Comments received

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

17/01227/FUL Part Parcel 5721, Main Road, Minsterworth: Application to vary condition 2 of 15/00197/FUL to allow amendments to the approved plans (house types and materials)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application

17/00849/FUL Holborn House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Construction of detached garage with storage room above.

Clerk to write to Case Officer stating that Councillors wish to point out that the block plan is still incorrect and needs to be modified before the Parish Council can comment on the revised plans.

7.2 TBC Decisions:

7.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Main Sewer System proposal for Minsterworth due to increase of houses: Councillor Elias reported that he had put a short article in The Villager informing residents that if they wish to pursue the option of mains drainage they would need to contact Severn Trent direct. This matter can now come off the agenda.

7.5 Future growth of Minsterworth: The Chairman said that he had been to a Planning Seminar at TBC and reported as follows:

- The JCS aims to be finalised in mid-December; there is then a 6-week period where a legal challenge can be mounted. That will end in mid/end January
- The next step, starting February, is to establish a Tewkesbury Borough Plan, TBP, for housing and development within the parishes, and the parishes will be asked to contribute
- This will entail each Parish discussing a 'settlement boundary' where it is thought that houses could be built. The PC will be asked to comment on the numbers and types of houses that we would like to see within our settlement boundary.
- this was done for the service village forum when it started
- The TBP may not have any legal standing (and is hence unlike the neighbourhood plans) but the TBP will be taken into consideration when planning applications come forward
- The PC will be asked to make decisions on what we want to see in the future, presumably up to 2030, which is the period of the JCS

Annette Roberts has already asked to meet with the Parish council and it was agreed that the Parish Council invites her to attend the February meeting. The Chairman said he would contact her.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 December 2017	365.18		
Less Tax	<u>32.20</u>	332.98	Cheque No: 101447

Inland Revenue		32.20	Cheque No: 101448
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Parish Magazine Printing:

Printing The Villager – December		88.37	Cheque No: 101449
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Minsterworth Village Hall – cost of meeting

Held on 13.11.17		28.60	Cheque No: 101451
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Total:		£482.15	
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Receipts:

Total:		£0.00	
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8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended November 2017 was circulated via email and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Draft budget for 2018/9: The Clerk had circulated a second draft with the amendments agreed at last month's meeting. Councillor Thomas had done some research into the provision of a defibrillator – the British Hearth Foundation can provide one for approximately £1000 but there may be an option for local businesses to sponsor one and the Parish Council would have to pay for the running costs. A discussion took place on whether this would be a good asset for the Village and it was agreed that the best place would be to site a defibrillator at the Village Hall and the Parish Council would undertake the project. It could also provide an opportunity for CPR training for Villagers. Councillor Thomas would bring back costings to the next meeting. It also agreed in principle that the budget for 2018/19 would be £7700 but would be confirmed at the January meeting.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters: Field House, Main Road: The stones have been removed however the flower tubs remain, but these are not contravening any Highway regulations.

Redlands Barn White stones have been placed outside Redlands Barn. The Chairman said he would speak with the owner regarding their safety.

Defective Road Signs: These have still not been done

Oakle Street: Cars are still for sale. Councillor Garbutt said that he has had several complaints that visibility is hindered when exiting Oakle Street. It was suggested that a log is kept of registration number of vehicles and dates, and whether they were taxed. County Councillor Awford said he would take this up with Gloucestershire Highways again.

Bollards Hygrove Bus Shelter: One of these has been broken and someone has damaged their vehicle on the stump that has been left. County Councillor Awford said he would take this up with Gloucestershire Highways.

Orchard End speeding: The Chairman had been to Orchard End and the Manager -Keah Panchbhaya welcomed his visit. She said she would have a “chat” with her staff about driving slowly. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask Gloucestershire Highways the following:

1. A white line across the end of the lane
2. A finger post for ‘Orchard End’ on the opposite side of the road, as several residents of the lower road have said delivery vans stop as they can’t find the care home at Orchard End
3. The hedge opposite lowered in height and width

The Chairman has written to Rhodri Grey requesting the above.

Speeding along the Lower Road: Residents are experiencing a large volume of traffic travelling along the road during the morning rush hour as vehicles attempt to beat the queues on the A48 by diverting down Church Lane and out by the Apple Tree pub. The problem is not just the volume, but the speed at which they are travelling. Councillor Thomas said that happened this time last year for the most of December. A lengthy discussion took place on the various options available and it was agreed to apply for a road closure of the lane during certain times. The Chairman said he would draft an email to be sent to Gloucestershire Highways and to copy in County Councillor Awford. Councillor Elias suggested that it was probably too late to do anything now but to address the problem next October.

9.2 Flood Resilience: Councillor Garbutt reported that the equipment had been moved and cleaned.

9.3 Broadband: No further update.

9.4 Report from Village Hall Representative: Councillor Elias reported Stuart Croft had joined the Committee, a survey of the Hall was to be carried out, especially in relation to damp, discussions on potential improvements to the kitchen, Grass cutting going to tender.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Terry Moore Scott – Welcome to Minsterworth Leaflet: The Chairman reported that Councillor Pearson had agreed to take over the updating of the leaflet. Some amendments need to be made and it would also be useful to add that the Parish Council meets on the second Monday of the month apart from August and the Village Hall meet on the third Tuesday of the month apart from December. If any of the Councillors had any other amendments these need to be fed through to Councillor Pearson. Once updated the leaflet needs to go on the website.

Proposed Affordable Housing – Street Naming: All new street names need to end in a descriptive suffix. The preferred choice is Ellis Bank but would need something on the end like Drive. The Councillors were not in favour of this – the Chairman to go back to TBC and see if Ellis Bank is acceptable.

Street Lighting: Councillors were not in favour of street lighting at all but if there must be any one street light at the entrance is acceptable but the rest should be lighting bollards. Chairman to discuss at the site meeting on Wednesday 13 December with Rooftops.

Richard Cockcroft – Provision of Dog Bin/s: Enquiring on what progress had been made on this matter? The Chairman informed him that an article had been put in The Villager for 2 consecutive months asking if people felt another dog bin would be beneficial and only one person responded. At the time Councillors hoped that by placing the article in the magazine that this would raise people’s awareness about picking up after their dogs.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Church Service for the School Friday, 15 December at 3.30pm

Advent Service at the Church Sunday, 17 December at 4.30pm

Donkey Walk Friday, 22 December at 6pm

Candlelit Carol Service Wednesday, 27 December

Coffee Morning Village Hall Friday, 12 January

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 8 January 2018 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.06pm.