

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2018, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
R Crisp
C Elias – Vice Chairman
N Garbutt (partial attendance)
S King
T Pearson
C Thomas
County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)
Borough Councillor D Davies
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 6

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Garbutt would be late.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 11 December 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Reported changes to Gloucestershire Highways personnel advising that Chris Riley would be the new Officer as Rhodri Grey was taking on a role in the Cotswolds
- He would be visiting the area with the Officer to look at issues including this year's resurfacing on the A48
- Referred to last week's tidal flood and thanked the Flood Warden for her support and preparedness to this end, he named the New Officer at TBC Gordon Buchanan who had led for the Borough Council on resilience He is to tour all the known risk areas with Mr Buchanan and Annette Roberts in a fact finding and forward planning initiative around Flood Risk
- Thanked the Parish Council for their input into the Borough Councils Supplementary Planning Document that has been through a review and the requirement to meet a 40% allowance for climate change.
- Was taking up concerns about risk on the Severn Way at times of flood following evidence from residents and his own observations
- Closed by referring to the sad closure of the school and advised the Parish Council that night-time lighting is to be expected as there will be an on-site caretaker, the buildings are owned by the Diocese and the future use will be for them to determine

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He confirmed that he was still on the Planning Committee.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

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

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to the revised plans.

17/01268/FUL Greenacres, Main Road, Minsterworth: Removal of existing barn and stables, change of use from ancillary equestrian to residential use and erection of 8 new dwellings

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application

7.2 TBC Decisions:

17/00855/FUL Part Parcel 1228, Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of 8 dwellings with associated new vehicular access (Revised scheme 16/00822/OUT) - **Granted**

17/00104/OUT Land adjacent to Rosedale House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Outline planning permission for the erection of 5 dwellings totalling up to 1,210m floorspace (ex garages) with access & layout for approval - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals: Parcel 7710, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning application 13/01216/FUL to allow a change to the layout and variation of condition 4 to allow an increase in Gypsy and Traveller pitches from 5 to 10. This appeal is to be dealt with by way of an Information Hearing to take place on 20 March 2018 at TBC Offices at 10am.

The Parish Council's original comments will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate and the PC can make any additional comments if required. It was agreed to send additional comments:

'At the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 8th January 2018, the council made the point of reaffirming its objection to this application/ appeal. It reviewed both the original points made by the council and the reasons given by the Borough planning officer when rejecting the initial application and felt all were still relevant and worth highlighting again.'

'In addition, the point was raised about the lack of services now available in the village, specifically the recent closure of both the primary school and the public house. It was felt that the addition of ten new traveller pitches, and the resulting potential increase in families with young children that this would bring, would create a situation with school places being required and those places no longer being available.'

Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Future growth of Minsterworth: The Chairman was still waiting for a date from Annette Roberts.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 January 2018	365.18		
Less Tax	<u>32.20</u>	332.98	Cheque No: 101451
Inland Revenue		32.20	Cheque No: 101452
Parish Magazine Printing:			
Printing The Villager – January		87.86	Cheque No: 101453
Minsterworth Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 11.12.17		28.60	Cheque No: 101454
System Force IT Hosting of website	30.00		
	<u>VAT 6.00</u>	36.00	Cheque No: 101455
Minsterworth Church – donation towards upkeep Of Churchyard etc for 2017		175.00	Cheque No: 101456
Total:		£692.64	

Receipts:

Total: **£0.00**

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended December 2017 was circulated via email and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Draft budget for 2018/9: Councillor Thomas took the Councillors through the costings for the purchase of a defibrillator. To purchase outright Defibrillator £975 plus heated cabinet £449 or

Sponsorship route £2400. It was agreed to purchase the defibrillator outright and propose to put it at the Hall with the Village Hall's permission and it put a note in The Villager asking if any parishioners wished to donate to the cost.

It was agreed to request a precept for 2018/19 financial year of £7750.

8.4 Severn Bore Timetable – agree toilet hire. It was agreed to use the toilet at the Church for 1 and 2 February Bores and for the PC to donate £50 but for 2-4 March Bores it would be helpful to have an additional toilet at the Church. Clerk to order.

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: The Chairman said that he has tried to contact the owner without success. He will ask Chris Riley for his guidance.

Defective Road Signs: These have still not been done

Oakle Street: The Chairman will raise this with Chris Riley.

A48: The A48 towards Westbury is in an atrocious condition and needs urgent attention.

Pound Lane: Wooden fencing that goes around the Brook needs attention.

9.2 Speeding along the Lower Road: The Chairman reported that he had arranged to meet with Chris Riley the new stakeholder for Minsterworth at 2pm the next day and take him around the various problems in the Village.

9.3 Flood Resilience: Nothing to report

9.4 Broadband: There is an update on the Fastershire website that progress is being made.

9.4 Report from Village Hall Representative: Councillor Elias reported there was an increase in social events taking place at the Hall.

9.6 Provision of Dog Bin/s: It was agreed that the Parish Council had raised awareness of people picking up after the dogs and the matter can come off the agenda.

9.7 Welcome to Minsterworth Leaflet: Councillor Pearson has updated the leaflet and will be asking the distributors of The Villager to deliver the leaflet to any new residents in the Village. Clerk to put on the website.

9.8 Affordable Housing Scheme: Street Naming: Will be called Ellis Bank Drive

Lighting: It was agreed that the proposed lighting scheme was inappropriate and would be scaled back.

Allocation of Housing: Open Day at Village Hall on Saturday 3 February for locals to learn more about the development. Anybody interested in the houses need to register on the Gloucestershire HomeSeekers website. TBC will advise when the houses "go live".

9.9 Retention of Play Area at Minsterworth School: The Chairman reported that he had requests from Minsterworth residents about retaining the play area below the School, so he had contacted John Kulasek, Senior Valuer at GCC who has informed the PC that he had discussed this with the diocese and subject to agreement regarding security of the buildings GCC could consider leaving the playground open for a period until the future of the site is decided. GCC could issue a licence to the Council providing that:

1. There would be no licence fee incurred
2. The PC would be responsible for day to day maintenance of the site and equipment
3. That the PC obtain public liability insurance for use of the site
4. Agree to ensure that the access is from Church Lane only.
5. That the agreement can be terminated by no less than 1 month's notice – GCC would probably be able to give more should a disposal of the site be agreed
6. Each party will meet their own costs incurred in drawing up the licence

A lengthy discussion took place with several Councillors of the opinion that the equipment was nearing the end of its useful life and a better place for the play area would be at the Village Hall as this would prevent children having to cross the road when coming from the new housing estate. The Clerk reported that there would be financial implications with insuring the equipment, ongoing maintenance of already "old" equipment and risk assessment implications. It was agreed that the Chairman would ask John Kulasek if there was a current ROSPA report of the area

10 CORRESPONDENCE: None

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Saturday 13 January – drop in coffee morning 10-11.30am

Friday 19 January – Film night with a fish and chip supper

Saturday 3 February – Pudding evening with sheep drive

Saturday 17 February – Talk by Janet Trotter

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

The meeting closed 9.10pm.