

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13 July 2015, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey – Vice Chairman
R Crisp
R Few – Chairman
S King
C Thomas
Councillor Phil Awford (partial attendance)
Borough Councillor Derek Davies
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

1 APOLOGIES Councillors Garbutt and Pearson.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on the Monday, 8 June 2015 having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Crisp in 15/00642/FUL – declared he is a neighbor but has no pecuniary interest.

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Judicial review re Javelin Park - Stroud District Council have to pay £12,000 costs. Incinerator will be built.
- GCC has expressed an interest in devolution.
- Richard Waters is quite happy for the Clerk to contact Amey direct with any Highways issues for Minsterworth. Richard Waters has inspected Church Lane and and he does not see any great issues with the road.
- Works to the Walham viaduct may finish earlier than expected.

Councillor Thomas asked when the weeds would be cleared from the kerb at Downs Bridge? Councillor Awford said he would chase Richard Waters.

Councillor Awford said he had received some concerns regarding the resurfacing of the road to Cornham with planings but to resurface the road property it would cost £100,000 and Glos Highways would not spend that amount of money on that level of road. The Chairman said that he was still waiting for the planings despite sending his licence etc.

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

- Has been spending time at the JCS tribunal however the Inspector is going on holiday for 5 weeks which delays matters considerably.
- He recently chaired a seminar at TBC re Travellers which was attended by Councillors Blowey and Pearson.

It was agreed to bring forward agenda item 9.7:

9.7 Traveller Seminar at TBC: Following the meeting Councillor Blowey had prepared a report which had been circulated to all Councillors with the agenda. There are currently 22 private GTTS sites in the TBC area, plus 3 publicly owned sites – of these 24% are in Minsterworth. Currently Glos and Cheltenham have very low numbers of GTTS sites and their prediction of future requirements will be lower. MPC would like to propose that an alternative system be used, whereby sites should be spread more evenly over the Glos, Cheltenham and TBC area. The TBC report concluded that an additional 147 pitches will be needed by 2031. As Government guidelines

are for a maximum of 15 pitches per site, this means that a minimum of 10 additional GTTS sites need to be identified.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Ian Kempt (Manager of the JCS) and Elizabeth Orde (Planning Inspector) and invite them to Minsterworth to view the traveler sites. Councillor Blowey to draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received

The Villager: Paula Ruffley reported that to date £600 had been received via sponsorship which was excellent result and would ask for sponsorship again for 2016. This means now even with the magazine being printed in colour there will be no loss for the Parish Council and Paula proposed increasing the magazine back up to 28 pages. All Councillors were quite happy and thanked Paula for all her hard work which was greatly appreciated.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

15/00642/FUL Highcross House, Minsterworth: Installation of 2 dormers

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

15/00693/FUL Land at Starcroft Lane, Main Road, Minsterworth: Variation of condition 3 of 13/00179/FUL to allow permanent use of land for 4 pitches for travellers with associated works and landscaping

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

1. Nothing has changed since the Planning Inspectorate made its report on the 13 March 2014 in which he granted permission for a period of 2 years from the 13 March 2014 and at the end of the period the use of the site would cease and all materials and equipment removed from site.
2. If granted permanent permission the site would be a discordant and incongruous element in the rural landscape that would harm the character and appearance of the site and the surrounding area and conflict with Policy LND4 of the Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan to 2011 (LP) which aims to protect the character and appearance of the rural landscape.
3. There is capacity for traveller families on the adjacent site and the Parish Council cannot see a need for more pitches on this site.
4. Increased traffic onto the A48 at two dangerous points of egress and exit (opposite The Ryders) which the Highways Authority deemed unsafe for towing caravans in and out of. Also 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 into the 'Wild Goose' junction
5. All the storm water from the site goes down Watery Lane. The existing ditch in Watery lane is not large enough to take the run off that will undoubtedly occur, should this application be permitted, it already floods making the road impassable during the winter months now, with extra dwellings this will occur more frequently causing residents to be unable to access their homes.
6. Starcroft Lane is already in a dreadful state of disrepair. Gloucestershire Highways are not maintaining this lane and it cannot sustain extra traffic in its present state of repair - perhaps a risk assessment could be carried out to help inform the planning committee further prior to their decision making.

15/00686/FUL Copse House Farm, Main Road, Minsterworth: Single storey extension to the existing front (west elevation) of the main house, infilling between the two ‘wings’ of the house

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 July 2015	348.10		
Less Tax for July	<u>19.60</u>	328.50	Cheque No: 101294

Inland Revenue		19.60	Cheque No: 101295
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meeting 13.7.15		28.60	Cheque No: 101296
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager A5 booklet 206 copies of 20 pages		64.94	Cheque No: 101297
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Bluejet Mapping:

Cost of o/s map for Calcotts Green	32.77		
Cost of o/s map for Church Landing	26.50		
	<u>VAT 11.86</u>	71.13	Cheque No: 010298

Cost refunded to F J Wallbank

Total: £512.77

Receipts:

The Villager:

Advertising income	194.40		
Donations	<u>25.00</u>	219.40	

Total: £219.40

Postdated cheques for August:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 August 2015	348.10		
Less Tax for August	<u>19.60</u>	328.50	Cheque No: 101299

Inland Revenue		19.60	Cheque No: 101300
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Total: £348.10

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended June 2015 contents noted.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Church Lane: Discussed above.

Welcome to Minsterworth Signs: Has been cut back.

Winter Maintenance: Request from Amey regarding Winter Maintenance arrangements. Parish Snow Warden – Cathy Thomas and Parish Snow Plough Operator Gordon King. The Chairman confirmed that he did not require any bagged salt.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: Councillor Blowey reported that Rooftops and the Village Hall Trustees have still not met. It was agreed that the Parish Council should facilitate a meeting.

9.3 Service Village Forum: The next meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 29 July at 7pm at TBC Offices. Councillor Blowey said he would attend.

9.4 Village Green: The Clerk reported that she had obtained an OS map for Calcotts Green and Church Landing at considerable cost. It would appear that the one for the Church Landing is not the correct map. Paula Ruffley said she would look to see if she had an OS map showing the Church Landing and Councillors Thomas and Few would see if they had one covering Upper Ham Green. It was agreed that the Clerk should process the Calcotts Green enquiry with Land Registry as this is a priority.

9.5 Flood Resilience: It was agreed to meet at the Chairman's house on Monday, 3 August at 7.30pm to discuss this matter further.

9.6 Parish Hall – Entrance Chain: This had now been moved back to allow cars to get off the A48 safely which the Councillors welcomed. Several Councillors raised concern regarding the disabled access as it is very uneven. Also ask if the cut through to the overflow carpark could be cut back as it was very overgrown. Clerk to write to Richard Cockcroft to ask if anything can be done.

The Chairman reported that Councillor Garbutt was standing down as the Parish Hall representative and asked if anyone else would be willing to take on the role?

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

TBC Scheme of Allowances for Parish and Town Councillors: The Clerk read out the letter but it was agreed that the Parish Council would not require the services of the Parish Independent Remuneration Panel.

Meeting with Martin Surl on Wednesday, 9 September at 6-8pm: No Councillors present were able to attend but it was thought that perhaps Councillor Garbutt would wish to attend.

GAPTC AGM: To be held on Saturday 18 July at Highnam Community Centre – No one was able to attend.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

200 Club: Councillor Thomas reported that there were 2 spaces available in the 200 club for this year and 4 for next year.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14 September 2015 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 8.50pm.