

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9 October 2017, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
R Crisp
N Garbutt
S King
T Pearson
County Councillor P Awford
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 5

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Thomas, Elias and Borough Councillor Davies

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: CC Awford School Governor

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Offstead report into Children's Services – Senior Inspector of Offstead is working with the Scrutiny Committee - top tier of the Management has left.
- Minsterworth School will sadly close at the end of the year. No plans for the future use of the site. Western Power require access to the school land to carry out some maintenance works to the lines – may be a loss of power for half a day for some residents
- Amey has completed the resurfacing works. There have been many compliments regarding the job however one resident has raised concerns about the joins (as he considers that they are very noticeable), the unevenness of the surface, vibrations up the steering wheel and the noise. This has been taken up with Amey
- Amey will no longer have the Highways contract.
- EA will give training on the difference between flood warnings and flood alerts.
- TBC has had a meeting with Ubico about their performance

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT: Not present

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Comments received

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

17/00975/FUL & 17/00976/LBC The Coach House, The Street, Minsterworth: Retrospective application for the installation of satellite dish, velux windows & the erection of a single storey extension, shed, greenhouse and summerhouse. Erection of a bike container/shed.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

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

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **cannot support** this application as the proposed number of houses has increased and the design of the houses has changed from the original outline application (16/00822/OUT).

7.2 TBC Decisions:

15/01018/OUT Appletree, Minsterworth Outline application for housing development of 9 dwellings (considering access only) – **Application withdrawn**

15/00197/FUL Land adjacent to Minsterworth Village Hall, Minsterworth: Proposed erection of 14 affordable dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Main Sewer System proposal for Minsterworth due to increase of houses: Reply received from Scott Taylor from Severn Trent (ST) who stated that until an assessment is done ST don't know if they have a duty to provide any public sewerage to the area and if they do accept a duty to provide public sewerage the extent of the properties it will need to serve, therefore ST can only answer the PCs questions in general terms. If ST were to provide new sewers then they have a connection offer which ST would offer to all properties where the sewer passes. As there was no indication of costs the Chairman asked the Clerk to try and obtain some very approximate costs. Awaiting reply. Once the PC has some idea of costs we can back to the Villagers.

7.5 Future growth of Minsterworth: Comments were received in Public Comment that the village needs a proportion of smaller and cheaper housing to attract families and the Parish Council needs to consider the needs of the village and community.

The Chairman said that he had raised this matter at the February PC meeting. At that stage it was the consensus opinion that as there had been a "no build" policy in Minsterworth for so long the PC did not need to be discussing a maximum number. Councillor Elias had also written to the Chairman raising concerns about the long-term strategy regarding planning of future housing in the Village. The Chairman felt there were 4 points that need addressing:

1. How many houses will we allow?
2. Where should the houses be sited?
3. What type of house?
4. Traveller sites?

In Councillor Thomas absence the Clerk read out the following:

At this time Councillor Thomas is against refusing/not supporting any more houses for several reasons:

1. It looks like 3 councillors have been granted theirs & the PC are now positively restricting others – this will not be seen in a favourable light by the village
2. Minsterworth needs the balance of houses v pitches redressed – equal planning numbers does not do this
3. Minsterworth (in my opinion) needs smaller 3/4 and 2-bedroom houses & bungalows to allow for young people & elderly downsizing in the village.
4. If the PC unanimously agree that the PC will not support future housing apps. What about traveller pitches – we need to be seen to be fair.

Councillors were all in agreement that this matter needed to be discussed and was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Annette Roberts at TBC to see the best way forward.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 October 2017	365.18		
Less Tax	<u>32.80</u>	332.38	Cheque No: 101437

Inland Revenue		32.80	Cheque No: 101438
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager - October		96.21	Cheque No: 101439
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Minsterworth Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 11.9.17		28.60	Cheque No: 101440
Total:		£489.99	

Receipts:

The Villager: Donations	10.00		
Advertising	<u>64.80</u>	74.80	

Total: £74.80

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

8.3 Completion of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2017: The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been signed off by the Auditors with a few minor comments. The Audit Completion Notices had been displayed on the noticeboards.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

Field House, Main Road: The stones and flower tubs are still in place. CC Awford and Rhodri Grey had look at them and Mr Grey is of the opinion that the PC should speak with the owner of Field House about removing them. If necessary Glos Highways can enforce. The Chairman said he would speak to the owner.

Defective Road Signs: The sign at Calcotts has been replaced but reads Wallcotts Green. CC Awford said he would take this up with Highways. Still no sign at Highcross House nor at Hyghrove Lane. It was decided that this sign should stay, and we agreed with Amey The Chairman said he would forward his email to CC Awford which was sent to Glos Highways why the PC wanted the sign relocated.

Oakle Street: Some cars have appeared again for sale – may belong to the people who live opposite at The Forge. CC Awford said he would speak to Glos Highways again.

Speed Limits A48: With the prospect of more houses being built alongside the A48 the PC needs to try and get a 30 or 40mph speed limit.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: The Chairman reported that finally everything has come together with the works commenced on the 22 September as required to meet the grant.

9.3 Flood Resilience: Councillor Garbutt asked for an update on the financial position with regards to the grant received from GRCC. The storage of the strong box has been resolved.

9.4 Broadband: No further update.

9.5 Report from Village Hall Representative: Councillor Elias not present.

9.6 Parishioner Database: In Councillor Thomas' absence the Clerk reported that Councillor Thomas had researched "Nextdoor Neighbour" but to sign up had to give some emails so gave some Parish Councillors' addresses. It has mushroomed since then and many Minsterworth residents have now received postcards requesting they join. There are mixed reports – some like it & feel it's a good communication tool – others are not so keen! If parishioners do not want to be involved they should unsubscribe from "Nextdoor Neighbour". Matter to come off the agenda.

9.7 The Villager: The Village Hall Committee agreed at their last meeting that they would like the Parish Council to continue looking after financial matters about The Villager.

9.8 Vandalism Reports: Three properties have been damaged the matter has been reported to the police and they have met with the people involved. Also, there is footage of youngsters with catapults opposite The Apple Tree Public House firing stones at passing traffic, hitting a bus, motor bike & car windscreen, this is extremely dangerous and could have caused a major RTA. The PC would urge other reports of similar activity to be reported to the police.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consultation: CC Awford encouraged the PC to make comment on this document. Consultation period runs from 25 September to 6 November. It was agreed that a hard copy of the document would be obtained and then the Councillors would get together to discuss this.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Pottery painting on Friday 27th October – please call Councillor Thomas before Wednesday 11/10/17 with booking.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13 November 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.04pm.