

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14 December 2009, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Crisp
R Few - Chairman
S King
L Simms
S Ruffley – Vice Chairman
C Thomas
Borough Councillor D Davies
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 5

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Bourne and County Councillor Awford.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 9 November 2009, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Legal department has undergone a joint working arrangement with Cheltenham and is showing great signs of improvement. TBC is also sharing building regulations services.
- TBC has confirmed the grant of £17,000 to the Village Hall.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

09/01185/FUL Highcross House, Watery Lane, Minsterworth: New hay store, machine and animal shelter (Revised application)

Decision by 15.12.09

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

09/01216/FUL - Foxgrove House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Alterations & extensions to existing dwelling (amended scheme).

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

- The proposed extension is disproportionate in size to existing dwellings in the area and therefore would not be in keeping and conflicts with Policies S6 and S7 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy HOU8 of the Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan to 2011-March 2006.
- **No details** have been given on how the proposed extra amounts of foul water will be managed.
- Proposed increase to accommodation could potentially give rise to additional vehicular movements on and off an already busy A48

- Proximity to neighbouring properties
- The Parish Council is concerned that there will be a loss of light to the adjacent neighbours if the proposed extension is built and request that a light assessment is carried out by a legitimate authority. The Parish Council is aware that this is property law and not planning law.

The Parish Council request that this application is dealt with by the planning committee rather than a delegated decision.

7.2 TBC Decisions:

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. - **Refused**

7.3 Appeals/Appel Decisions: 09/00861/FUL Mr A Moule, Stonelea, Main Road, Minsterworth: First floor extension to provide additional two bedrooms and one bathroom. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations – there is no opportunity to submit further comments. The Planning Inspectorate aims to deal with this matter within 8 weeks from the 29 November 2009.

7.4 Elmbridge Court – Possible gypsy/traveler site The Clerk read out two emails received from Duncan Jordan – he stated that the developed land at Elmbridge Court is actually owned by the Government and that the County Council would like to develop a Park & Ride facility in the general area, but the scheme is still very much at the early stages and awaiting government approval. The County Council would only look to buy land in this area if the scheme was given the go ahead.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Mark Parker when he was at the Highways seminar and he was not positive about any future sites being created and that GCC had no plans to do anything at the moment.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mark Harper MP to speak to the Minister concerned.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 December 2009	289.03	Cheque No: 100125
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Minsterworth Village Hall – Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 9.11.09.	26.00	Cheque No: 100126
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System Force IT Ltd – Annual hosting of
Minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk 30.00

VAT <u>4.50</u>	34.50	Cheque No: 100127
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Miss C Vanner – designing website for
Minsterworth Parish Council

200.00	Cheque No: 100128
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Total Payments	£549.53
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Receipts

Total Receipts	£0.00
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8.2 Financial update to end of November 2009 - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

8.3 Budget for the year 2010/2011- A revised budget was circulated with the agenda. The Chairman reported that he had received a telephone call from Di Landon of Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council about looking into the possibility of providing transport for the elderly to go to Glos, shops, Drs, hospital etc, Westbury have identified at least 5 or 6 people who are need of this type of service. Newnham Parish Council is interested in providing such a service to their elderly parishioners and there is already a scheme in place in Lydney, Newent and Lydbrook.

The scheme would be run by volunteers who would receive petrol expenses (approx 40p per mile would be charged to the parishioner) and there would have to be a co-ordinator to organize. It was agreed that the sum of £250 should be built into next year's budget, put this item on the agenda for January and Councillor Crisp said he would be happy to attend a meeting to discuss this further.

It was agreed that the precept should be £5,200 for 2010/2011 which represents a 4% increase.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator – Nothing to report

9.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee – Thanked TBC via Borough Councillor Davies for confirming the grant of £17,000. Reported that another 2 bodies had been approached for funding.

9.3. Highway Matters: Bus Stop – Hygrove Lane – Bollards now erected.

A48 Meeting Meeting – Councillor Crisp (who stood in for Councillor Bourne) reported as follows:

- The right turn into Church Lane was discussed and Richard Gray said that the road was marked in accordance with the necessary standards
- Hatchings outside Linton Lodge on the A40 – Parish Councils should write to Neil Maxfield to complain about these and the sequence of the traffic lights just after Over Farm Market. Borough Councillor Davies said that the County Council and TBC should be copied in.

Dropped Gully Frame outside Cathedral View – Councillor Simms had not been able to contact Mr Ford to arrange a meeting.

Highways Seminar – The Chairman and Councillor King attended. The Chairman reported as follows:

- General view was that Glos Highways was doing much better – however they agreed that whilst A roads were being maintained B roads were not being kept up to target.
- Big message was that money was very tight and that next year there would not be much to spend.
- Spoke with Duncan Jordan about the hatchings on the A40 and he encouraged every Parish Council to write again to Neil Maxfield.
- Park and Ride would not materialize however might be reintroduced at sometime in the future.
- Spoke with Richard Gray again about the right turn into Church Lane and how dangerous this was.

9.4 Website – The Clerk said that the website was now up and running live on the web – a lot of favourable comments. She thanked Roger Dauncey for producing a village map which had been added to the website. One of the Councillors asked for a link to the school. Clerk said that if any Councillors thought of any further information/links to let her know.

9.5 Dates for 2010 – This was circulated with the agenda. All agreed.

9.6 Joint Core Strategy – Open for consultation until 1 February 2010. The Chairman agreed to take the document and read it and report back to the January meeting. Councillor Thomas and Ruffley said that they would like to see the document and the Chairman agreed to circulate it.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Stagecoach – Route 73 – Clerk said that she had received a reply from Stagecoach regarding the fact that on several occasions the buses did not stop at The Dinney to collect school children. Stagecoach said that a single-decker bus had to be used on this route on several occasions and apologized for any inconvenience caused. The Clerk had informed Mrs Hughes.

Crime Statistics for November 2009 – 1 theft from a vehicle of a starter motor and 1 false

representation for gain – fraudulent act.

The Chairman reported that Eric Watkins had been badly injured on his farm. He also wishes everyone present a very Happy Christmas.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11 January 2010 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.