

## **MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7 March 2011, in Minsterworth School.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors - R Crisp  
R Few - Chairman  
S King  
S Ruffley – Vice Chairman  
L Simms  
C Thomas  
County Councillor Phil Awford (partial attendance)  
Borough Councillor Derek Davies  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
Parishioners: 12 (some partial attendance)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked Anthony Perry from the EA for attending. He reported the very sad news that Phil Greening had passed away and his funeral would be on Friday, 11 March, 12.30pm at Minsterworth Church. He said he would be sadly missed.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Bourne

### **2 MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 14 February 2011, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** County Councillor Awford – flood forum.

### **4 PRESENTATION FROM ANTHONY PERRY ON THE CONSULTATION PAPER “MANAGING FLOOD RISK ON THE SEVERN ESTUARY”**

Anthony Perry introduced himself – he has been based at Tewkesbury for nearly 20 years. The plan has been produced to manage the tidal risk in the Severn Estuary over the next 100 years focussing on specific areas that are at greatest risk and within each of these they have considered a wide range of options. This is due to the UK climate changing and sea levels rising. In the longer term the EA is looking at protecting communities to a higher standard with defences strengthened as if nothing is done defences will be overwhelmed on a more regular basis. Factors that have to be considered are low lying land in the floodplain and what crops would be best to grow in these locations.

Parishioners asked various questions – why was the tip not shown on the map? The tip has been put in the wrong place – the water cannot leave Hempstead and Minsterworth is protecting Gloucester. One parishioner said that currently their insurance is £10,500 per annum but as from 2013 they won't be able to get any insurance when the agreement with the Government, called the Statement of Principles ends as currently this requires insurers to maintain cover on all properties with a risk of flood greater than once every 75 years.

Anthony Perry said that as from 2013 this will deter Developers from building on the floodplain as without insurance they will not be able to sell the houses.

Why is the Severn Estuary not dredged and the silt taken away – this used to be done on a regular basis? It was felt that dredging watercourses was beneficial but as the Estuary undergoes constant erosion it was decided to cease this operation.

Has the Severn Barrage been dropped? Yes the Government has scrapped this.

Are the EA actively objecting to any new development from Glos to Elmore? It is down to the District/Borough Councils to approve or refuse proposed planning applications even though the EA advises that it should be refused.

The Chairman thanked Anthony Perry for coming along to the meeting.  
*County Councillor Awford and Councillor Thomas left*

## 5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Budget now finalised and things will be hard
- Highways has taken a major hit although the Government has made an extra grant in respect of Highways

## 6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- TBC unanimously agreed to support the Parish Council with its objections to the proposed diversion of footpath EMW/17 at Hygrove Lodge
- With major reductions in County Council budgets there will be a greater use of the Voluntary Sector.

## 7 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment.

## 8 PLANNING:

### 8.1 Applications:

11/00124/FUL Merville, Main Road, Minsterworth: Extension to side and rear of dwelling and erection of a double garage.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

### 8.2 TBC Decisions: None

### 8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

### 8.4 Enforcement Matters:

**The Firs, Main Road** – The Clerk reported that she had not heard anything further from Paul Skelton following the Chairman and Councillor Thomas meeting. Clerk to chase.

**8.5 Proposals for a Solar PV Farm on Corseleas Meadow** –Reply email received from Mella McMahon stating that TBC will of course ensure that the views of the Parish Council and local residents are taken into consideration when this application is considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council however they have not yet received an application. Once an application is submitted TBC will ensure sufficient site notices are displayed so that local residents are aware of the proposals. The Chairman said that the Government intended the solar panels to be placed on rooftops not for fields and therefore they have reduced the rents they are paying.

## 9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Mrs F J Wallbank:

Salary 1-31 March 2011	294.81		
Expenses:			
Travelling	64.80		
Photocopying	16.70		
Tele/Broadband expenses	12.00		
Expenses – postage,	11.71		
Use of room etc July-Dec 2010	<u>37.50</u>	437.52	Cheque No: 101074

Minsterworth School– Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 7 March 2011		26.00	Cheque No: 101075
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Brandon Hire – hire of toilet for	50.00		
18-22.2.11	<u>VAT 10.00</u>	60.00	Cheque No: 101076

Minsterworth Church 175.00  
**Total Payments** **£698.52**

Cheque No: 101077

**Receipts**

TBC – grant towards provision of toilets for  
Severn Bore 450.00  
**Total Receipts** **£450.00**

**9.2 Financial update to end of February 2011** - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

**10 MATTERS ARISING:**

**10.1 Severn Estuary Consultation** – Following the presentation from Anthony Perry it was agreed that the Councillors would get together outside the meeting to agree the response to this consultation document as this was a very important issue for Minsterworth.

**10.2 Report from representative of VH Committee** – Councillor Ruffley had nothing to report.

**10.3 Highway Matters: Salt Bins** – Councillor Crisp reported that the one by his house at the bottom of Watery Lane was empty.

**Watery Lane** – is in desperate need of resurfacing – Clerk to report to Richard Gray.

**Bury Lane** – Potholes have been filled in.

**10.4 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Royal British Legion** – The Chairman was in receipt of a copy of the proposed ticket details which would be on sale at Minsterworth Garage, John Afflick or Malcolm Pobjoy. All arrangements are in place and he encouraged all present to support the event along with other friends and family. Councillor Crisp confirmed that he would be providing the entertainment.

**10.5 Elections – Thursday 5 May 2011** – Parish/Town Councils elections. The Clerk said that if anyone was interested in standing for election then they should contact her for more details or TBC.

**10.6 A3 Printer** – The Clerk said that she was now Clerk to Deerhurst Parish Council and as they have no facility to print A3 plans she was wondering if Minsterworth PC would be agreeable for them to pay a sum of money per copy to print off A3 plans. The Councillors were quite happy and it was agreed that a one black and white page would be 30p and a colour page would be 60p.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Any Other Correspondence:**

**TBC – Renewal application for street trading consent for Mike Allen of Tartaglias's** –The Councillors had no objections to the application.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Annual Parish Assembly Monday, 11 April 2011 7.30pm to be held in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed 8.45pm.