

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 10 March 2014, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
R Crisp
R Few
N Garbutt
S Ruffley
C Thomas
County Councillor Awford
Borough Councillor Davies
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday, 10 February 2014 were agreed and signed after an amendment to page 2.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- Liked to thank the Parish Council for their help and cooperation during the recent floods – there was more water than in January. Originally the EA said that the water would not be higher than November '12 but that was not correct. The EA need to predict more accurately. TBC has gone into the recovery phase following the floods. There is grant aid available to those homes that were flooded via GCC. If anyone comes across gas bottles contact TBC.
- GCC have agreed there will be no increase in their budget.
- Recently sat on the Environment Scrutiny Committee where there was a 2 hour debate on the A48. Future A48 meetings will be held at the Fire and Rescue Centre in Gloucester as they have offered the use of their rooms free of charge.
- Attended several meetings in connection with the future maintenance plans for the Severn Estuary and was putting something together for the EA targeting de-silting the Eastern Channel below Gloucester.
- GCC has applied for £15M for Glos Highways – apparently it will take £86M to bring the highways fully up to scratch.
- Re the A48 congestion Mark Harper MP had opened the debate on a third river crossing. This could be funded via taxation on tolls from the current crossings. He was not entirely sure what the HA's proposals are and Glos Highways are not sure either.
- Has received accident figures from the Police – 4 fatalities on the A48 from Feb '13-Feb '14.

It was agreed that the Clerk should email the Highways Agency to find exactly what works are proposed for July/August 2014 and in the future.

Also write to Mark Harper MP to say Minsterworth Parish Council are fully supportive of a third river crossing.

The Chairman said that he would like to express his and the Parish Council's thanks to County Councillor Awford for all his hard work during the flooding and keeping the Parish updated. He said he would put the spare sandbags into his shed for future use.

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- Council Tax had been frozen for the 4th year even though TBC has to save £1M in the next financial year.
- TBC has just issued a £50 fine to a dog owner as they failed to clear up after their dog. TBC are encouraging people to report dog owners who are seen letting their dogs foul public areas/ footways etc.
- JCS almost complete and ready for pre-submission to the Planning Inspector to be considered for general acceptance and soundness. A discussion took place about where the 32,000 houses would be built and if these would be built on areas that currently flood. TBC have never built on an area where the Environment Agency has refused permission.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES): Comments received.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Application: None

7.2 Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals: None

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 March 2014	328.12		
Less Tax for March	<u>44.00</u>	284.12	Cheque No: 101214

Inland Revenue		44.00	Cheque No: 101215
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Mr S Robinson – contribution towards of Supplying and delivering sand for fillings Sandbags		50.00	Cheque No: 101216
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Brandon Hire: Hire of toilet on:

30.1.14-4.2.14	50.00		
28.2.14-5.3.14	50.00		
	<u>VAT 20.00</u>	120.00	Cheque No: 101217

Mrs F J Wallbank: Expenses

Travelling	51.75		
Photocopying	15.50		
Tel/Broadband expenses	12.00		
Expenses	18.09		

3WM Offices Supplies cost of colour

Printer cartridges for Epson Printer	33.89		
	VAT 6.77		

Amazon cost of black cartridges for

Epson printer	15.81		
	VAT 3.16		

Biz Stationery: Everyday paper - buy

2 get 1 free (3 boxes)	24.90		
	VAT 4.98		

Use of room July-Dec 2013	<u>37.50</u>	224.35	Cheque No: 101218
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Westbury Wood: Cost of rebuilding bus

Shelter as per quotation	6255.00	Cheque No: 101219
MVH – Hire of hall 10.2.14	28.60	Cheque No: 101220
Total Payments	£7006.07	

Receipts

Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council:		
Contribution towards cost of printer cartridges as above	16.57	
Contribution towards cost of paper	<u>8.30</u>	24.87
Deerhurst Parish Council:		
Contribution towards cost of printer cartridges. Total £49.70 split		
Between the three Parish Councils	16.57	
Contribution towards cost of paper	8.30	
Cost of printing A3 plans for period 15.11.12-16.1.14	<u>16.80</u>	41.67
Total Receipts		£66.54

Accounts for Payment for April (post-dated cheques):

Mrs F J Wallbank –		
Salary 1-30 April 2014	328.12	
Less Tax for April	<u>44.00</u>	284.12
		Cheque No: 101221
Inland Revenue	44.00	Cheque No: 101222
MVH – Hire of hall 10.3.14	28.60	Cheque No: 101223
GAPTC subscription 1.4.14-31.3.15	88.11	Cheque No: 101224
Total Payments		£444.83

The Clerk said that Councillor Crisp had inspected the bus shelter and was happy that the shelter had been rebuilt as per quotation. There was some rubble behind the shelter which the Clerk said Mr Maycroft would clear away together with jet washing the shelter and floor but there would be a slight delay as he had just had a back operation. Councillors were happy to release the cheque.

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended February 2014 was circulated – contents noted.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Proposed works on the A40 at Over roundabout: The Clerk confirmed that she had circulated the Parish Council's notes in response to the HA's proposals to Maisemore, Highnam, Huntley, Westbury-on-Severn and Newnham-on-Severn. Following the article in The Villager the Parish Council had received suggestions from Terry Bourne and Mark Atkins and these had been circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk write to HA's and Nigel Rigler to ask for clarification as to what is going to happen and asking whether there will be a filter lane to Maisemore included.

9.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee: Councillor Ruffley reported that the PHMC were looking to refurbish the outside of the Village Hall and these works could be in the region of £3,500-7,000 and this year there would be no village fete.

9.3. Highway Matters:

Watery Lane: An adjacent landowner has kindly dug out the ditch.

Road Markings Church Lane: Councillor Thomas reported that there was a notice displayed stating that the works will take place on the 14 March.

Potholes: By Danni Farm (near Oakle Street) and approaching Highnam Roundabout. Clerk to report.

Rat Run Signs: It had been raised in public comment that these signs were looking very tired and needed replacing. One Councillor felt that the signs needed to look more official. Borough Councillor Davies said that they may be money available from the Community Facility Grant Fund and suggested that the Clerk contact Simon Dix at TBC.

Historic Cobbled Causeway on The Street: No further update.

Fly Tipping Pound Lane: Duvets and pillows have been left in Pound Lane – Clerk to report to TBC.

9.4 Affordable Housing Scheme: Meeting on Friday, 7 March present Erin Davies, Martin Hutchings, Rooftops.

Councillors were very impressed with Rooftops and they have a very good reputation as being an excellent company.

The Chairman said that it was important for villagers with a housing need registered this need on the Glos Home Seekers website. It was agreed that Councillor Blowey would put a note in The Villager to this effect.

9.5 Dog Fouling: It was agreed that Councillor Garbutt and County Councillor Awford would raise this at the next Governors meeting.-

9.6 Welcome Leaflet: Councillor Garbutt said he would produce a draft which he would circulate to the Councillors for their approval.

9.7 Annual Parish Meeting Monday 14 April: The Clerk reported:

- Contacted Biz Stationery at Gloucester who are now printing The Villager. They had quoted around £60 inc VAT which would be £20 less than last year.
- PCSO Helen Devlin (now Rogers) was unable to attend. Councillors felt that there should be a police presence as they have not attended a PC meeting for over a year. Clerk to see whether PCSO Rogers could send a replacement.
- Asked if Richard Waters should be invited to attend and it was agreed that he should be invited to talk about what the proposed works by the Highways Agency Over roundabout.

The Chairman agreed that he would give an update on the proposed Affordable Housing Scheme.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC - Consultation - Statement of Licensing Policy Review 2014: Noted

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

9 August 2014 - 100 years since 1st World War: The Chairman reported that the Royal British Legion was involved in a campaign to plant millions of poppies to mark the centenary of the First World War. The Centenary Poppy Campaign will launch next month in a bid to encourage the public, local authorities, schools and businesses to sow millions of seeds across Britain. A discussion took place on the best places in the Village to plant poppy seeds and it was agreed that it on the bank in front of the Village Hall and the island at the top of Bury Lane. The Chairman said that the ground would need to be prepared for the seeds and he and Councillor Crisp agreed to do this. Mr Bourne said that he had contacted four schools – Minsterworth, Walmore Hill, Churcham and Highnam – with a view to all the schools planting the seeds on the same day at the same time. Looking at sowing these at the end of March/beginning of April. Councillor Garbutt said he would raise this at the Governors meeting the following week.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Meeting Monday, 14 April 2014 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.15pm.