

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey (partial attendance)
R Few
N Garbutt
S King
T Pearson
C Thomas
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
County Councillor P Awford
Parishioners: 10 (some partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Crisp. Councillor Blowey would be late.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on Monday, 13 October were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- He had paid for the footways to be tidied up in the Parish out of this Highways budget – in Highnam he had paid for weed clearance, [Councillor Thomas said that the edges of the road were thick with debris especially outside Severnbank and around Downs Bridge]
- GCC meeting on the 28 November when they would be looking at making major savings in respect of next year's budget
- Majority of his work has been centered on flooding issues. He has met with Mr Jeremy Chamberlayne looking at his proposals for the flood relief channel.
- Currently the EA have done repairs to the flood bank by the Severn Bore at a cost of £640,000.
- Currently Government not endorsing the Suds policy introduced for developers when creating new housing developments.
- The proposed Lassington Lane development at Highnam to be heard at the TBC planning meeting the next day.

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: In Councillor Davies absence Councillor Awford reported:

- TBC currently considering their budget for 2015/16 and are again proposing a 0% increase
- Proposed new swimming pool to be created at the TBC offices coming up the next day's planning meeting.
- Peer review being undertaken at TBC
- Controversial carpark review nearly completed.

The Chairman introduced Marilyn Cox from GRCC.

Marilyn Cox gave a short presentation and handed out some flyers on the Tewkesbury Borough Flood Project which gives professional advice. TBC, GRCC and Gloucestershire Community Foundation (GCF) have teamed up with other partners to help communities plan to decrease their risk before flood events happen. Her role is to highlight what grants are available to householders whose houses were flooded at the beginning of this year and also to help businesses also affected. She is open to ideas that may help reduce the risk of any types of flooding. She is happy to talk to and help anyone.

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

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

14/00968/FUL Sunnybank, Main Road, Minsterworth: Proposed extension and conservatory to Sunnybank Care Home

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application provided the following points are addressed:

- A proper car park plan is submitted with provision for vehicles being able to access and egress the site in a forward facing position
- There are no details as to the number of staff on site – the Parish Council request these details.
- Request details how the additional foul and rain water run-off will be dealt with – there are already concerns about the septic tank arrangements.

7.2 Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions/Site Inspections: None

7.4 Enforcement: 3 Bury Lane: Parishioners brought to the attention of the Parish Council that according to the plans passed by TBC the septic tank is shown that it was to be built on the left but has actually been built on the right. Also concerned has been raised about how the foul water is going to be dealt with. Clerk to email Catherine Crowley at TBC.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-30 November 2014	337.96		
Less Tax for November	33.40		
Reissue of salary cheque for October	304.76	609.32	Cheque No: 101253

Inland Revenue		33.40	Cheque No: 101254
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Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council: Share Towards cost of Microsoft for Clerk's PC		63.00	Cheque No: 101255
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Mrs F J Wallbank – reimbursement of payment To Brandon Hire following cancellation of Cheque no: 101249	60.00		
Less bank fee for returning cheque	<u>25.00</u>	35.00	Cheque No: 101256

Minsterworth Village Hall: Meetings 8.9.14	28.60		
Meeting 13.10.14	<u>28.60</u>	57.20	Cheque No: 101257
Total:		£797.92	

Receipts:

Returned cheque from Mr Robinson in respect Of Parish Council's contribution for sand		50.00	
Total:		£50.00	

The Clerk said that Mr Robinson had returned the Parish Council's cheque for £50 as he was happy to donate sand to fill the sand bags and was more than happy to donate more sand if required. The Councillors were extremely grateful to Mr Robinson for the donation.

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

8.3 The Villager – "Future": Councillor Pearson reported Steve Taylor had spoken with Yvonne Jones but was awaiting an email summarising their discussions.

8.4 Precept for 2015/16: The Clerk said that this item would have to be deferred until next month as TBC had not released the Council Tax Support Grant figures.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

Overgrown Footways: Footway down to Oakle Street overgrown – Councillor Awford said he would take this up with Richard Waters as he had asked him to have this area cut back and charged to his Highways budget.

Downs Bridge: The Chairman felt that the flooding problem in this area had improved as during the very heavy rain on the previous Saturday there was no major problem at this spot.

A40: On the left hand side the vegetation was badly overgrown.

Rat Run Signs: The Councillors wanted to thank Councillor Crisp for erecting the signs and that they looked very good. Councillor Awford said that he had forwarded the Clerk's request for the balance of the monies to Richard Waters who was shocked that they were already in position as he needed to approve them before they were erected. Councillor Awford to speak with Richard Waters.

Grit Bins: The Chairman reported that he had had another deliver of grit and Councillor Thomas confirmed that all the bins had been filled.

Over Roundabout: The Clerk had still not heard from Amanda Lawson requesting a contact name in the Highways Agency. Councillor Awford said he would find out a contact name. There has been a report in The Forrester.

A48 There is some subsidence on the West Bound side (Westbury bound) by Cathedral Close.

A48 Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, 19 November. Clerk had forwarded email to Councillor Crisp who is the A48 representative. Councillor Garbutt said that he was going to attend anyway.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: A date for the sub-group had been arranged for the end of January 2015 to go through any modifications with Rooftops and TBC.

9.3 Service Village Forum: Report from the last SVF meeting:

1. Minsterworth Parish is one of 13 Service Villages included in the JCS.
2. Using the current formula MPC have to take 57 houses in the next 17 years - which is 3 houses pa
3. However, there is a move to alter the disaggregation formula to 80% based on village size, 10% on function and 10% on accessibility. This would bring our house total to 63.
4. TBC have hired 'consultants' to look at the land area around each service village and they will determine expansion possibilities based on landscape and sustainability assessments.

The Chairman gave a very detailed report on the Parish Council's draft response to the questionnaire of initial comments and feedback on factors affecting the housing allocation suggested by simple numerical apportionment.

9.4 Village Greens: The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Vikki Fennell (TBC) detailing the process they used to evict the travellers from their land at Highnam. She had passed this to Councillor Garbutt who said that he would come up with an action plan which could be used in future situations.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other:

GCC- Publication of the Gloucestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy: The full strategy is available on line via: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/LFRMS>.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None raised

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday 8 December 2014 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.10pm.