

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:

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

Parishioners: 10

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Ruffley, County Councillor Awford and PC Sian Roberts.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 13 July and Monday, 24 August 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:

- The new Chief Executive – Mike Dawson - will be in post from 21 September.
- Mella McMahon is now in post and is the Borough Development Officer.
- Looking at services. Still considering shared services with Cheltenham to save money and these services are legal and building regulations.
- Spoken to the Planning Department about holding some planning training/enforcement. Minsterworth are top of the list and hopefully a training session will be scheduled for Christmas.
- Joint Core Strategy – TBC are joining with Cheltenham Borough and Gloucester City. This will have many benefits to planning a sustainable future for all three Council areas and the approach is supported by Gloucestershire County Council. The consultation document is the first stage in producing the joint development plan and has regard to the latest Draft of the RSS for the South West. The Government advises that the Draft RSS should be used as a material planning consideration in the planning process when considering applications for proposals contained within it. Part of the Core Strategy look at the provision for gypsy and traveller accommodation. A public participation document will be produced

6 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

09/07706/FUL Mr A Brazil, The Lodge, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth: Retrospective change of use of land to use as a gypsy site for 15 pitches & associated ancillary development.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **strongly object** for the following reasons:

- The unauthorized development forms a visually intrusive and discordant feature in the surrounding rural area and has a detrimental effect on the rural character and appearance of the landscape in conflict with Policy NHE1 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy LND4 of the TBC Local Plan to 2011 Adopted March 2006
- The unauthorized development conflicts with Policy S4 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy HOU4 of the TBC Local Plan to 2011 – Adopted March 2006 in that the site is situated in open countryside where residential development will only be permitted if it is essential to the efficient operation of agriculture or forestry.
- The unauthorized development conflicts with the Policy H10 of the Gloucestershire Structure Plan Second Review and Policy HOU15 of the TBC Local Plan to 2011 – Adopted March 2006 by its virtue of its encroachment on the open countryside, inconsistency with countryside and landscape protections policies and the deficiencies of the lane leading to the site.
- Very concerned about the health, safety and welfare of pedestrians who use Hygrove Lane as it is the main access to Hygrove House Nursing Home. This is a single track road running westwards from the A48. The junction layout is unusual and because of its off-set geometry and the narrow mouth of the lane particular care has to be taken entering and leaving the main road. Because of the narrowness of the lane and poor junction layout permanent use of this site would seriously exacerbate problems for road users and would further endanger people waiting for public transport with more traffic using the exit from and entrance to Hygrove Lane past the bus stop – a problem already being investigated by TBC and Gloucestershire Highways.
- This site is in close proximity of a listed building, namely Hygrove House
- Inaccuracies of the submitted plan. A barn has been erected on the site without planning permission and it is not shown on the plans. Also the Public Footpath is not shown
- The local infrastructure is unable to support any increase in the population for the village.
- On the 17 November 2005 Steven Fox BA MA MRTPI, Planning Inspectorate upheld TBCs enforcement notices and ruled that this site should be vacated by February 2007

The Parish Council request that this application is dealt with by committee.

09/07705/FUL Mr A Brazil, The Lodge, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth: Change of use of land to use as a gypsy site for applicants immediate dependants and their families to site 3 touring caravans and one mobile home and associated ancillary development.

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09/00861/FUL Mr A Moule, Stonelea, Main Road, Minsterworth: First floor extension to provide additional two bedrooms and one bathroom.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

7.2 TBC Decisions: 09/00615/FUL Foxgrove Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of two storey extension (south elevation) first floor extension (north elevation) new roof and loft conversion - Refused

7.3 Appeals: Enderley, Main Road, Minsterworth – Mr Cockcroft. The applicant went to appeal regarding TBC’s decision of refusal for the erection of a single storey porch and single storey extensions, and demolition of existing workshop and garage. The Planning Inspectorate up held TBCs decision for refusal. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was never informed by TBC about the appeal and in fact sent the correspondence to Highnam Parish Council and unfortunately this was not forwarded to Minsterworth. Therefore Minsterworth was not able to have their input on this appeal. The Planning Inspectorate made a decision the 18 May but the Parish Council was not informed about the decision until July. It would appear that legal services were responsible for the delay. All in all TBC failed to inform the Parish Council in all respects.

Any Other Planning Matters:

Changes to the Process of Consulting Parish & Town Councils on Planning Applications -

The Clerk reported that it is TBCs intention to change to electronic consultations as from 1 January 2010. To assist Councils from 1 October 2009 they will send electronic consultations followed by a paper copy. The purpose of dual consultation is to enable Councils to use and test the electronic system. This will enable changes to be made before the full implementation of electronic consultations. Major applications will continue to be considered on a case by case basis. The questionnaire was completed and clerk to return.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-30 September 2009	289.03	Cheque No: 100111
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Minsterworth Village Hall – Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 24.8.09.	26.00	Cheque No: 100112
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Westbury Wood – repairs to bus shelter at

Hygrove as per quotation	45.00	Cheque No: 100113
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Brandon Hire plc – Hire of portable toilet			
From 21-24.8.09	55.00		
	<u>VAT8.25</u>	63.25	Cheque No: 100114
Total Payments		£423.28	

Receipts

Total Receipts £0.00

8.2 Financial update to end of August 2009 - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Neighbourhood Watch – No messages had been received.

9.2 Highways Matters: Bus Shelter Hygrove – The Chairman reported that he had been informed about another very near miss. The parishioner was unable to wait in the shelter due to an unacceptable mess left in the shelter. He felt a litterbin might help with the litter problem. Councillor Simms said that she regularly kept the shelter tidy but did not see the “unacceptable” mess. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Richard Gray with four options which were read out. The Chairman said that he would have to have another meeting with Richard Gray as this matter is a priority and they Glos Highways have delayed for over a year now and nothing has been done to make the situation less dangerous.

New Road Lay-out on A48 at Highnam – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Mark Harper MP enclosing a copy of a reply letter he had received from Mr Dalton from the Highways Agency. Whilst they are standing by their decision to re-mark the hatchings following a safety audit they did agreed to monitor and review the situation. Mark Harper had asked for this to be carried out once the schools have returned in September to give an accurate picture of congestion.

A40 – Councillor Bourne reported that when coming from Gloucester at 15.50hh 10 vehicles were stopped for one vehicle wanting to turn left.

9.3 Website for Parish Council – Defer to next month.

9.4 Report from meetings: Policing Panel Meeting – Councillor Bourne reported that he had attended the Policing Panel Meeting held in August. He felt it was a useful meeting and the policing priority had been moved from Blakeney to Littledean. Councillor Bourne had raised the continual traffic problem.

The Chairman reported that PCSO Rob Gee was no longer the PCSO for Minsterworth and the Clerk said that Lucy Webb was now responsible. Crime figures for August – 1 case of theft.

Budget Meeting – The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Bourne had attended and whilst it was an “interesting” meeting there were no services that TBC provide that Minsterworth PC would take responsibility for.

9.5 Footpath No 8 (runs from the Main Road to Church Lane between Pump Court and the Old Vicarage) – The Clerk reported that the footpaths officer – Suzanne Hopes had visited the footpath and had written to the owner of Old Road House requesting that they cut back their hedge which was causing the path to be overgrown. She was not sure if this had been done and wondered if the Councillors knew

9.6 Proposed Park & Ride at Highnam roundabout - The Chairman deferred this to next month however he can inform the Council that the owner of the land in question has not had a firm offer from GCC,

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 GAPTC AGM Thursday 15 October – The Chairman said that he would attend.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12 October 2009 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.