

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10 January 2011, in Minsterworth Parish Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - T Bourne
R Crisp
R Few - Chairman
S King
S Ruffley – Vice Chairman
L Simms
C Thomas
County Councillor Phil Awford
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioner: 2

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked Minsterworth School for hosting the Parish Council meetings whilst the Village Hall had been closed. He pointed out the emergency exits.

1 APOLOGIES: Borough Councillor Davies.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 13 December 2010, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Declared that he was now a governor at Minsterworth School.
- Main focus is how the County will make £108M savings – budget will be announced next month. Strong possibility that the mobile library services will disappear.
- The Inspector's Decision has been delayed on Hygrove Lane - likely to be sooner rather than later.
- Re Startcroft Lane – applicant is to keep log.
- Re traffic lights being triggered randomly – he took this up with the Highways Agency. Councillors reported that this situation was better.
- Speeding on the A48 is an ongoing policing priority.

Councillors reported that building works have commenced at Starcroft Lane – he would look into this but thought that all conditions must be signed off before work commences on the site.

Councillor Bourne asked the County Councillor to take up with the Highways Agency again why 9 vehicles had to stop whilst 1 vehicle left Over Farm turning left for Gloucester – this was ridiculous and unnecessary.

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment – None.

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications: None to date

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Enforcement Matters:

The Firs, Main Road, Minsterworth – Clerk read out reply email received from Paul Skelton following her email to Mella McMahon with copies to Mike Austin and Derek Davies. The Councillors were not

satisfied with the reply and it was agreed that Parish Council request a meeting with Paul Skelton and Mella McMahon at TBC offices.

Fairlie, Main Road, Minsterworth – The Clerk now had a copy of the advert advertising it as a Care Home. Clerk to forward to David Taylor at TBC.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 January 2011	294.81	Cheque No: 101069
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Minsterworth Village Hall– Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 10 January 2011	28.60	Cheque No: 101070
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System Force IT Ltd – Annual hosting
Of Minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk 30.00

<u>VAT 6.00</u>	36.00	Cheque No: 101071
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Total Payments	£359.41	
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Receipts

Total Receipts	£0.00
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8.2 Financial update to end of December 2010 - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Report from representative of VH Committee – Nothing to report meeting next Tuesday.

9.2 Police Matters – A lot of police activity on Friday with various operations taking place.

9.3 Highway Matters:

A48 – Fatalities The Clerk reported that she had written to Garry Handley, Inspector Roseblade and Richard Gray. Garry Handley had replied stating enforcement measures will be responded by Keith and/or Kevin from the Police and Scott and/or Richard from Glos Highways about signage. His responsibility is for driver training and education and confirmed that he would be in touch with Inspector Keith Fagan to talk through some ideas aimed at improving driver behavior.

Salt Bins Watery Lane/Pound Lane Junction, top of Bury Lane and bottom of Church Lane – Clerk to ask Cannop to make sure these are full.

Watery Lane – Is in a dreadful condition, clearing out the ditch has helped slightly with surface water.

Watery Lane/Pound Lane - strong smell of gas in the area. Cllr Crisp to report to the Gas Board.

Sunken Drain by Duni Farm, Main Road, Minsterworth has been repaired.

Bury Lane – Road surfacing required attention.

Bury Lane Road Sign – is broken and needs replacing.

9.4 Standing Orders – It was agreed to adopt the revised Standing Orders following the deletion of 5 g, h and I as they are duplicates and the numbering corrected from no 5 onwards. It was also agreed that Councillors were quite happy to received agenda and correspondence via email.

9.5 Footpath EMW/8 – Several Councillors reported works are currently taking place

Any Other Matters: Severn Bores – There are 4* bore on the 19/20/21 February and the 19/20/21/22 March. Clerk to order toilets for these events.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

Royal British Legion – 90th Birthday Celebrations – The Royal British Legion is planning over the weekend of 10-12 June 2011 celebrations throughout the nation to mark their 90th's Birthday. It was agreed that Councillor Bourne would bring this up at the next British Legion meeting that week.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14 February 2011 7.30pm to be held in Village Hall.

The meeting closed 8.30pm.