

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11 March 2013, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

Parishioners: 2

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Crisp

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday, 11 February 2013 were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- County Council has set budget with no increase – extra £3M for roads and £1M for fostering.
- Re his £10K allocation Twigworth has been given a speed activated sign by GCC which means there will be an extra £5K for his project in Minsterworth. He is liaising with Road Safety. Speed was not the factor with the recent fatality.
- Javelin Park Incinerator has been recommended for approval by GCC.

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- Part of the JCS remit is to provide accommodation for gypsies
- TBC will be renting office space to the Job Centre therefore creating a Community Hub as the County Council are also at TBC together with the Police.
- TBC have begun the preparation of the LDS (Local Development Scheme) which in the timetable development documents will be known as the LPD (Local Plan Documents).
- The TBC Local Plan will follow the JCS but with some local connotations, with an adoption date of 2015.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES): None

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 TBC Decisions: 12/01043/FUL Court Cottage, The Street, Minsterworth: Single storey front extension – **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Enforcement Matters:

Update from TBC: Councillor Thomas reported that this does not seem to give any updated information. County Councillor Awford said for Clerk to forward Councillor Thomas' email and he would take the matter up with TBC.

Land at The Lodge, Hygrove: Councillors felt that it was time to get an update from Paul Skelton.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –			
Salary 1-31 March 2013	317.64		
Less Tax	<u>57.40</u>	260.24	Cheque No: 101170
Inland Revenue: Tax for FJW		57.40	Cheque No: 101171
MVH – Hire of hall 11.2.13		28.60	Cheque No: 101172
Mrs F J Wallbank: Expenses			
Travelling	69.08		
Photocopying	10.50		
Tel/Broadband expenses	12.00		
Expenses	14.40		
Use of room July-Dec 2012	<u>37.50</u>	143.28	Cheque No: 101173
Total Payments		£489.52	

Receipts

TBC – Grant for toilet hire for Severn Bore 450.00

Total Receipts £450.00

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended February 2013 was circulated – contents noted.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 1 Review Standing Orders following adoption of Code of Conduct: The Clerk had circulated the revisions to the Standing Orders prior to the meeting. These reflected changes following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct. Councillors agreed the changes.

9.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee: Councillor Ruffley reported:

- Hall's finances were in the "red".
- Work needed doing to the Hall. The Hall Committee were contacting TBC re available grants and getting an energy saving on the Hall. Borough Councillor Davies reported on the Green Deal carried out by Severn & Wye.
- Discussions had taken place whether The Villager should be in an electronic format to save printing costs and delivering the magazine to every household in Minsterworth. It was felt that less people would read it if only available as an electronic format.
- A meeting had taken place with various members of the Community to review how the various community activities and services which are organized on a voluntary basis for the benefit of village residents are co-ordinated and might be made more effective. Minutes from the meeting are available on request. Regarding the Welcome Sheet for new residents – this was always dealt by Roger Dauncey. It was asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take over this task. Councillors were quite happy for this to be taken on by the Parish Council.

9.4. Highway Matters:

Watery Lane: The Clerk confirmed that Richard Waters has written to the executors regarding the ditch that requires clearing.

A48 between Appithorne to Railway Bridge: A48/Church Lane Turning: In hand.

Bury Lane: These potholes have not been dealt with.

Highcross: Road is crumbling away.

Church Lane: Crash Barrier: Repairs works have been scheduled for April.

Footpath EMW/8: No further update **EMW 7:** Councillor Garbutt reported that Mr Preston from Severnbank had spoken with him re the footpath that runs alongside his garden. The footpath has now been eroded away by the river and walkers are now having to walk in Mr Preston's garden. The EA have taken measures to try to prevent for erosion. Clerk to email GCC.

Accident Statistic Sign by Oakle Street was hit by a vehicle but although the sign and some bollards were damaged no injuries were reported.

9.5 Review of Severn Estuary Strategy: The Chairman reported that he had not been contact by Dyfed Evans so would chase this up.

He also reported that work continues on Mr Perry's land at Over roundabout re the illegal raising of his land.

9.6 Affordable Housing Scheme: Roger Blowey reported:

- Had confirmation that the Parish Council does not have to go through the "Place Planning" hoop.
- Meeting took place with the Chairman, himself, Frances Evans and Martin Hutchings. Discussed suitability of various sites and France Evans will now ask Highways to examine them and ask which they would consider as suitable for extra exits onto the A48. When this has been decided Housing Associations will be approached by Frances Evans to ask about the economic feasibility of the various sites in outline for approx. 4-5 affordable houses and 3-4 open market but these are by no means "set in stone". Then a Public Exhibition will have to be held. Proposed timescale end April for Highways to report, End April for Housing association to comment and end May for public exhibition.

9.7 Annual Parish Meeting –Monday, 8 April 2013: Clerk reported that Richard Waters would be attending along with Ken Haines the Village Agent.

The Clerk reported that at Deerhurst Parish Council the local PCSO would attend each meeting and if they could not then a stand in would be sent and the Clerk would get emailed prior to the meeting the crimes that had been recorded for the month. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Martin Surl, the new Crime Commissioner asking what the policing community engagement policy was and why there is a lack of disparity between the Forest and Police and Tewkesbury Police.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: None

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Request for Litterbin: The Clerk reported that she had received a request for a litter bin from a local resident on the layby by Goose Lane as consistently rubbish was being left. It was agreed that the Clerk should look at the cost of litterbins and put on the agenda for the May meeting.

Litter Picking: The Chairman thanked all those people that did a sterling job in litter picking.

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Meeting Monday 8 April 2013 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 8.45pm.