

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11 October 2010, in Minsterworth School.

PRESENT:

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

Parishioners: 6

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Few and Ruffley.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Safety Partnership has lost the £600,000 which was allocated for the A48. He has raised this with Mark Harper MP who is very concerned about the number of fatalities that have occurred on the A48 and has requested details of every fatality. The A48 is one of the key roads in the County.
- Recent report issued from the GCC that the numbers of road accidents were down however this report was printed off before the last 2 fatalities on the A48. Every fatality cost the public purse £1.2M
- GCC are planning to resurface the section of road outside the Severn Bore pub and Lyes and to take down some of the signs and put up more meaningful ones.
- Meeting with Richard Gray on Wednesday meeting at the Village Hall at 3.45pm to discuss the ragwort problem raised last month.
- Recent consultation “Meeting The Challenge” by the GCC who needs to save £120M over the next 4 years.
- Consultation by the Boundary Commission looking at reducing elected Members by 10.

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Spoken with Tony Pearson about the possibility of holding the Hearing for Hygrove Lane at the Village Hall. He informed the Council the date was 30 November 2010 which was news to the Parish Council who had not been informed by TBC. Apparently it will be OK to use the Hall but there will be no toilet facilities so TBC will have to hire a portaloos. He feels that it is essential that the Hearing is held in Minsterworth rather than at the TBC offices.
- Highnam Road (B4215) £125,000 improvements to begin 18-22 and 25-27 October (inc) works will be between the Oakridge junction and 500m beyond the village limits.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: None received.

7.2 TBC Decisions: 10/00851/FUL Enderley, Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of a replacement dwelling - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions/Site Inspections: Foxgrove House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling with ancillary works (amended scheme to approved details under Reference 09/01216/FUL) – Planning Inspectorate allowed the appeal.

7.4 Starcroft Lane – Nothing further to report.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 October 2010	294.81	Cheque No: 101061
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Minsterworth School– Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 11 October 2010	26.00	Cheque No: 101062
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Brandon Hire – hire of toilet for	50.00	
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8-11.10.10		
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<u>VAT 8.75</u>		
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58.75		
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Cheque No: 101063		
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Total Payments		
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£379.56		
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Receipts

Total Receipts	
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£0.00

8.2 Financial update to end of September 2010 - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator – Message issued – a white van has been seen in the area selling galvanized metal sheeting. It is driven by two males – one 20-30 years with black hair and an ear ring and the other mid 40’s with fair hair.

9.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee – Work is continuing and going according to schedule.

9.3 Police Matters – Councillor Crisp reported he had attended the meeting organized GAPTC to meet with the Chief Constable and it was a very interesting meeting. Plans are in place to reduce costs with the higher paid police officers losing their jobs and the Gloucestershire Force being divided into 6 divisions.

Councillor King reported that a police surgery had recently been held in the school.

9.4 Highway Matters:

Church Lane potholes – by Church Wall and are very bad. County Councillor Awford to take Richard Gray to view area on Wednesday following the meeting regarding ragwort.

Rat Run Signs – Councillor Bourne reported that this is currently a big problem but the current signs are looking tatty. The Councillors were in agreement that the signs should remain and it was agreed that Councillor Bourne would contact Garry Handley who originally made the signs.

A48 –Potholes –Highways Seminar – Tuesday, 28 September at 6pm.

9.5 Severn Bore – River Traffic – The Clerk reported that the Chairman had spoken with Dr Lynch who said that the posters had been put up and with the recent Bore there had been a lot less river traffic. The Clerk reported that she had not heard back from the Village Hall or the Church.

9.6 Standing Orders – The Clerk reported that she was working on this item – currently over 30 pages needed to be shortened to 3 or 4 pages.

Any Other Matters:

Footpath EMW/8 – The Clerk reported that Councillor Ruffley had spoken with Mrs Rawlings. There remains a small pile of logs on the opposite side to the drain and these would be removed on the weekend of the 16/17 October. He was also advised that Tree Surgeons have been asked to remove the tree that has caused all the concern. Clerk to find out from GCC when they are planning to carry out their work.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

Any Other Correspondence:

Donation of Daffodil Bulbs – Request from Cathy Thomas if anyone would be interested in helping to plant the bulbs around the edges of the Churchyard. Contact her direct.

First Aid Training – St John Ambulance is offering first-aid training for groups, organisations, local residents etc. Clerk to advertise this in The Villager. Borough Councillor Davies said that in Highnam they have a First Responder set up.

Royal British Legion - Councillor Bourne thanked everyone for attending the day trip where £891 was raised plus £124 for the Friends of Minsterworth.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 8 November 2010 at 7.30pm to be held in Minsterworth School

The meeting closed 8.10pm.