

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 10 October 2016, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey – Chairman
R Crisp
N Garbutt
S King
T Pearson – Vice-Chairman
C Thomas
Borough Councillor D Davies
County Councillor P Awford
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits.

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 12 September 2016, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- The weeds have been sprayed alongside the kerbside down the A48
- This is the last week for his time with the Lengthsman will have more time in January 2017.
- £11.3M shortfall in Glos NHS Trust however wont impact on front line services
- TBC busy with the JCS

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

- JCS taking up a lot of time after the Inspectorate, Elizabeth Orde turning the whole JCS upside down.
- Also very involved with the Homeless Strategy
- Housing Strategy for the Borough 2017-2021 Public Consultation Event Wednesday, 12 October – the Chairman said he would attend

It was agreed that the Councillors would meet at the Chairman's house in the evening to formulate a response to the consultation questionnaire

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 TBC Decisions:

16/00823/OUT - Part Parcel 3947 Main Road Minsterworth: Residential development of up to 4 dwellings with associated vehicle access - **Granted**

15/00693/FUL Land at Starcroft Lane, Main Road, Minsterworth: Variation of condition 3 of 13/00179/FUL to allow permanent use of land for 4 pitches for travellers with associated works and landscaping - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Enforcement Matters: Pound Lane – Removal of established hedge: Hedge has still not been planted – Chairman to chase.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 October 2016	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>35.60</u>	322.94	Cheque No: 101372

Inland Revenue		35.60	Cheque No: 101373
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager		68.06	Cheque No: 101374
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meetings 12.916		28.60	Cheque No: 101375
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Grant Thornton: Audit fees for the financial Year 2015/16	100.00		
	<u>VAT 20.00</u>	120.00	Cheque No: 101376

Total:		£575.20	
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Receipts:

HM Revenue & Customs: VAT refund		186.56	
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Total:		£186.56	
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8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended September 2016 was signed

8.3 End of year accounts for financial year ended 31 March 2016: The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been signed off by the Auditors with a minor comment. The Audit Completion Notices had been displayed on the noticeboards.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the local landowners for cutting back their hedges.

VASS – Commissioners Funding: The Clerk confirmed that the Commissioners had agreed to fund one mobile VASS and Gloucestershire Highways and County Councillor Awford had confirmed that they would supply and erect 4 posts to erect the VASS on. It was agreed that the sitings of the posts would be discussed at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

Central Road Islands: No further update.

Road to Cornham: This is in a dreadful condition. It had been agreed for the late Chairman to spread some scalplings to improve the surface but it was felt that when the area was flooded the scalplings would be washed away. County Councillor Awford said that he would take this up with Rhodri Grey.

Proposed works to Over Roundabout: The Chairman said that he had attended the Highways event explaining the proposed 2018 plans for the Over Roundabout. Creation of an additional lane from Maisemore taking traffic to Longford. Creation of an additional lane from Longford taking traffic to Gloucester.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: No progress – the Chairman reported that an offer had been made to the landowner and to the Village Hall Trustees (VHT). VHT contacted the Charities Commission for guidance.

9.3 Service Village Forum: Nothing further to report.

9.4 Village Green: Councillor Thomas had an on-site meeting with Chris King and Hugh Dowding. A short discussion took place on the various options available. It was felt that posts would be the best option however the Clerk was still awaiting the legal height, distances etc from Gloucestershire Highways – Clerk to chase again. Councillor Pearson confirmed that he had contacted all the people

around Calcotts Green and everyone was in agreement with posts.

9.5 Flood Resilience: Councillor Pearson reported that still no news was waiting to hear about the Village Hall storage facility.

9.6 Broadband: Awaiting notes from the meeting at TBC at the Seminar.

9.7 Report from Village Hall Representative: Nothing to report.

9.8 Litter Picking: It was agreed not to do organized litter picking sessions. Each Councillor would do their own area.

9.9 Councillor Vacancy: The Clerk reported that the vacancy had been advertised in The Villager, website and all the noticeboards. Confirmed that to date there have been three applicants, Terry Bourne, Mike Marshall and Chris Elias all of which had completed and returned a Co-option form.

9.10 Welcome Leaflet: The Clerk had circulated the updated leaflet. Councillor Pearson said that he would take on the job of keeping the leaflet up to date.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC: Tackling dog fouling: Environmental Warden proposal – The Chairman had circulated a draft response - Councillors to finalise at the meeting on 12 October.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Remembrance Sunday, 13 November: It was agreed that the Parish Council would lay a wreath and the Chairman said he could do that. Clerk to organize wreath.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14 November 2016 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.13pm.