

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 12 December 2016, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

Parishioners: 8

The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits.

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor King

The Chairman welcomed Mr Chris Elias who has filled the Councillor vacancy. Mr Elias signed his Declaration of Acceptance.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 14 November 2016, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after one amendment.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Crisp declared an interest in planning application 16/01293/OUT

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Declared in interest as Chair of Governors. Reported that Minsterworth School had a challenging week last week. They have recruited a new Head and also had Ofsted in on Thursday and Friday. Awaiting results of the report. The Inspector is typing up the report however spotted how unique Minsterworth School is – currently has 30 pupils. The growth of Minsterworth is very important for the future of the school.
- GCC Budget setting time proposing a 1.9% increase – constraints on adult social care and vulnerable children. Confirmed that he will still receive his Highways Local money.

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas
- JCS continues on – Gloucester and Cheltenham have settled their plans however Tewkesbury still has to sort out its Housing Strategy
- Signed off the strategy for Vulnerable People

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

Councillor Crisp left the room whilst the following application was discussed:

16/01293/OUT Pound Cottage, Main Road, Minsterworth: Outline application for the erection of 7 detached dwellings

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application but would like to point out an inaccuracy in

the Ecology Report. The report refers to proposed number of 4 houses when the application states 7.

Councillor Crisp returned

16/01278/FUL Minsterworth Village Hall, Main Road, Minsterworth Erection of a secure storage building for use by the Village Hall Committee & Parish Council for the safe storage of community resilience equipment etc

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

16/01329/FUL The Forge, Main Road, Minsterworth: Single storey extension

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Enforcement Matters: Pound Lane – Removal of established hedge: The Chairman confirmed that the hedge replacement notice had been served.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 December 2016	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>36.00</u>	322.54	Cheque No: 101383

Inland Revenue		36.00	Cheque No: 101384
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager		77.43	Cheque No: 101385
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meetings 14.11.16		28.60	Cheque No: 101386
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Refund due to R Crisp in respect of printer Cartridge as runs of agendas for noticeboards		12.00	Cheque No: 101387
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Parish Online renewal of annual fee	28.00		
	<u>VAT 5.60</u>	33.60	Cheque No: 101388

Refund due to N Garbutt for the following equipment

For the Resilience Scheme:

Lighting lamp	184.99		
Boiling ring hose kit inc propane Regulator	11.00		
Burner gas cooker boiling ring	18.50		
First Aid items	<u>7.33</u>	221.82	Cheque No: 101389

Brandon Hire: Hire of portable toilet 14.11.16-17.11.16 less £20 Voucher	39.33		
	<u>VAT 7.87</u>	47.20	Cheque No: 101390

Total: **£779.19**

Receipts:

Donations towards the cost of The Villager	10.00
Advertising fees from Sapphire Carpets in The	

Villager		129.60
Donations from residents on Calcotts Green:		
Mr A Laken	100.00	
Mr & Mrs Pearson	100.00	
Mr Swindlehurst	100.00	
Mr Pugh	<u>100.00</u>	400.00
Total:		£539.60

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended November 2016 was signed

8.3 Budget for 2017/18 – Consider draft: The Clerk circulated a second draft agenda. After a short discussion it was agreed to raise the precept from £6980 to £7230 which represents 3.581% increase.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

VASS – Commissioners Funding: The Chairman has been in correspondence with Mr Grey about changing one of the proposed sites of the post at Starcroft Lane.

Central Road Islands: The Chairman re-enforces the need for these islands.

Possible Revision of Speed Limit through Village: The Chairman was keeping up the pressure to reduce the speed limit through the village to 40mph.

Signs for Cornham and Ham Green: Councillor Crisp had received a request for the signs to be placed at the top of Pound Lane indicating the direction of Cornham and Ham Green. County Councillor Awford said he would take this up with Mr Grey,

Reinstatement of White Lines Watery Lane: The “give-way” lines at the top of Watery Lane as joins Pound Lane have never been reinstated. County Councillor Awford said he would take this up with Mr Grey.

Sign for Xmas Trees at Pound Lane: One of the Councillors had asked for this to be relocated in a more suitable position.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: The Chairman reported that solicitors are in negotiations with the relevant parties. He said that he had received a request from a parishioner for smaller houses for people to downsize to rather than larger family homes.

9.3 Service Village Forum: No further update.

9.4 Village Green: This matter was discussed in Public Comment and it was pointed out the October minutes were incorrect as they stated “*Councillor Pearson confirmed that he had contacted all the people around Calcotts Green and everyone was in agreement with posts*”. This is incorrect as Mr & Mrs Watkins had not been consulted and were not in agreement. Mr & Mrs Watkins had asked how they would access their fields on the other side of the Village Green? The Chairman reported:

- The idea behind the posts had been to stop illegal camping on the Village Green and various options had been looked into however the idea of wooden posts seemed to be the best option
- On the understanding that all the parishioners living alongside Calcotts Green were in support of the posts the PC decided to go ahead with the erection of the posts as a local parishioner had the hire of “post basher”.
- Letters were sent to the residents last week pointing out the posts were the property of the Parish Council and should not be removed. These letters have caused considerable upset and hindsight should not have been sent out without more explanations; the Chairman gave his sincere apologies for any upset that they may have caused.
- A satisfactory solution now needs to be found to move forward with the agreement of everyone affected by the erection of the posts.
- The PC had applied for a grant to help towards the cost of the posts however had been unsuccessful so was seeking a different grant.

Councillor Pearson said that the Chairman was not entirely to blame as he was sure that everyone was in agreement in having the posts erected as the Green was very vulnerable and the PC wanted to avoid having to incur another £2,000 bailiff’s fees to evict illegal campers.

9.5 Flood Resilience: Councillor Pearson reported that a meeting needed to take place between the PC and the VHMC to decide where the equipment is going to be stored.

9.6 Broadband: County Councillor Awford said that there were new proposals for West of Severn and there will be good news in February

9.7 Report from Village Hall Representative: Councillor Elias reported that the oak tree was being removed and the VHMC were proposing to clear out the contents of the stage on the 28 January. Any parishioner who thinks they may have possessions in the VH should inform the VHMC or attend on the 28 January.

9.8 Tackling dog fouling: Environmental Warden proposal: Nothing to report

9.9 Armstrong Rigg presentation at November PC meeting: The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received complaints that this presentation had taken place and felt that the presenter got very little from his presentation. It was agreed that presentations of this nature should be divorced from all Parish Council business and if developers/agents wish to carry out a presentation this should be done independently from the Parish Council.

9.10 Welcome to Minsterworth Leaflet Councillor Pearson confirmed that he was now in charge of this leaflet and would give copies to the people who distribute The Villager for anyone new that had moved into the Village.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

Any Other Correspondence:

Ambulance Service: Councillor Garbutt reported that he was going to meet with a representative from the Ambulance to survey the Village to see if there were any suitable locations for them to install a defibrillator. He said he would report back to the Parish Council.

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Donkey Walk: 6pm from High Cross House.

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9 January 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.04pm.