

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9 January 2017, 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 (partial attendance)
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits.

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor King

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Minsterworth School lost all their teaching staff before Christmas. The Governors have recruited a new headteacher and are in the process of recruiting further teaching staff. Also the School underwent an Ofsted report and are awaiting the results.

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

- Reported that he had spent the day chasing up the proposed Affordable Home Development adjacent to the Village Hall as this project had been ongoing for 4 years now. He read out a briefing paper that had been written by Sue Bishop from the developers Rooftop.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Davies for the update but was not sure what the PC can do to push the matter forward as Mr Oxley was still waiting to hear back from the Charities Commission.

Councillor Elias declared an interest as he is on the VH Committee. He said that the VH is in favour of the development going ahead and had contacted the Charities Commission for guidance confirming they had the legal right to sell the piece of land.

The Chairman pointed out that there was now extreme urgency as he had been informed that the HCA (Homes and Communities Association) funding for the development may be withdrawn at the 28 February 2017. It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Pearson would draft an email to be sent to Mr Oxley confirming the deadline and ensuring that there were no other stumbling blocks and asking him to telephone the Charities Commission to speed up a reply.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) None

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

16/01360/FUL Change of Use of Land to a Gypsy Site for 5 family pitches: The East Of The Lodge, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

Minsterworth Parish Council would like to make the following comments in relation to this planning application

1. At the JCS meeting chaired by Inspector Elizabeth Orde on 21st January 2016 at Cheltenham, the Inspector commented on the high proportion of GTTS sites already present in Minsterworth
2. JCS document EXAM 187, dated February 2016, page 19, refers to Minsterworth as a case study, and reports that permanent Traveller pitches as a proportion of total dwellings is currently 22%. With temporary permissions this figure rises to 26%.
3. We are aware that Policy SD14 states that consideration should be given to the possible effects of GTTS sites on the adjacent settled community.
4. Recent applications to TBC for planning permission of over 4 conventional dwellings in the Minsterworth area have led to a Section 106 contribution being requested towards Affordable Housing. We suggest that a similar proportional contribution is requested from GTTS sites.

16/01404/OUT Rosemary Cottage, Calcotts Green, Minsterworth: Outline planning permission for the erection of an infill dwelling with vehicular access and parking (All matters reserved)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application

7.2 TBC Decisions: 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 - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 January 2017	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>36.00</u>	322.54	Cheque No: 101391
 Inland Revenue		 36.00	 Cheque No: 101392
 Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager		 76.67	 Cheque No: 101393
 Minsterworth Village Hall: Meetings 12.12.16		 28.60	 Cheque No: 101394
 Refund due to N Garbutt for the following equipment For <u>the</u> Resilience Scheme:			
1 large gas cooker burner	18.50		
1 boiling ring hose kit	<u>11.00</u>	29.50	Cheque No: 101395
 Minsterworth Church – donation towards upkeep Of Churchyard etc		 175.00	 Cheque No: 101396
 System Force IT – Renewal of hosting of Website	 30.00		
	<u>6.00</u>	36.00	Cheque No: 101397
Total:		£704.31	

Receipts:

Total: £0.00

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended December 2016 was circulated via email.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

VASS – Commissioners Funding: Chairman to raise with Mr Grey at meeting possibly on Thursday, 12 January 2017.

Central Road Islands: Chairman to chase at meeting

Possible Revision of Speed Limit through Village: Chairman to chase at meeting.

Signs for Cornham and Ham Green: Awaiting update from Councillor Awford

Reinstatement of White Lines Watery Lane: Awaiting update from Councillor Awford

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: See earlier in meeting for update.

9.3 Service Village Forum: No further update.

9.4 Village Green: The Chairman reported that he was applying for other grant funding for the completion of the work ie providing length of chain. He also reported that Councillor Pearson has raised the fact that since the road has been built up, there is one area of land adjacent to the houses which holds water after heavy rain, and the water eventually stagnates rather than drains away. Ideally the area could do with the surface scraping off, 2-3 loads of hardcore, and then the surface put back. That would fill the depression. Discuss with Mr Grey on Thursday?

9.5 Flood Resilience: Councillor Pearson reported that he had spoken with Mr Oxley who would raise at the next VH meeting that the VH give their assurance that the PC will be able to store flood resilience equipment in the new building and in the Village Hall.

9.6 Broadband: Councillor Pearson said the Church of England was to assist with spreading wireless broadband into rural areas. Reports suggest that the CoE has offered to help boost rural broadband connectivity by opening up access to 10,000 of their churches so that alternative wireless network providers can install their kit on top.

9.7 Report from Village Hall Representative: Councillor King has stood down as VH representative. It was agreed that Councillor Elias would take his place.

11 CORRESPONDENCE: None

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Severn Bore: Put on the agenda for February meeting.

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

The meeting closed 8.45pm.