

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11 July 2016, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey – Chairman  
S King  
T Pearson – Vice-Chairman  
C Thomas  
Borough Councillor D Davies  
County Councillor P Awford  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
Parishioners: 7 (partial attendance)

The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Crisp, Garbutt and McGrath.

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING** The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 13 June 2016, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Councillor Blowey in planning application 16/00670/OUT as he is a direct neighbour.

### 4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- GCC Highways has received criticism that they are responding to Members but not Town and Parish Councils. Actions have been taken to improve this.
- Following the JCS Inspector's interim report – TBC met for 3.5 hours going through the report to agree their feedback.
- It would seem that the JCS Inspectorate has thrown a dart at a map as Fiddington is now challenged to have a housing development of 900 houses when currently there is only 22 houses in Fiddington.

Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Awford for organising the footway to be sided back. The Chairman asked Councillor Awford if it would be possible to spray the section of footway from Purlieu House to Downs Bridge which was sided back last year. Councillor Awford said he would see what he could organise.

Councillor King reported that the litterbin in the layby just after Highnam roundabout is always full. Although emptied weekly there used to be two bins and it would appear that another one would help the situation.

### 5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

- He had attended a Housing Agency Seminar at Toddington. TBC are currently inundated with applications for housing developments and there is currently a "hold-up".

### 6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received

### 7 PLANNING

#### 7.1 Applications:

*Councillor Blowey left the room whilst this application was discussed and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair*

**16/00670/OUT** Land at Hectors Farm, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth: Outline application for the erection of up to 9 dwellings and new vehicular access (All matters reserved except access)

Comment to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application

*Councillor Blowey returned and took over as Chair of the meeting.*

## **7.2 TBC Decisions:**

**16/00491/FUL** Deepfurrow, Main Road, Minsterworth: Rear conservatory and front porch - **Granted**

## **7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None**

**7.4 Enforcement Matters: Pound Lane – Removal of established hedge:** No further update. TBC were issuing an Enforcement Notice within 14 days of the 17 May ie 31 May – now two months on and no update. The Chairman said he would chase up TBC.

## **8 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 July 2016	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>35.60</u>	322.94	Cheque No: 101356

Inland Revenue		35.60	Cheque No: 101357
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager		86.40	Cheque No: 101358
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meeting 9.5.16		28.60	Cheque No: 101359
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Severn Signs: Cost of providing lettering for Chairman's Board in Hall	12.00		
	<u>VAT 2.40</u>	14.40	Cheque No: 101363

<b>Total:</b>		<b>£487.94</b>	
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### **Receipts:**

The Villager – Subscriptions and advertising		339.20	
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Sale of medals		8.40	
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<b>Total:</b>		<b>£347.60</b>	
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### **Post dated cheques for August:**

Salary 1-31 August 2016	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>35.60</u>	322.94	Cheque No: 101360

Inland Revenue		35.60	Cheque No: 101361
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Minsterworth Village Hall 13.6.16		28.60	Cheque No: 101362
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<b>Total:</b>		<b>£387.14</b>	
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**8.2 Financial Statement** for the month ended June 2016 was signed

## **9 MATTERS ARISING:**

### **9.1 Highway Matters:**

**Safer & Social Driving in Gloucestershire Funding:** Application for funding has been submitted to the Police Commissioner together with a Right to Bid from Gloucestershire Highways.

**Pedestrian Accident A48:** The Chairman reported that although the recent accident happened in Westbury Parish there is now even stronger evidence for MPC to push for central islands for the safety of pedestrians when trying to cross the road. He wished Lucy Greenwood and Marie Freeman a speedy recovery. He asked if Gloucestershire Highways had made any progress in this matter?

Councillor Awford said that an evaluation assessment is being carried out. It was agreed that the provision of central islands for the safety of pedestrian be raised with Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council.

**Bury Lane:** Vegetation needed to be cut back at the junction to improve visibility.

Ditch by the Church: This belongs to Mike Jenkins and in the past Mr Few had cleared the silt out with additional help. Mr Jenkins has no equipment and cannot undertake this task himself. He confirmed that he had contacted various people in Glos Highways and TBC but had had no success. Councillor Awford said that he would pick this up and see what he could organise.

**Kerbside Weeds:** These still remain perhaps could be included as a task on the Lengthsman Scheme.

**9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme:** No agreement has been worked out between the developers and the Village Hall Committee. Last month it was reported that there would be an exchange of goods and service rather than money but this is no longer the case. Councillor King had emailed for an update in time for tonight's meeting but he had not received anything. The Chairman reported that he understood that a joint meeting between all the interested parties was being held in the near future. Time is now essential as we have been informed that unless work starts in September the whole project will fail.

**9.3 Service Village Forum:** The Parish Council are still happy to attend forum meetings but there have not been any for a few months. The question of Minsterworth being a Service Village had come up in Public Comment and the Chairman had said that Minsterworth had no choice in the matter we were just told we would be a Service Village as part of the JCS. The Parish Council has fought hard to get the number of houses reduced for the Village.

**9.4 Village Green:** Councillor Thomas said that had to get the costs of the posts and although the Clerk had received some information from Gloucestershire Highways however further clarification was required as the placing of the posts. Councillors will meet to decide progress.

**9.5 Flood Resilience:** Councillor Pearson reported that the sub-committee has now agreed on what to spend the grant money. Clerk said that she had received an email that day from Marilyn Cox and Councillor Pearson said he would respond to it.

**9.6 Broadband:** Councillor Pearson reported that he drafted some text so be placed in the Villager and was awaiting to hear back from Councillor McGrath. He confirmed that parishioners were unlikely to get faster broadband for some time however they should contact Fastershire or go on their website. At the Town and Parish Council seminar in October there will be a presentation from the Fastershire team. The Chairman will enquire about the date.

**9.7 Report from Village Hall Representative:** Councillor King reported that the Village Hall has now made the Booking Form clear for the time the music is to finish at events; oak tree will be removed as overhanging the highway; a decision has been made where to put the shed so the VH will be making a planning application.

**9.8 Litter Picking:** It was agreed that the PC would look into purchasing 2-4 litter picking sticks together with high viz tabards. Clerk to check price.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Salvation Army:** Sunday 31 July songs on the riverbank at the Church together with refreshments.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12 September 2016 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed 8.40pm.