

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13 February 2017, 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: 6

The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Elias

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING** The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 9 January 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### **4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- Budget will be agreed as proposed budget
- Currently no funding for the Lengthsman Scheme
- Minsterworth School has now recruited new Head, Key Stage 1 & 2 teachers. Confirmed budget until this time next year.
- Offsted report has been gone through with the parents. There will be a meeting early in March. The strongest point reported was the favourable behaviour of the children. There is a strong need to grow the school.
- Attended a recent meeting of the National Flood Forum

### **5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Affordable Housing Development has made some progress
- TBC has confirmed that they now have a 5-year land supply
- Proposal with TBC to build 40 houses on a field before you get to Over Farm. Highnam Parish Council has requested an extension of time

Questions were asked where TBC has found their land.

Members had previously expressed concerns about including the proposed land at Twigworth. However, after considering the latest evidence available on flooding, highways and land availability, the decision was made to support the inclusion of the site for 995 houses.

If an application for 995 houses is submitted on land which currently is a valuable flood plain Minsterworth Parish Council will need to raise their concerns about the impact this may have on flooding in the Village.

**6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES)** None

### **7 PLANNING**

#### **7.1 Applications:**

**16/01329/FUL** The Forge, Main Road, Minsterworth: Single storey extension and new boundary fence – Revised plans

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application however is concerned that maybe a significant established hedge will be removed. Can you please investigate and report back?

**17/00044/FUL & 17/00045/LBC** Minsterworth Court, Church Lane, Minsterworth: Installation of a buried LPG tank, Installation of buried LPG service pipework between the buried LPG tank and NE elevation of the main building and new gas meter box at ground level

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to these applications

**16/01397/FUL** Pershbrook, Main Road, Minsterworth: Two external mezzanine balconies with French doors. One to have external stairs. Extended utility room roof to create a porch/covered area

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to these applications

**17/00104/OUT** Land adjacent to Rosedale House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Outline planning permission for the erection of 5 dwellings totalling up to 1,210m floorspace (ex garages) with access & layout for approval:

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application

**Councillor King declared a prejudicial interest in the following application and left the room:**

**17/00111/OUT** Maythorn, Main Road, Minsterworth: Outline planning application with all matters reserved save for access for the erection of up to 10 dwellings

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council supports this application however would like point out the following: 1 The Collision Data report is incorrect - it does not show the fatality that happened at the end of 2015 and another accident that happened in the same vicinity in November 2013, resulting in hospitalisation. This report needs to be correct. 2 The information in the Planning Statement - point 1.5 is now incorrect as at the end of January Outline permission was given for 995 houses to be built at Twigworth.

**Councillor King returned:**

**17/00083/FUL** Parcel 7710, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth: Variation of condition 2 of 13/01216/FUL to allow a change to the layout and variation of condition 3 to allow an increase in Gypsy & Traveller pitches from 5 to 10

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

- There is no “need” in Minsterworth for further pitches. There are currently pitches available on other sites in the Village.
- Hygrove Lane is a narrow unmaintained lane which cannot take any extra traffic. With Hygrove House in the process of being developed as a Care Centre the extra traffic could hinder the access for emergency vehicles.

**7.2 TBC Decisions: None**

**7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None**

**Any Other Planning Matters:**

**Growth of Village:** The Chairman raised the question of how many houses would MPC allow in Minsterworth in total. Several Councillors were of the opinion that the village had been ‘starved’ of development for years, and at this stage the PC did not need to be discussing a maximum number.

## 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-28 February 2017	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>36.00</u>	322.54	Cheque No: 101398

Inland Revenue		36.00	Cheque No: 101399
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Parish Magazine Printing:

Printing The Villager		79.26	Cheque No: 101400
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meetings

9.1.17		28.60	Cheque No: 101401
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C M & K L King:

Supply 190 5'6 creosote fencing posts

731.50

Hire of post driver

50.00

VAT 156.30

937.80

Cheque No: 101402

**Total:**

**£1404.20**

### Receipts:

Donation for The Villager	15.00
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**Total: £15.00**

**8.2 Financial Statement** for the month ended January 2017 was circulated via email.

## 9 MATTERS ARISING:

**9.1 Highway Matters:** The Chairman reported following his meeting with Rhodri Grey, Alexis Newport and Councillor Pearson on the 17 January 2017.

**VASS** Drove around sites and re-examined positions for VASS signs. RG will get Highways to confirm that positions are OK and then get posts installed RB has again sent RG the plan of the revised VASS sites AN said that VASS signs are more effective if moved around, so PC will be tasked with doing this on a regular basis in the future – are Councillors prepared to do this? The Chairman agreed to check on the total number of vehicles that travelled the A48 per day as this will determine the frequency of VASS battery changing needed.

**Central islands:** With the expansion of residents along Hygrove Lane, and when Hygrove House starts to function again in 6 weeks' time there will be a significant increase in traffic flow Thodri Grey confirmed that Hygrove is not a public road and hence Highways are not responsible for its maintenance – its bad at the moment. Ownership is unknown. Rhodri Grey could see that a central island was a good idea if traffic flow is to increase – but he thought it ought to be funded by section 106 money. County Councillor Awford said he would look into this.

**40mph limit** – RG + AN were not averse to the idea, and agreed that as the housing density increases, so will the need for 40mph, so we need to be working on it in advance Imposition of 40mph limit will only be made if current speeds are around this range AN will see if data exists on current speeds through Minsterworth If no data exists they will measure AN will consult with Police and Road Safety Dept. Change to 40mph will require a TRO, Traffic Regulation Order

**Calcotts Green:** Residents have asked about filling in the wet area, where turning lorries get stuck. RB has source of hardcore and transport; residents will provide machine; RG says that he will look into getting plastic mesh to cover the replaced topsoil. Defer to the March meeting.

**Reinstatement of White Lines Watery Lane:** These have been done.

**A48:** Councillors urged CC Awford to put pressure on Glos Highways to repair the bad potholes along the A48 east of Oakle Street. The Clerk said that Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council had a raised this at their meeting. CC Awford said that repairs could be carried out however a proper

treatment needs to be carried out if the repairs are to be effective.

**Bus Shelter by Hygrove Lane:** The seat had been badly damaged and Councillor Crisp had replaced the seat. Councillors thanked him for his works.

**Road Signs:** Signs for Oakle Street and Church Lane were missing & Borough Councillor Davies said he would report the defective signs to TBC.

**9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme:** Still awaiting the Charities Commission report however positive steps had been made in taking this matter forward.

**9.3 Service Village Forum:** No further update.

**9.4 Village Green:** Defer

**9.5 Flood Resilience: Nothing to report**

**9.6 Broadband:** Councillor Pearson said he was going to talk to Churcham Parish Council with a view to starting a community project. Maybe look into the possibility of a mobile broadband scheme and either CIL monies or Section 106 monies could go towards improving the broadband speeds.

**9.7 Report from Village Hall Representative: The Clerk read Councillor Elias' report:**

- 1) Oak tree at the front of the village hall was felled just before Christmas.
- 2) Consent had now been granted for the installation of the storage unit, location to be agreed.
- 3) The current situation with respect of the affordable housing was discussed. Following a number of conflicting views held by various parties, it was agreed that the acting chairman would compile a summary document to be sent to all relevant parties.

**9.8 Severn Bores 2017:** No 4 or 5 star bores expected in 2017 – Councillor Thomas to circulate timetable to decide which 3 start bores to hire toilets.

**9.9 Footpath EMW17 Hygrove Lane- Obstruction** This matter was raised during the site meeting with Rhodri Grey and Alexis Newport. Back in 2014 the Parish Council objected to the footpath being diverted. It is currently blocked and not able to be walked.

There was a very strong view both within the PC and from many of the attending parishioners that, if the foot path had been blocked by a normal farmer then the farmer would have been prosecuted, given a hefty fine and forced to re-instate the path. However, the PC may be prepared to consider a re-routing of the foot path, provided that the path is established in such a way that members of the public can freely and conveniently walk along it

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**10.1 TBC: Electoral review of Tewkesbury: Warding** Arrangements Defer to March meeting.

**10.2 Parochial Charities** – This is made up of 3 Trustees to be appointed by the Parish Council. Mrs Frazer Hook has left the area and both Mr Sellwyn and Mr Savage have given notice that they will cease being Trustees following the Annual Parish Meeting on 10 April. The Chairman said he would be happy to be a Trustee along with Councillor Thomas and Mrs Anne Pearson. Confirm at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Annual Parish Meeting Monday 10 April 2017:** It was agreed that the APA leaflet was useful in circulating the annual reports prior to the meeting. Agenda items Broadband/Fastershire – Councillor Pearson to invite someone from Fastershire give a short presentation & Parochial Charities.

## **12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13 March 2017 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed 9.25pm.